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As the summer draws to a close we are planning ahead for our winter provision. We are still planning on opening the new Winter Shelter on December 1st. We are finalising the lease on a building which will be able to function as a fantastic shelter as well as being an education and training centre. Please hold negotiations in your prayers.

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Sarah Fairbairn as our new cook. Sarah had been volunteering with us for several months and supporting Lou in the kitchen. She will start with us from the 1st October.

**PLEASE** sign up for the Big City Sleepout (see below), we need as many people as possible taking part, it is the first major fundraising event that we have been able to run since last year. Thanks to everyone who has signed up.

On page 3 you will see different ways that we can accept financial gifts. It was announced recently that Virgin Money Giving will be stopping its service from November 30th, if you give a regular gift to us you should have received an email from me explaining how you can transfer your gift, if you didn't please get in touch.

Our online giving tools will be switching to Stewardship and Just Giving. It costs us around £13k per month to operate so any donations are very welcome. On page 2 you will find some of the ways in which we support clients in a typical week.

**KEVIN HOWIE**  
**GCM General Manager**



This year we are running one huge sleepout fundraising event called The Big City Sleepout by teaming up with **Gloucester City AFC (8th Oct)**, **The Eastgate Shopping Centre (9th Oct)** and **The Cloister Challenge (8th Oct) (fully booked)**. **The Try Out The Night event is at Kingsholm (10th Oct)** It would be great to have as many people as possible sleeping out.

Kevin is sleeping out for all three nights that weekend and will be speaking at the Morning Eucharist at Gloucester Cathedral on Sunday Morning, the staff are also sleeping out at different events, If you can't attend one of the sleepouts please could you offer a small donation to the **fundraising appeal**

To get in early and book your place please visit our Eventbrite pages;

**EASTGATE SLEEPOUT**

**NEW MEADOW PARK SLEEPOUT ON THE T-END**

**KINGSHOLM STADIUM TRY OUT THE NIGHT**

Come and sleep out in an iconic Gloucester location or sleepout at work, church, school or in your gardens.



Homeless Link  
**Member**



# **What support takes place each week at GCM ?**



**Walking Rugby,  
Art,  
Prayer,  
Wednesday lunch,  
Discipleship Course,  
Outreach,  
Revive Coffee,  
Football,  
Mobile Outreach,  
Restore,  
Music Therapy,  
Catch up Meetings.  
Plus starting soon**



**Alpha,  
First Aid,  
Rent Ready - Tenancy Training**

Special thanks this month to Harry Kear from Kear and Ku for a fantastic donation of t shirts, hoodies, joggers and underwear



Thank you to the volunteers who came and helped with our stand and the parade at Gloucester Day. It was a really great opportunity to spread awareness about our work. Thanks also to Alan Myatt for organising the day.



Thank you to IT for Africa who have donated four laptops for our Training Courses for clients and to Linda and Julian at the Dark Barn Hotel for donating items of furniture.

 **GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION**  
**WORKING WITH THE HOMELESS AND VULNERABLE**

GCM HAS BEEN SUPPORTING THE HOMELESS IN OUR CITY SINCE 2003 PROVIDING FOOD, DRINKS, CLOTHES, TRAINING, SUPPORT, ADVICE AND PRAYER

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**PLEASE DONATE**  
Online

[www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20094986](http://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20094986) or  
[www.justgiving.com/gloucestercitymission](http://www.justgiving.com/gloucestercitymission)  
or via Paypal, Facebook and Instagram



To make a text donation, text gloscitymission followed by the amount you wish to donate to 70085 (ie 'GLOSCITYMISSION 5' to 70085 to donate £5).

This costs £5 plus a std rate msg, you can opt to give any whole amount up to £20.

Maybe you could sign up to give a monthly gift.

We also accept cash donations or we can accept card donations at Revive Coffee House.

Please make cheques payable to Gloucester City Mission, we also accept CAF cheques

Please click [HERE](#) to find direct links to give a donation to our work

## DONATIONS

If you are having a sort out please could you donate any of the following-

**Trainers – especially size 9/10**

**Joggers s-m-l**

**Men's jeans - waist size 30/32/34**

**Men's / Ladies T shirts s-m-l**

**Men's/ Ladies shorts s-m-l**

**Underwear - (New)**

**Baseball caps**

**Wet wipes**

We will happily accept other clothing items, however if we are unable to make use of them, we would then sell them onto Cash for Clothes and use the money we receive to buy new underwear for our clients. If you are comfortable for us to do this, then please feel free to donate other clothing items as well.

If you are able to help, donations can be taken to Revive Coffee Shop in Eastgate Shopping Centre from Wednesday to Saturday between 11am and 3pm or larger donations can be taken to Restore Clothing store in Southgate Street by arrangement – contact [elaine@gloscitymission.org.uk](mailto:elaine@gloscitymission.org.uk) or Tel: 07506 752886

**PLEASE NOTE/REMEMBER THAT UNFORTUNATELY WE DO NOT TAKE DUVETS, BEDDING, PILLOWS OR BLANKETS**

### Prayer List

As well as praying for GCM's clients, volunteers and staff please also hold these groups in your prayers. To add someone to the prayer list please email [GCMprayer1@gmail.com](mailto:GCMprayer1@gmail.com)

- All those involved with the work of GCM;;
  - Clients in accommodation and those who have found themselves back on the street;
  - The 18 rough sleepers in and around the city at the moment
  - Our Outreach teams;
  - The families of Aisha and Martin;
  - All those who have lost someone to Covid19.
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We are often contacted by churches or individuals who have come across someone rough sleeping in or near their grounds. If this happens please use the Street Link App or [website](#).

It is really quick and easy and alerts the Council and the P3 Outreach team about the person. More often than not the rough sleeper is already known however this isn't always the case. It is quick, free and easy to use and will be the quickest way for that person to be offered support.

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look at our website

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