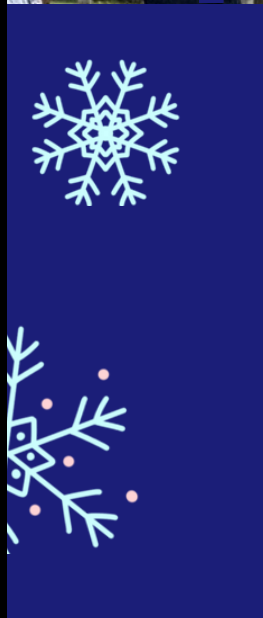


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Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year

With thanks from all us at Gloucester City Mission



Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

As 2022 comes to a close we continue to offers thanks for everything that we have been able to do this year and that we can continue to offer hope to the clients who we work with.

This past month has seen us hold our Carol Concert in a packed out St Barnabas Church. Thank you to Philomusica, Shurdington C of E Primary School,

Kathryn & Tim Jeffree and Rev'd Sarah Todd for supporting us with such a brilliant celebration. It was a wonderful evening and as well as getting everyone into the Christmas spirit it also raised £1680 Early diary date - next year's Carol Concert is on Dec 1st in Gloucester Cathedral.

We put together 100 hampers in partnership with the Cathedral and held our Christmas lunch for clients. The winter shelter has been busy with last week's freezing weather needing 115 beds to be provided.



Next year is our 20th Anniversary!!!!

We have lots of exciting things lined up including a two week Proms events with choirs, comedians, magicians, bands and orchestras lined up to perform in churches and venues across the city between 14th and 29th April.

On 1st July we shall be holding an evening Thanksgiving Celebration at Southgate Evangelical Church.

We have also been commissioned to run an art exhibition across several venues in the city and beyond. This is really exciting opportunity

for us to use a local artist with lived experience to put on the show and also to run workshops around it too. On 1st and 2nd April we are having a mega Sky Diving fundraiser with 24 places available - sign up today if you would like to take part, there are still a few places available.

In October we hope to have our biggest ever Big City Sleepout so put the date in you diaries or start planning your own events.







# GLoucester City MISSION 20TH ANNIVERSARY APPEAL

2003-2023



## JOIN OUR SKY DIVE TEAM APRIL 1ST AND 2ND 2023. 10,000 OR 15,000FT TANDEM JUMPS

2023 is our 20th Anniversary year. We are able to once again open up places to our GCM Sky Dive Team.

We have 24 sky dive places available on 1st and 2nd April 2023 with GoSkydive, Old Sarum Park, Salisbury SP4 6EB

To sign up for our #GCMSKYDIVETEAM please visit [www.gloscitymission.org.uk/sky-dive](http://www.gloscitymission.org.uk/sky-dive)

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THANK YOU TO THE YEAR 5 CLASSES AT GRANGE PRIMARY, THEY RAISED SOME MONEY FOR US AND WROTE THIS ABOUT THEIR FUNDRAISING...In year 5 at Grange Primary school, we have been raising money for the homeless. We have been reading a book in our English lessons about homeless people, which is why we wanted to raise some money. We had a cake sale and a sponsored run. On the 25th November, we did a cake sale. The cakes were delicious and tasty and just from the cake sale, we raised over £200. We sold them at break time and afterschool. We sold the cakes for 20p, 50p and £1. On Thursday 1st December, we did the most tiring and freezing cold sponsored 2 mile walk/run. This was 6 laps around the whole school. We did this just before lunch and our feet got very wet! It was very tiring but we all finished it and we were proud of ourselves! On Thursday the 6th December Kevin Howie, who works for Gloucester City Mission, visited us at our school. He told us about the different types of homelessness. He also told us that Gloucester City Mission has a school, a coffee shop, groups for people in need, the winter shelter, Revive clothes and a street team. We gave him a total of £624 and we voted to give the money to the winter shelter. Kevin was amazed when we gave him the money, his mouth dropped. I felt excited when we gave him the money, because it was all going to charity so we knew it was going to good use.

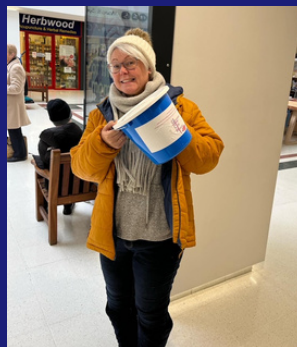


Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items or money this month, we have been inundated. We truly feel blessed to be able to receive these donations to pass on to those who need them.

We have also had collections at Gloucester Rugby, Shurdington CofE Primary, Ribston Hall, Grange Primary and Kings School, Kier and a very large Giving Tree donation from St Augustine's Church.

We are thankful for the financial donations from GR Lanes Foundation, HaVinG, JH Rausing Trust, HSBC, The Grocers' Charity, Churches Together, and Allstone.

Thanks also to the City of Gloucester Community Choir, Gaudeamus, Churchdown Male Voice Choir, Glos Gang Show and Creative Field for their carol singing and concerts.



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

How can you give to help us?

Apart from financial gifts there are many ways to help our work including donating items. We keep an up to date list of things that we need on our website [here](#).

We also have a 'Shopping List' of items available to order through Amazon which can then be delivered directly to us. [Please click here to see the list](#)



Thank you so much to Gee Keeble for decorating our festival winning Christmas Tree in the Experience De Crypt Christmas Tree Festival. We shall enter again next year to defend our title!!

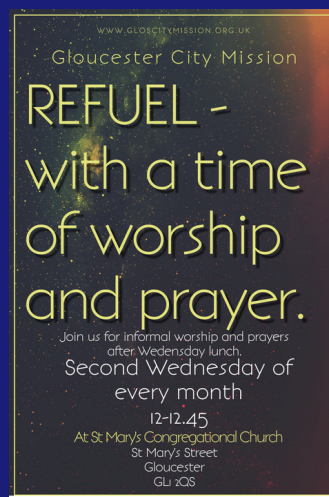
This year's Giving Tree in the Eastgate Shopping Centre has had an incredible response. **THANK YOU** to everyone who picked up a tag and bought a gift for someone who otherwise might not receive anything. You cannot underestimate just how special these gifts make people feel. So whether you bought slippers, toiletry sets, kettles, toasters, cutlery, duvet sets or anything else, thank you. To date a total of 63 gifts have been bought and we have started distributing them.





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**Refuel** is our monthly Prayer and Praise time for clients, staff, volunteers and guests. It is held on the second Wednesday of the month from **12-12.45** at **St Mary's Congregational Church**. All are welcome. **The next Refuel is on Weds. 11th Jan.**

### Prayer Points

If you would like to sign up to receive a copy of our Monthly Prayer Sheet please **CLICK HERE**

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