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Christmas is fast approaching and we hope that your preparations are going well. If you are stuck for a Christmas present for a loved one maybe you might consider Sponsoring a Space in Retreat and receiving a voucher to give as a gift. We also have a range of gifts and children's Bibles available in our Revive Gift Shop.

This month saw us attend two memorial services, one for an amazing supporter and volunteer of ours, Sylvia Lowe and one for Martin Heath, otherwise known as Martin the Big Issue Seller. Both services saw lovely tributes to these two very different people but we know that both of them are safe in the arms of Jesus now.

We have two big events coming up, please come along to them if you can. Our **Carol Concert is at Gloucester Cathedral this Friday (1st December)**, its free to come and you don't need to book tickets. Doors open at 7pm with the concert starting at 7.30. Come along and let's start the December with some Christmas joy.

Then on **Friday 8th December** we have our **Evening with Tom Elliott and Bean Baker**. There are still some tickets left, don't forget we have made it free entry as a pre-Christmas treat. Again doors open at 7pm with the evening starting at 7.30. To order tickets visit www.trybooking.co.uk/CQCC There is a poster for this on page 2.

As well as our everyday work we also act as a partner to several other organisations. I recently acted as the independent verifier for the council's Rough Sleeper count. It can be a very frustrating few meetings but we always fight for the corner of clients and put strong cases forward to try to make the official figure as accurate as possible. This figure will be announced at a later date once it has been approved by Government departments.

I also attended the City Mission Movement bi-annual Conference in Northampton and had a great few days catching up and praying with staff and leaders from the other missions around the UK.

I was recently invited to attend an emergency summit to discuss the potential issues that refugees will encounter over the next few months with them being given settled status and therefore having to leave the hotels. Thankfully some plans have now been put in place through key agencies in the city but there is a lot of work to do for the authorities.

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CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS AVAILABLE!

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO BUY SOMEONE A GIFT THIS YEAR, WHY NOT BUY A SPONSOR A SPACE VOUCHER?

SPONSOR A SPACE IN RETREAT APPEAL £12

Gloucester City Mission Charity No 1115780

Please would you consider supporting our Retreat Day Centre for rough sleepers.

We opened this new all year facility in July after consulting directly with people on the streets. In the first two months of being open we have had 233 guest visits.

Sponsorship covers the cost of meals, a bed, laundry, showers, clothes and toiletries and safety during the day time, as well as access to medical help, eye-care, podiatry, and to have support engaging with the council and other organisations.

Many of our guests tell us that daytimes are often worse than the night because they are so tired, loney and bored and the city centre is so busy. By being able to get some food, sleep and be clean as well as the fellowship side of things they feel more human.

Sponsoring a space in Retreat costs £12. Please visit www.gloscitymission.org.uk/retreat or scan the QR code to donate directly.

For more: nathan@gloscitymission.org.uk

I also sit on a Violence Reduction Group with a variety of leaders from across the city focusing on ways in which faith groups can work together.

We have a pre-Christmas 24/7 prayer weekend lined for the 15th to 17th December. Please sign up for a slot to pray on your own or with others. It is an opportunity to pause and reflect and to pray for clients and GCM as a whole as well as the wider city

<https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/2ed7b0/>

This month Sarah was invited to Hillview Evangelical Church to a Celebrate Recovery session to give her testimony and to talk about how God guided her to work at GCM. Next month she is going to attend an Our Father's House Recovery Ministry meeting in London. She has been acting as a Team Leader for the last few years and has been invited to go to lead a session in London and to give her testimony. I was invited to the the Rotary Club of Gloucester to talk about our work,

Please support our **Undies Under the Tree** campaign and our **Winter Food appeal**. We rely heavily on these types of campaigns to keep us going especially as money is very tight and need is ever increasing. We have giving trees in The Eastgate Shopping Centre, and have trees in the Christmas Trees Festivals in St Mary de Crypt Church and St Laurence's Church, Stroud as well as in several schools and workplaces. We also have carol singing and music in The Eastgate on the 9th, 16th and 23rd December.

Please nominate us for a Movement for Good gift of £1000 from The Benefact Group, its easy to do, just visit - <https://movementforgood.com> Our charity number is 1115780

Finally I wanted to introduce you to Paul. The picture on the left shows Paul two years ago, the picture on the right shows Paul last week when he left his role as a volunteer in Retreat to start working in paid employment as a support worker at Emerging Futures. We are so proud of the way in which he has changed his life around and pray for his continued recovery. Paul also attends our Thursday evening Embrace sessions.

Kevin Howie, GCM General Manager

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TOM ELLIOTT

"OH MY DAYS"

"Hilarious"
★★★★★
- Tom's Mum

PLUS SPECIAL GUEST - BEAN BAKER

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 7PM
KINGFISHER CHURCH, MOOR STREET, GLOUCESTER. GL1 4NJ
FREE ENTRY (DONATIONS WELCOME), TICKETS REQUIRED FROM www.gloscitymission.org.uk OR SCAN QR CODE

tom-elliott.org [tomelliottuk](https://www.facebook.com/tomelliottuk) [tomelliottuk](https://www.instagram.com/tomelliottuk)



November's Refuel will be on Wednesday 13th December. Join us 12pm at St Mary's Congregational Church

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REFUEL - with a time of worship and prayer.

Join us for informal worship and prayers after Wednesday lunch, Second Wednesday of every month

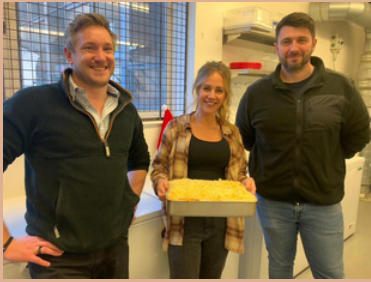
12-12.45
At St Mary's Congregational Church
St Mary's Street
Gloucester
GL1 2QS

Prayer Points

If you would like to sign up to receive a copy of our Monthly Prayer Sheet please **[CLICK HERE](#)**

THANK YOU'S

- Thank you to the staff from Spirax Sarco, TSB and EDF who have all been in to help out with a range of jobs across our work. There has been painting, gardening, cooking, clothes sorting food serving and tree decorating. This corporate volunteer work is so vital not just because of the practical work that is done but mainly because it gives us an opportunity to raise awareness about our work with large organisations.
- Thanks also to the students from Churchdown School Sixth Form who are halfway through a six week block of volunteering with us.



DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR GCM CHRISTMAS CARDS!!!



To see an up to date list of things that we need please visit www.gloscitymission.org.uk/donating-clothes-food-and-other-items

Gloucester City Mission
2003-2023
20th Anniversary

Undies Under the Tree

Each year we give out over 750 pairs of men's and women's underwear to people who are homeless. This year can you help us by buying a pair to put under the tree at Revive Coffee House.

Please donate a NEW pair of boxer shorts in s/m/l or women's briefs in size 8-14

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Christmas Appeal 2023

Please donate any of the following this winter;

- Pot Noodles
- Cup a soup
- Cans of Coke
- Bars of Chocolate
- Individual wrapped biscuits
- Tinned Mushrooms
- Chopped tomatoes
- Bolognaise Sauce
- Curry sauce
- Jam
- Mini Christmas Cakes (ALCOHOL FREE)
- Mince Pies (ALCOHOL FREE)
- Sugar
- Coffee (sachets or jars)

Please can donations be given in at Revive Coffee House or taken to 72 Eastgate Street, or contact 01452 529310

Please also see our Undies Under the Tree Appeal

Revive Coffee House
Run by Gloucester City Mission

www.gloscitymission.org.uk
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We know it's not an easy subject to talk about but if you are writing a Will maybe you could consider leaving a legacy to our work.

When you leave a gift in your Will to GCM, you help ensure that we can continue to be here for people who need us.

It allows us to care for them and offer support so that they can transform their lives.

Please visit
www.gloscitymission.org.uk/legacies

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Christmas carol concert
 GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER
 7.30PM
 DOORS OPEN 7PM
 Free admission (retiring collection)

Join us for an evening of superb christmas carols and music compered by BBC Radio Gloucestershire's Jon Smith and featuring Philomusica of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire, King's Voices plus other guests and find out a bit more about our work with the homeless and vulnerable in Gloucester.

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