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Well we have passed the halfway mark in the year, the year is just flying by, I think its because God is keeping us so busy and there is just so much happening at the moment.

I really hope that as many of you as possible can come to our **20th Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration. It is at 3pm on Sunday 2nd July at Southgate Evangelical Church.** We will have the opportunity to share GCM's journey together. Our current Chair, Nick Gleich and Mike Curtis will be there to talk about their favourite memories of GCM, we also hope to have other special guests there too.

We've had a few staffing changes. In this past few weeks we have been joined on staff by Nathan Casey. Nathan is our new full time Retreat Manager.

The new Retreat Centre is based in our Renew building in Eastgate Street. It will open to guests from 5th July and will initially be open Tues to Thurs 10am - 3pm. It is a safe place for anyone who is street homeless to find food, beds, clothes, a laundry and showers during the day time. This is such an exciting project for us and we are so blessed to have Nathan on board.

I spent last weekend at Christian Vision for Men's annual festival. It is always a remarkable time that I spend away with friends just being in the presence of other Christian men. We worship with Graham Kendrick and his band, have amazing bible study and prayer time, catch up with friends from all over and get some spiritual refuelling.

If you would like to give a small donation to go directly to the setting up costs of Retreat please visit [www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/retreat](http://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/retreat)

We have now had a couple of Embrace sessions on a Thursday evening, after a quiet first session with 2 people coming, the second session had 10 people, most of whom came because of what they had heard about it. We pray that those sessions continue to flourish and offer attendees a safe place to come and find Jesus.

As well as the exciting news about Nathan joining us on the staff team to manage Retreat, I am also delighted to announce that Maisie Mackenzie is now our Revive Coffee Shop Manager.

Thank you to Gloucester Rugby for their support for us. This week I played for Gloucester Barbarians at Kingsholm Stadium in a tournament through our partnership work with the club. I'm not sure I shall ever recover! It was great fun though.

We have said farewell to Elaine who has been with us for the past four years. Elaine has done a brilliant job sorting our volunteers and our corporate links as well as managing Restore. We are going to miss her but wish her all the best with her retirement. (She will be still be working with us a volunteer)

I have added a list of diary dates on p 4, please join us for some or all of the events.

Kevin Howie, GCM General Manager



**Gloucester City Mission's  
20th Anniversary  
Thanksgiving Celebration**

**SOUTHGATE EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 2ND JULY**

**3PM**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AS WE LOOK  
BACK OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS AND LOOK  
FORWARD WITH FUTURE PLANS.**



Please join us for this Thanksgiving Celebration to mark the past 20 years of GCM.

Thank you to Chris Hill and St John the Evangelist church. They raised £340 for us to spend using the Give as You Live site and we placed an order with the value over £2400 with toiletries, items for Renew, things for the Street Teams and cleaning products.



Please sign up to take part in the Fire Walk in September. It will be a really great social evening. Even if you don't fancy doing it yourself please encourage others to sign up - maybe your church leader, boss, or a family member might like to be nominated :)

**An Evening of Fire Walking**

**PART OF GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**

**THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**GLOUCESTER BREWERY, THE DOCKS**

**OPEN TO ALL AGED 11-111+**

**FULL INFO AT:**

**WWW.GLOSCITYMISSION.ORG.UK**





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Gloucester City Mission

**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 2OS

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A REFUEL SESSION IN JULY DUE TO IT BEING SCHEDULED ON THE SAME DAY AS MARTIN PEACOCK'S MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ST CATHARINE'S CHURCH (16TH JULY 12.30PM).**

**GCM'S BIG CITY SLEEPOUT**

**GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION**

**6TH - 8TH OCT**

**www.gloscitymission.org.uk**





# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

[www.gloscitymission.org.uk](http://www.gloscitymission.org.uk)

Next time you're thinking of 'giving your time' why not consider Gloucester City Mission. We are a charity based in the heart of the city that has been supporting the homeless and vulnerable for 20 years. We are always happy to work with individuals, local organisations and companies in support of their community engagement programmes.

Individuals can get involved in any of the following activities:

- \* Join one of the street teams on one of their daily runs – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday;
- \* Come and help with our hot food service on a Wednesday morning;
- \* Sort clothing and toiletry donations to keep our clothes store well stocked on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon;
- \* Help in the Revive Kitchen preparing food for the outreach teams or baking for the Coffee Shop.

Timings will depend on the day and activity and are normally only for 2/3 hours.

Teams can get involved in half day/full day activities such as:

- \* Painting and refreshing rooms and spaces
- \* Working in Retreat - our day centre for the street homeless
- \* Revive Kitchen deep clean;
- \* Projects in our Restore clothes unit;
- \* Wellbeing Garden tidy up and refurbishment.

For more info please email [admin@gloscitymission.org.uk](mailto:admin@gloscitymission.org.uk)

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OR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR  
MORE DETAILS

SUN 2ND JULY - THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

SAT 2ND SEPT - GLOUCESTER DAY

THURS 7TH SEPT - FIRE WALK EVENT

SAT 16TH SEPT - QUIZ AND PLOUGHMANS NIGHT

6TH- 8TH OCT - BIG CITY SLEEPOUT

SAT 14TH OCT - KINGDOM WRESTLING EVENT

THURS 23RD NOV - AGM

FRI 1ST DEC - CAROL CONCERT, CATHEDRAL

9TH, 16TH , 23RD DEC - CAROL SINGING

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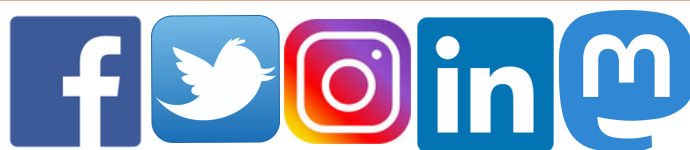
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Connor Clarke - Revive Coffee House Staff

Mike Curtis - Chaplain

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