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JUNE is here and that means Volunteers week! We have amazing Volunteers who without knowing it keep GCM running, without them we could not provide all the services and support to our guests. We will be celebrating with our Volunteers at the end of the month.

Sarah and I went to **Winchcombe Abbey School** to present a talk, a first for us both which we thoroughly enjoyed. It was well received by pupils and staff. They were Yr 1/2 an average age of 6 a little difficult to keep engaged and focus you would think, but they listened, answered and asked questions. We prayed for our Homeless Family and told them how important Jesus is of work we do at GCM. They were off to arrange a sponsored walk to raise funds for GCM.

Hygiene Bank is an amazing supporter of ours and raised £1200 at the Sleep Out last year. Quarterly we get to send a wish list over and they go and purchase whats on the list.

The shopping is a huge job and Leah was the task master this time, toilet rolls for 4 months, buckets and mops, deodorant, brooms, and our summer stock of sun cream lotion to mention a few. Thank you Leah, and thank you too all involved at Hygiene Bank.

Picklenash School decorated bags wrote little notes and then filled them a care package. **“Just believe something wonderful is about to happen. You are amazing just the way you are. I hope this really helps because we did it especially for you.”**

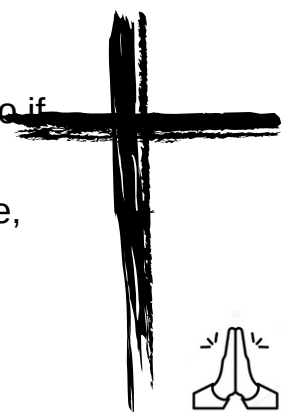
How thoughtful and this little note made a difference to one of our guests day, just to know someone cares.

If you have been into Revive recently you may have met Dan. Dan has been volunteering for about 4 months and has stepped into Connors role as Coffee House Assistant. We are very pleased to be part of his recovery journey.

Galatians 5:13

“But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.”

GOD makes it clear that we should be going out of our way to help others, so if you're looking for places to volunteer and show GOD's love, you've come to the right place.





TOODLES TO THE NOODLES

has been launched at Revive by Gemma. Her aim was to get 100 Pot Noodles donated by her

facebook Family; they were very generous and quickly exceeded the target. Thanks to Roger there are now 100 Pot Noodles hanging from the ceiling. How it works is the customer buys one of the hanging pot noodle for £1.00, so we can continue to replenish our stock. Please visit and see what its all about!
Well done Gemma (Executive Administrator).



Garden update from last month.
Our Blue Tits have now fledged.



Volunteering

If anyone would like to volunteer a couple of hours a week, there are lots of opportunities. Are you a keen gardener, cook, enjoy sorting and organizing, cleaning, meeting and supporting less fortunate, and sharing the love of Jesus.

Please contact Louise@gloscitymission.org.uk or Gemma@gloscitymission.org.uk

Would you, your church, workplace or school consider Sponsoring a Space in Retreat?

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sponsorasp>
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Meet

Norah Bradford

During our time overseas serving on the mission field we lived and visited many very poor countries and when we returned to England it was a shock to see so many homeless on the streets. On moving to Gloucester in 2016 to live near one of our sons we often stopped and bought food for the people on the streets, and I thought I would like to do more to help.

We met up with some friends Peter and Elizabeth Hayes and they told us about GCM and gave me Dave Kinghorn's number to contact him. I met Dave and visited the George Whitfield Centre where GCM was based at the time and immediately wanted to be involved and after discussion with Dave I decided to help with the administration, and in the centre put my hands to anything that needed doing. I loved getting involved and getting to know the clients. Now we are in Eastgate Street I don't get to see them so often but hope that what I do in the office each week is useful and way of helping the less fortunate in our society and showing them the love of Jesus.

I count it a privilege to help and enjoy fellowship in the office each week with the dedicated staff who give so much to serve the clients.

With the love in Christ,

Norah. Volunteer Office Administrator

Norah is a real blessing to all who meet her and without her office skills, time, and commitment the office would not run so smoothly.

Thank you Norah



Retreat.

Retreat continues to be busy seeing up to 22 guests a day (That 22 people with a hot and nutritious meal in their bellies.) Theresa cooks once a week and it is always a real treat and Nathan has become quite a chef himself; he gets in most morning at about 7.30 am, one of his first jobs of the day is to run around town checking our street guest are safe and well.

Then he gets ready for who ever is in need of a shower, clean clothes, somewhere safe to take a sleep or their laundry dropped off or picked up.

He has some amazing volunteers who support him. The volunteers say he steers the ship. so he is the Captain and they are his crew, and without your crew you can't sail. A great big thank you to all the Retreat Volunteers.

Street Teams.

I know we should be coming into the nicer weather, but our street teams are out on the streets when its raining, snowing, blowing a gale or the sun is shining. They come in, fill the kettles, stock the trollies put on their blue jackets, pray and off they go walking though Gloucester. Some of you may not know what they do, they know our street family and encourage them to go to Retreat, give out hot drinks and biscuits, promises (scripture), sweeties and pray and record who has been seen. Importantly this is done with a smile, love in their hearts and without judgment. Once back they will Steetlink anyone new sleeping on the street, Steetlink is an amazing tool, down load the app and you can report

anyone Homeless and P3 will then send an outreach worker, this could be the beginning of someone getting accommodation.

Our Street Team's are real warriors.

Thank you everyone for your dedication.



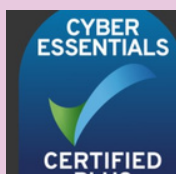
Donations

We still need Hoodies, Joggers, (size S and M) Trainers size's 9 10 and 11 Shorts, (size S and M)

Individually wrapped Chocolate Biscuits and crisps.

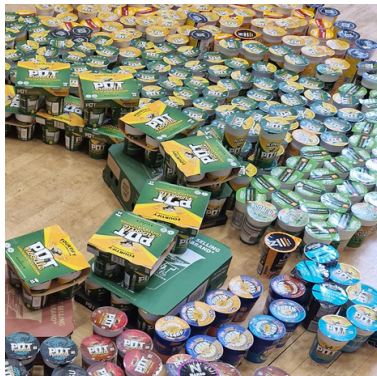
Donations can be dropped off at 72 Eastgate Street Monday to Thursday 9 till 4, or Revive Wednesday to Saturday 10.30 till 4.

Thank you everyone for your continued support with donations.

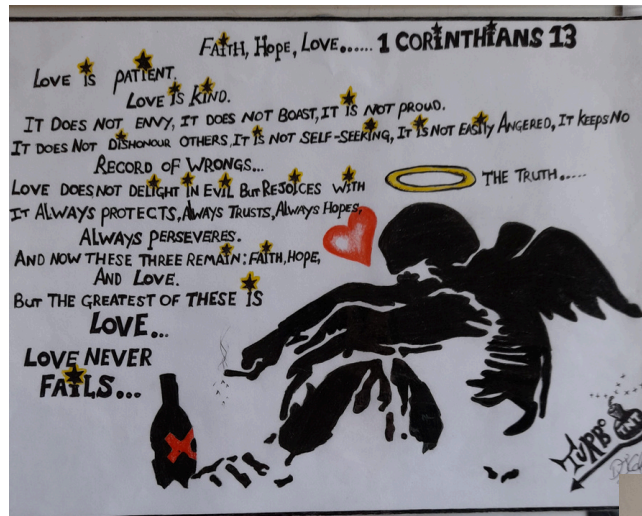


Thank you Winchcombe Abbey School

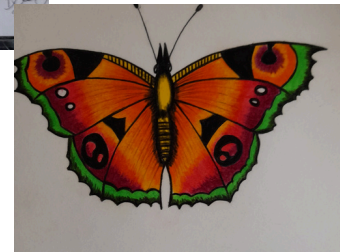
Ade and I were invited back as the children had SURPRISE, and it was.
over 500 pot noodles and over £400.
Both Ade and I were left speechless and a little emotional. **THANK YOU**



Thank you
Hygiene Bank
Such a blessing.
THANK YOU



A tribute to one of our much loved
Street Family members
Turbo Dave.
a Talented Artist.



Here are the Care Packages, from
Picklenash School
They brought smiles to the faces of
our Street Family.
THANK YOU

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