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PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME OF OUR PROMS FESTIVAL EVENTS BETWEEN 14TH - 29TH APRIL

An Evening with Graham Kendrick
PART OF GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023
ST CATHARINE'S CHURCH, LONDON ROAD, GLOUCESTER GL2 0RR
TICKETS £18 - AVAILABLE AT WWW.GLOSCITYMISSION.ORG.UK

Revive Fest '23
SATURDAY 22ND APRIL
12-3PM
REVIVE COFFEE HOUSE, GLOUCESTER

Featuring Reuben Lovett, Luke Philbrick, George Moorey Robin Hood-Shaw, Sarah Fairbairn and Suss-Two, Ed Brooking, Finn Sutton, Ed Bourne
SUPPORTING plus more

TRICKS AND LAUGHS
Starring **STEVE LEGG** and **Nik Hill**
Family-Friendly Fun, Magic and Comedy.

THURSDAY 20TH APRIL, 7.30PM
Tickets available at www.gloscitymission.org.uk
£10 adults, £7.50 children (plus booking fee)
Hilview Evangelical Church, Colwell Avenue, Gloucester GL3 3LX

Tickets for an Evening with Graham Kendrick

Tickets for an Evening of Tricks and Laughs with Steve Legg also featuring Nik Hill

The Social Network

Part of Gloucester City Mission's 20th Anniversary Celebrations
The Avenue, Gloucester

April 15

For details on any of our 20th Anniversary Concerts between 14th - 29th April please visit www.gloscitymission.org.uk

Reuben Lovett

Part of Gloucester City Mission's 20th Anniversary Celebrations
Cafe Rene, Gloucester

April 19

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Take Note

Part of Gloucester City Mission's 20th Anniversary Celebrations
St Mary de Crypt Church, Gloucester
7.30pm Free Entry, with a Retiring Collection

April 22

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The Gloucester and District Christian Choir

Part of Gloucester City Mission's 20th Anniversary Celebrations
St Catharine's Church, Gloucester
7.30pm Free Entry, with a Retiring Collection

April 27

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Ecclesiastical Choir and the City of Gloucester Community Choir

Part of Gloucester City Mission's 20th Anniversary Celebrations
The Chapel, City Church
Doors open 7pm
FREE ENTRY Retiring Collection

April 28

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Gloucester Brass

Part of Gloucester City Mission's 20th Anniversary Celebrations
St Mary de Crypt Church 2pm
FREE ENTRY

April 29

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Churchdown Male Voice Choir

Part of Gloucester City Mission's 20th Anniversary Celebrations
St Barnabas Church, Gloucester
7.30pm Free Entry, with a Retiring Collection

April 29

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We are going to be saying goodbye to Paula next week. Paula has been leading our outreach work and Alpha courses for several years plus much more. We are so grateful for everything that she has done for GCM.

DONATIONS APPEAL



We are in need of clothing and shoes but in particular we desperately need;

- Trainers size 5,6,9,10
- Men's joggers Small, Medium and Large
- Jeans 30/32 waist
- Boxer shorts (new) size small and medium
- Wet wipes
- Men's Deodorant

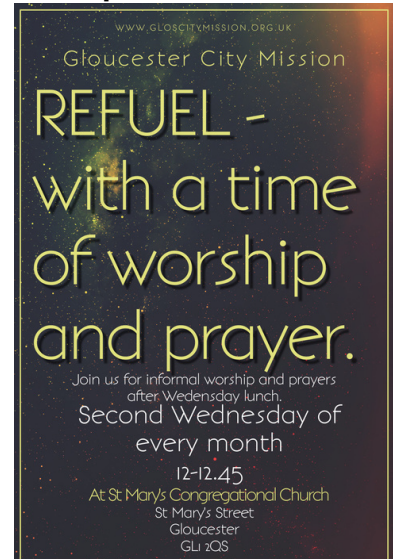
If you can help please drop items into Revive Weds to Sat 11-3pm

As we approach spring then men's and ladies t-shirts are also needed in all sizes please

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 Wednesday 12th April.



Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items or money this month. Thank you to the following companies who have sent teams of volunteers to support us - Nandos, HSBC, and Mears and thanks also to Tim Henderson-Ross and Nick Ellwood for arranging a donation.

We spent a few days working with Adam Nottage from Key Sigma as we received some funding to have a full audit of our cyber security in our IT systems. It was such a useful three days (involving lots of things I still don't understand but were quite scary) but at the end of it we were awarded Cyber Essentials Plus Award Status.

Thank you to everyone who took part on the Cloister Challenge, we shall apply for some funding to come to support our work. Kevin was privileged to have been invited to speak to the participants at the start of the event.

It was great to meet with Cllr. Brendon O'Donnell to talk about our work and the role the shelter plays in the city. He is currently campaigning to get a permanent shelter opened all year round.

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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 Wednesday 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 normally are only for 2/3 hours maximum.

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

- * Painting and refreshing the Winter shelter - bedrooms, dining room and kitchen
- Revive Kitchen deep clean;
- * Close down/Set up the Winter Shelter;
- * Projects in our Restore clothes shop;
- * Wellbeing Garden tidy up and refurbishment.

For more info please email elaine@gloscitymission.org.uk

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REVIVE GIFT SHOP

WE NOW HAVE A CHRISTIAN AND ETHICAL GIFT SHOP IN REVIVE WITH A WHOLE RANGE OF CONTEMPORARY CARDS FOR ALL OCCASION PLUS BOOKS, HOLDING CROSSES, FAIRTRADE ITEMS AND OTHER GIFTS AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES. PLUS A RANGE OF EASTER CARDS!

**Concerned
about
someone
sleeping
rough?**



Download the **StreetLink** app or visit the website at www.streetlink.org.uk to make an alert and help connect them to local services for support

**Street
Link**
www.streetlink.org.uk

Finally a huge thank you to all of the staff and volunteers that have made this year's Winter Shelter run so smoothly. It has been a difficult winter but it has been another winter where lives have been saved and people have found somewhere safe and warm to come into. Over the next few weeks we shall go through the data to analyse the specifics of who has been in, where they have come from and what support they could/should have received instead of relying on the shelter but for now thank you to everyone who has been involved. The shelter itself has cost us over £56,000 to run this year and we have to fundraise for it all - we don't receive any direct statutory funding for it.

Huge thanks especially to Louise, the shelter Manager, Simon and Nathan the Shelter Team Leads. On top of that we have the rest of the staff team and the countless volunteers. This has been the 7th year we have run a shelter in the city. We have worked more closely than ever with the council to get people the support they need and hopefully as we move forwards we will be able to offer more daytime support too.

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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