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Well that's been a month full of highs, lows and tests!! The Winter Shelter opened a month early after the council approached us a little while ago to ask if we would consider doing so. Of course we would consider it I said, the reality is though that it costs over £10,800 to run for an extra month and the council didn't have any money to support it, and so as always we acted on faith and opened anyway.

However we then had an electrical fault in the building which affected the heating and the security system, this was soon fixed by Elijah Willow who jumped at the chance to help us.

Early on a Saturday morning Louise, the Shelter Manager, messaged me with some pictures that showed the ceiling in the dining room had come down during some really heavy rain. No-one was hurt and the guests slept through it, it was just the staff who jumped out of their skins.

We had to close the shelter for two nights while the builders came in and did a great job on repairing not only the dining room ceiling but also the kitchen ceiling. (The roof has also been fixed too)



A team from Mears Group came in to help set up the winter shelter and do some sorting of donations.

During this week we also received news that we had been unsuccessful with a large three year grant from the Night Shelter Transformation Fund and it was noticed that we would need to **move the Carol Concert to St Barnabas Church**. But these test were overcome! Please come and join us there on the 1st December, it is going to be such a brilliant night again.

However, there have been many highs too, the guests in the shelter have appreciated being in somewhere safe and warm, we have been able to get out and do lots of talks in schools and churches, we have had some fantastic donations in, we have had several corporate groups in doing projects and we even had BBC Points West spend the morning with us. The Trustees were also able to have our first public AGM for three years.

Sometimes its easy to focus on the lows, especially when you are tired, however, the highs can easily be overlooked and we are incredibly grateful for everything we have and do.

**We have scheduled another 24/7 virtual prayer space from 2nd - 5th December, book a slot [here](#).**

**DON'T FORGET THE CAROL CONCERT IS NOW AT ST BARNABAS CHURCH!!!!!!**



A team from Superdry spent the day finished transforming the end piece of wasteland in the garden. They levelled it, gravelled it and painted the fence.



Homeless Link Member





**Gloucester City Mission**

# Christmas carol concert

ST BARNABAS CHURCH,  
STROUD ROAD. GL1 5LJ  
THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER  
7.30PM  
DOORS OPEN 7PM  
Free admission (retiring collection)

Join us for an evening of superb christmas carols compered by Warren Moore and featuring Philomusica, Shurdington CofE Primary School Choir plus Kathryn and TIm Jeffree and find out a bit more about our work with the homeless and vulnerable in Gloucester.

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We are so proud of the Revive team after they achieved a score of 5 in the recent unannounced Environmental Health Inspection.

## Christmas hampers for the homeless and vulnerable.

Please donate any of the following for hampers this winter;

Mince pies, tea/coffee sachets, chocolate, sweets, hot choc, cup a soup, pot noodle.

Christmas Cracker  
A Card  
Toiletries  
Hats, gloves, scarves

(Please don't make the hampers up)  
Donations can be given in at the Cathedral or Revive Coffee House.  
Please bring donations from 1st - 11th December

**Revive Coffee House**  
Run by Gloucester City Mission  
Registered Charity 1115780

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The Winter Shelter opened on the 1st November. We have launched our annual Sponsor a Bed Appeal so if you are able to please could you support it or get a group together to support it?

To Sponsor a Bed please visit [www.justgiving.com/campaign/sponsorabed](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sponsorabed)

£25 will sponsor a bed and cover the full costs of getting someone off the streets for a night. This includes the dinner, breakfast, packed lunches, toiletries, laundry, showers and clothing plus treats. Gift vouchers are also available through Revive Coffee House.

If your church or workplace would like to volunteer to support the shelter with meals please email; [louise@gloscitymission.org.uk](mailto:louise@gloscitymission.org.uk)



The Giving Tree is up in the Eastgate Shopping Centre, this year it is outside Revive. If you are able to to it would be wonderful if you could buy a gift for someone.

## WINTER SHELTER SPONSOR A BED APPEAL

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Please would you consider supporting this year's Winter Shelter by sponsoring a bed for the night?

This year we will be providing up to 15 beds per night for 153 nights over the winter period.

Donations cover the cost of dinner, breakfast and a packed lunch, plus a bed, laundry, showers, clothes and toiletries and safety.

Gloucester City Mission's Winter Shelter will be open from 1st Nov to 31st March.

Donate here -

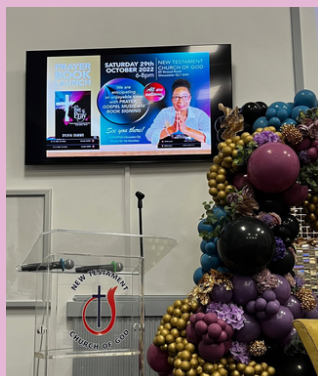


Sponsoring a bed for a night costs £25. Please visit [www.gloscitymission.org.uk](http://www.gloscitymission.org.uk) or scan the QR code to donate directly.

For more info contact [kevin@gloscitymission.org.uk](mailto:kevin@gloscitymission.org.uk)  
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The Renew Training Centre continues to grow, we have had courses on in gardening, woodworking, mindfulness, art, crafts, music as well as counselling sessions and the Recovery Group. Paula recently finished the second Alpha course of the year and has now started the follow up Beta course.

During this month we have had lots of visits out to talk about our work including Huntley CE Primary School, Churchdown Academy Y13s, Slimbridge Primary, Winchcombe C of E Academy, Grange Baptist Church Ladies' Group, Hillview Evangelical Church, Abbey Church and the Severn Rotary Club as well as the book launch of Syliva Samm's book 'It is Time to Pray' at The New Testament of God Church.



Thank You to the following for their continued their support  
 Gloucester Rugby, HaVinG,  
 Severn Rotary Club, St Catharine's.



**Julie Portman organised a fantastic fundraising and awareness day in Tewkesbury**



"The day started at 7:30 setting up and putting up tables ready for the stallholders to come. I managed to get nine stallholders. Many people stop by for home-made cakes, hot chocolate, coffees and teas and a browse around and soak up the atmosphere though out the day. It was a fun day with lots of support from the locals many people bought raffle tickets. Then at 2.15pm we had the Tewkesbury pub singers, which I am part of. that was really great they came outside and sang lots of songs and raise some extra money for the event. Then it was time for the raffle 315 lots of great prizes which some of the local shops in Tewkesbury gave prizes Cotswold dairies, vape shop, fishnet, blow hair images and many many more to name a few. Tewkesbury people were brilliant. Very hard work starting in July but a great success. Helping a local homeless charity made it feel it like a privilege and we raised £600!!"

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

Please donate to support our work with the homeless and vulnerable.

Please scan with your mobile phone camera to donate  
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To make a text donation, text;  
 GCM to 70450 to give £5  
 GCM to 70460 to give £10  
 GCM to 70470 to give £20

Maybe you could sign up to give a monthly gift.

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**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](#)**

**Concerned about someone sleeping rough?**



Download on the App Store  
GET IT ON Google Play

**Download the StreetLink app** or visit the **website** at [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk) to make an alert and help connect them to local services for support

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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

**£ FOR A LB FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE**

IF YOU ARE STARTING THE NEW YEAR WITH A HEALTH KICK PLEASE RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR WORK.  
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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. 14th Dec.**

### 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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