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We also have free concerts lined up with Churchdown Male Voice Choir, The Gloucester and District Christian Choir, Take Note, Reuben Lovett, The Social Fretwork plus others still being finalised. It is going to be a brilliant 2 weeks of celebrating with a whole range of music and performances. Please come and join in.

Well it is safe to say that January has flown by! It has been a month of planning and launching events as we have so much going on this year.

Also on 22nd April we shall be holding our second Revifest in Revive Coffee House, again it will be an afternoon of celebrating the wide range of fantastic local musicians that we have in the city. If you know of anyone who might like to take part please let me know.

We had a morning being filmed by Songs of Praise as they wanted to feature us in one of their March episodes. They came with a crew and the presenter Gemma Hunt and spent a day with us in Revive and turned it into a TV studio. The focus of the piece will be about hope and transformation and how GCM is able to focus on Jesus to help to enable this. I can't reveal the broadcast date yet but it will be in March on BBC1 on a Sunday afternoon! (and also on iplayer etc).

The Winter Shelter has been really busy during this month especially with the freezing weather. The staff team and volunteers have been working so hard looking after the guests. Thank you also to the groups who have been prepping meals for the guests. It is so great when everyone pulls together to help those in need.

The street teams have been incredible with their commitment and dedication in going out to help those on the streets. They continue to offer drinks, snacks, prayers and a Bible verse 5 days a week and we are so grateful to them for doing this, especially in the freezing and wet weather.



On the day of his announcement by Downing Street we were privileged to welcome the new Dean-Designate of Gloucester, Canon Andrew Zihni as he wanted to come and visit us and see the Winter Shelter.



We have announced some of the special guests for our Proms Celebration in April (see the line-up so far on p2). Tickets are available for An Evening with Graham Kendrick and an Evening of Tricks and Laughs with Steve Legg and Nik Hill.



**GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION 20TH ANNIVERSARY APPEAL**



WE NEED YOUR

**SUPPORT**

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

**£202,300**



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2023 is our 20th Anniversary year. We want to continue to focus on supporting the homeless and vulnerable through AID, TRANSFORMATION AND GROWTH. We do this through feeding, providing, supporting, through our winter shelter, our training centre and by employing people with lived experience of homelessness or addiction.



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**GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION PRESENTS 20TH ANNIVERSARY PROMS 14TH - 29TH APRIL 2023**

14th Apr	<b>GRAHAM KENDRICK</b> ST CATHARINE'S CHURCH
15th Apr	<b>THE SOCIAL FRETWORK</b> THE AVENUE, GLOUCESTER
19th Apr	<b>REUBEN LOVETT</b> CAFE RENE, GLOUCESTER
20 Apr	<b>STEVE LEGG (+ Nik Hill)</b> HILLVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH
22 Apr	<b>REVIVEST</b> REVIVE COFFEE HOUSE
22 Apr	<b>TAKE NOTE</b> ST MARY DE CRYPT
27 Apr	<b>GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT CHRISTIAN CHOIR</b> ST CATHARINE'S CHURCH
29 Apr	<b>CHURCHDOWN MALE VOICE CHOIR</b> ST BARNABAS CHURCH

MORE ACT ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING SOON  
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**Please click on the links below to purchase tickets**

**Tickets for an Evening with Graham Kendrick**

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

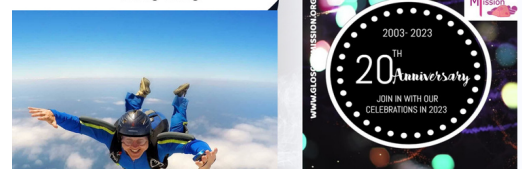
**Please sponsor any of the sky divers if you are able to (we currently have 16 people signed up)**

**There are still a few spaces left on Sunday 2nd April if you fancy joining in (Saturday is full), please click [here](#)**

**GCM 20TH ANNIVERSARY  
THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION  
Southgate Evangelical Church  
Sunday 2nd July  
3pm - 4.30pm**

We will be sharing the love again this year, can you donate £1 towards our Street Teams' work?

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**JOIN OUR SKY DIVE TEAM  
APRIL 1ST AND 2ND 2023.  
10,000 OR 15,000FT TANDEM JUMPS**

2023 is our 20th Anniversary year. We are able to once again open up places to our GCM Sky Dive Team.

We have 24 sky dive places available on 1st and 2nd April 2023 with GoSkydive, Old Sarum Park, Salisbury SP4 6EB

To sign up for our #GCMskydiveteam please visit [www.gloscitymission.org.uk/sky-dive](http://www.gloscitymission.org.uk/sky-dive)

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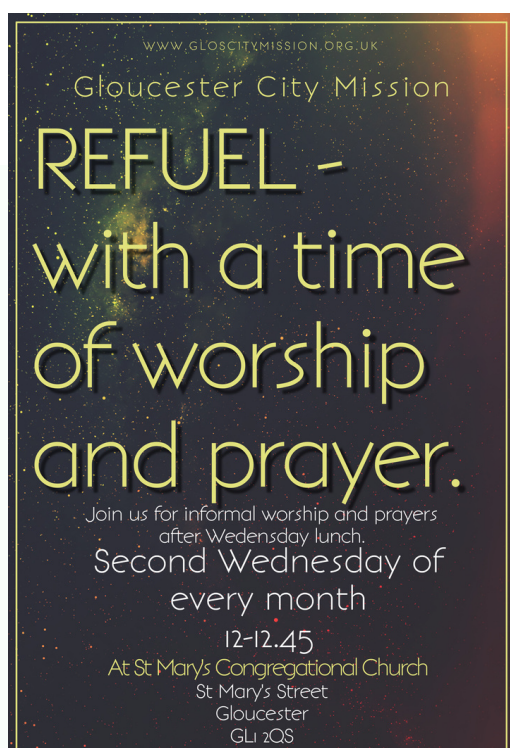
Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items or money this month, we have been inundated. Thank you to HSBC for a grant so that we can completely refurbish the kitchen at Renew and turn it into a teaching kitchen. Thank you also to the Grocers Charity for a grant to support the Training Centre.

Thanks you to the staff from Mears who continue to come in and also to a group Churchdown School Sixth Form who have joined us again in sending a group as part of their enrichment sessions this term.

A huge thank you to the Youth Group at St Barnabas Church who planned and carried out a Sleep In in their freezing cold church. They have raised nearly £1000 (at last time of checking), which is just phenomenal.

This month we have carried out talks at Abbeymead Primary School, Fieldcourt Junior Academy, St Barnabas Church and a Citywide Prayer Evening at Kingfisher Church.

**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. 8th Feb.**



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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 2QS

The Giving Tree in the Eastgate Shopping Centre saw a total of 104 gifts bought and we have been busy distributing them.



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



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Maybe you could sign up to give a monthly gift.

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### Training Centre Spotlight Woodwork group

We now have two woodwork groups each week. One is in partnership with CCP and they are currently designing and building a range of items from bird tables, planters, signs and a chopping board. The second session is focusing on making some bird boxes using recycled coke bottles. Participants get to work on their own projects and designs using power tools and achieving a real sense of purpose.

# Concerned about someone sleeping rough?



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

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken part in our £ for a lb challenge, super proud for what you have lost, now comes the tricky part of finishing the month and collecting sponsorship money.



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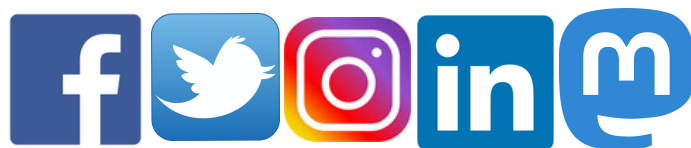
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