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This month saw our Big City Sleepout take place once again. Thank you to everyone who took part whether through sleeping out in Southgate Street or at your own event in a church or workplace. If you feel you missed out then don't worry you can organise one any time you fancy :)

The Southgate Street Sleepout saw around 40 people sleeping in the entrance to the Eastgate Shopping Centre. A massive thank you goes to Jason Robinson, the Eastgate Manager, for his amazing support for us.



We are thankful to everyone who took part and helped raise around £5000 including £1600 from The Hygiene Bank which we will see over the next year to top up supplies when we need them. We need every pound we can raise at the moment plus the event is such a good opportunity to raise awareness about homelessness.

"I participated in the sleepout to raise awareness about the struggles faced by those experiencing homelessness. It's crucial to shed light on this issue, as it affects countless individuals and families. By spending a night on the street, I hoped to spark conversations and inspire empathy, urging others to take action and support initiatives aimed at alleviating homelessness in our communities. This is a cause close to my heart we need to break the barriers in society and really make a difference".
Sam

"It was great for me to be able to do this for fun and spread the word of the awareness of this problem. It was back in 2014 where I found myself in this situation and was without a home for a year. It brings it back home to me everytime I do this and how fortunate that I am now able to move on now and live a normal life. thankfully I do not have to live this life again, but proud to support this cause with my work and volunteer colleagues".
Darren

Special thanks to St Philip and St James Church in Hucclecote for not only having a sleepover but also for having a music concert the next night.

Kevin Howie, GCM General Manager

Please come and join us for an evening with Tom Elliott supported by Bean Baker.

The show is aimed at ages 12+, Tom has a brilliant reputation for performing his shows across the country and is very well know on the comedy magic circuit. Come along and have a free evening of top quality entertainment. Bean Baker will also be there as a support act, Bean has just finished another incredible season on the festival circuit. To order tickets visit www.trybooking.co.uk/CQCC There is a poster for this on page 3 along with posters for the other events coming up soon.

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We have finally managed to get the kitchen refitted at Renew. We received a grant from HSBC last year for the work and are delighted to have got it installed. These photos show it before we have cleaned it and put everything back in there.

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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

**November's Refuel
will be on
Wednesday 8th
November**

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THANK YOU'S

- Thank you to the staff from Benefact Trust who came and spent a corporate volunteer day with us. They were brilliant and got stuck in to everything that they did. Sarah spent some time with them telling them about our work as well.
- We also had fantastic teams in from Sky who have helped with painting the stairwell at Renew and some sorting of donations.
- Thank you also to Mr Millin and his staff and children at Shurdington C of E Primary School for inviting Kevin back in to lead another collective worship about our work and to plan for future donations.
- Thanks also to Helen Bishop for overcoming her fears and doing a sponsored walk across the old Severn Bridge.
- Thank you to Allan Webb's in Stonehouse, and in particular Richard Allott, for their continued support through their staff 'tuck shop' and through the partnership work with Smiths Recycling in Moreton Valance.
- Louise had a lovely morning talking about our work and giving her testimony at Churchdown Methodist Church.
- Thank you for all of the donations that have come in this month and thank also to everyone who has supported our partnership with Cash4Clothes who support us financially as well as with large quantities specific items that we need.



Some GOOD NEWS stories;

'K' has been a regular with us in Retreat but this month he has been in detox. He popped in recently to show us how well he was doing and to tell us that he has had 3 interviews. He spoke about the unconditional love and support he received from GCM and expressed genuine heart warming gratitude.

'C' has been in and out of Retreat but has recently thought he has had a change of luck and has found a job and accommodation. He wanted to come back to return a sleeping bag and some clothes that he had received from us and to say thank you.

God is good!!

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Christmas carol concert

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER
7.30PM
DOORS OPEN 7PM
Free admission (retiring collection)

Join us for an evening of superb christmas carols and music compered by BBC Radio Gloucestershire's Jon Smith and featuring Philomusica of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire, King's Voices plus other guests and find out a bit more about our work with the homeless and vulnerable in Gloucester.

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When you leave a gift in your Will to GCM, you help ensure that we can continue to be here for people who need us.

It allows us to care for them and offer support so that they can transform their lives.

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SPONSOR A SPACE IN RETREAT APPEAL £12

Please would you consider supporting our Retreat Day Centre for rough sleepers.

We opened this new all year facility in July after consulting directly with people on the streets. In the first two months of being open we have had 233 guest visits.

Sponsorship covers the cost of meals, a bed, laundry, showers, clothes and toiletries and safety during the day time, as well as access to medical help, eye-care, podiatry, and to have support engaging with the council and other organisations.

Many of our guests tell us that daytimes are often worse than the night because they are so tired, lonely and bored and the city centre is so busy. By being able to get some food, sleep and be clean as well as the fellowship side of things they feel more human.

Sponsoring a space in Retreat costs £12. Please visit www.gloscitymission.org.uk/retreat or scan the QR code to donate directly.

For more info contact nathan@gloscitymission.org.uk

FRI 1ST DEC - CAROL CONCERT, GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL
FRI 8TH DEC - AN EVENING WITH TOM ELLIOTT AND BEAN BAKER
9TH, 16TH, 23RD DEC - CAROL SINGING IN EASTGATE SHOPPING CENTRE

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