

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART IN THE BIG CITY SLEEPOUT OR SPONSORED ANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS

This was the seventh year that we have had a sleepout of some description and this was our biggest ever event. We had well over 100 people sleeping out with ages ranging from 8 to over 80 in our events or in their churches, organisations or companies. We have several schools sleeping out later in the school year.

Those who took part were just experiencing a night of being uncomfortable rather than truly experiencing rough sleeping, but everyone talked about the constant noise and the feeling of vulnerability (as well as snoring), however everyone had their awareness levels raised about what being on the streets might feel like.

We really want to keep the event growing and will of course be running it again next year. Please think about taking part either in one of the organised events or at one of the events organised by churches or schools.

The Sleepout is always held over the weekend nearest World Homeless Day (Oct 10th).

The Winter Shelter is opening on the 1st November this year. 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

<https://www.gloscitymission.org.uk/sponsor-a-bed>

£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

Once again I was invited by Gloucester Cathedral to speak during Morning Eucharist on World Homeless Sunday but this year I asked if our Revive Manager, Sarah, could also talk to the congregation and give her testimony about how Jesus saved her from a life of serious and long term addiction. She was so nervous but spoke brilliantly and really affected those listening - she received a spontaneous, and very well deserved, round of applause after she had finished.

To round off the weekend we had our first ever Comedy Night in the historic Parliament Rooms at the Cathedral. A near capacity crowd enjoyed a fantastic night with Andy Kind and Nik Hill performing stand up routines. It was so great to hear so much laughter! (we will be having another comedy night in April with Steve Legg joining us along with Nik Hill). Money is still coming in from the weekend but the total at the moment is just over £11,000.

WINTER SHELTER SPONSOR A BED APPEAL

Gloucester City Mission
Charity No 1115780

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.

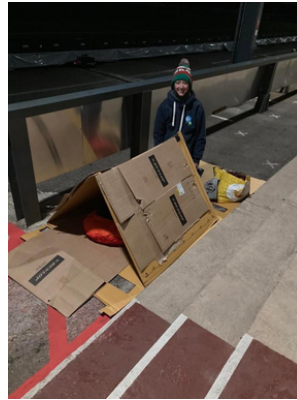
Gloucester City Mission's Winter Shelter will be open from 1st Nov to 31st March.

Donate here -

Sponsoring a bed for a night costs £25 . Please visit www.gloscitymission.org.uk or scan the QR code to donate directly.

For more info contact kevin@gloscitymission.org.uk www.gloscitymission.org.uk

WORLD HOMELESS WEEKEND 2022



"It's a humbling experience sleeping out. I can go home, have a shower & get warm again. But homeless people sleep out every day." Lance Bradley



"What an experience Try the Night has been. We have had laughter. A lot of laughter! We have had tears. Mostly mine I should add. At 4am I was hot and cold and didn't feel well. It was the support and encouragement from my friends that got me through to 7am. I felt vulnerable. I didn't know what to expect. How to cope. I learned so much. Wore too many of the wrong clothes! But I slept knowing I am not homeless. I know I have family and friends who would help. I was not in fear of being spat on and my cardboard shelter kicked down. I have a home to go back to." Lizzie



PLEASE DO CONSIDER STILL SPONSORING THESE AMAZING PEOPLE

To support the Big City Sleepout please visit -

www.justgiving.com/campaign/bigcitysleepout



DON'T FORGET;
CAROL CONCERT AT GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL 7PM DEC 1ST
AGM 24TH NOV , 7.30 PM AT SOUTHGATE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who has kindly arranged for **Harvest Collections** to support our Wednesday lunches.



MEN'S PAMPER DAY

We like to treat our clients to special makeovers every so often so at our recent Men's Day we were able to offer haircuts, hand massages and nail cutting, Covid and flu vaccinations, eye checks, conversations with other agencies and of course cake. Thank you to everyone who helped out - VCHP, Street Vet, CCP, NHS Vaccinations team, and Sara.



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](#)

Thank you to Mears for sending a team to come and help set up the Winter Shelter.

We are also incredibly grateful to RB Landscaping for their work in our garden (funded by Gloucester Rotary) and also to Elijah Willow for fitting in a huge new deck to make the garden fully accessible as well as transforming one of the bathroom to make it accessible too with funding from the Barnwood Trust.



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.

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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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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 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 1QN

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. 9th Nov.

Prayer Points

If you would like to sign up to receive a copy of our Monthly Prayer Sheet please CLICK HERE

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER MAISIE MACKENZIE

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- Maisie Mackenzie - Revive Coffee House Staff**
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GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Southgate Evangelical Church



THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
7.30PM



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

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

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



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Gloucester City Mission

Christmas carol concert

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL
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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IF YOU ARE STARTING THE NEW YEAR WITH A HEALTH KICK PLEASE RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR WORK.
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FOR DETAILS OR SCAN HERE



We Are Hiring!

Do you have a huge heart for the homeless and vulnerable in Gloucester?



Gloucester City Mission

Intern Programme
(paid and unpaid) Starting Summer 2023

Digital marketing, event management, fundraising, finance, business management, social justice or do you have other skills you can offer us?

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