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I get to do lots of visits to through my role and was recently invited to go into Pates Grammar School to talk about our work and specifically focusing on the finance/business side of things. After talking about our work the question was raised to the students about why people give to charity and one of the answers really stood out. A student said it '**was a way of giving to help others and to expect nothing in return**', this reminded me of **Luke 14v14 'and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'** It is so true though that we give not to receive acclamation, rewards or headlines but because we are encouraged to through our faith and conscience.

The Winter Shelter is now up and running. We are following the strict Covid rules for shelters and test guests each night as well as supporting them to get vaccines. All is going well and the new building is just such a superb venue for it. Presently we are averaging 9 guests per night. Thank you to the volunteers who are supporting by cooking meals and being on hand but we need some more groups to do cooking for the meals **please contact [louise@gloscitymission.org.uk](mailto:louise@gloscitymission.org.uk) if you know of a church group or a small group of 3 people who might like to help.**

I hope you enjoyed the Carol Concert, it was genuinely amazing to have packed out Gloucester Cathedral for

such a brilliant evening. Thank you to everyone who took part and to those who came to watch - hopefully we can repeat it next year- watch this space:)

We were once again able partner with Gloucester Cathedral to make up 100 hampers to give out to clients and also for some to be given out through the Cathedral Breakfast Club. Thank you to everyone who donated and to the teams from the Diocese Education Team, GCHQ, the Cathedral and other volunteers who helped pack them. The hampers were given out at Wednesday lunch and then we held our Christmas meal on the 22nd Dec. A packed St Mary's saw many smiling faces and lots of Christmas cheer and 1 of the clients gave his life to Christ. The NHS team also gave a out a record number of lateral flow test kits.

**Thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout this year,** it has been another really hard one for us all at work and home. but for us as GCM it has been a real landmark year. **On top of our normal fundraising and donations we have raised an amazing £32,400 for the Winter Shelter Appeal to date.**

**I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Who knows what God has in store for us next year?**

  
KEVIN HOWIE,

General Manager

# How can you help GCM this Christmas?

**Buy a pack of our eco-friendly Christmas cards from Revive**  
**Each box has a pack of ten cards (£4 per pack);**



**We have an updated [Amazon wish list](#) full of really useful items to give out to clients (if you shop using Amazon Smile then we get an additional donation for everything you buy).**

**DONATIONS** If you are having a sort out please could you donate any of the following-

## **CLOTHING**

### **Men's**

- Winter Coats (waterproof)
- Jeans – especially 30/32 waist
- Joggers – all sizes
- T shirts (short and long sleeved) s-m-l
- Hoodies/ Sweatshirts – s-m-l
- Boxer shorts – s-m-l ( new only please)
- Thermal underwear
- Trainers/ Boots

### **Ladies'**

- Winter Coats (waterproof)
- Jeans/jeggings/sports leggings – all sizes
- T shirts - s-m-l
- Hoodies/Jumpers – all sizes
- Ladies pants – size 8/10/12 ( new only please)

## **TOILETRIES**

- Wet wipes
- Shaving gel
- Razors
- Spray deodorant – men's and ladies'
- Shower gel – men's and ladies'
- Flannels

We will happily accept other clothing items, however if we are unable to make use of them, we would then sell them onto Cash for Clothes and use the money we receive to buy new underwear for our clients.

If you are able to help, donations can be taken to Revive Coffee Shop in Eastgate Shopping Centre from Wednesday to Saturday between 11am and 3pm or larger donations can be taken to Restore Clothing store in Southgate Street by arrangement – contact [elaine@gloscitymission.org.uk](mailto:elaine@gloscitymission.org.uk)

**WE ARE SORRY BUT WE CANNOT ACCEPT BEDDING, PILLOWS, BLANKETS OR DUVETS.**

Elaine and some volunteers were invited to go to Tesco's at St Oswald's to set up an information stand and to encourage shoppers to buy items for the hampers. Two trolley loads later and with over £350 donated it was certainly a productive few hours spent sharing our work. Thank you to Aggie from Tesco for being such a wonderful supporter.





# Revive Coffee House



Gloucester City Mission  
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[Eat in or Take Away]

You can find us in The Eastgate Shopping Centre

Delicious Homemade Cake -  
(includes vegan and gluten free)

Speciality Coffees

Range of Teas

Hot Chocolate /Hot Choc Mountain

All hot drinks are ethically sourced

Fruit Smoothies, Cold cans, juice, water

Open Weds, Thurs 10.30 - 4  
Fri, Sat 10-4

Revive Christmas Opening Hours

CHRISTMAS EVE - 10AM-2PM

CHRISTMAS DAY - CLOSED

29th/30th/31st DEC -10AM - 2PM

NEW YEARS DAY - CLOSED

We receive so many gifts and donations from individuals, churches and organisations that it really is impossible to single everyone out, but THANK YOU! to everyone who has donated items, money or time towards our work.

Thanks to Cellular Technologies for supporting the Winter Shelter with a donation of £5000. Thanks also to Speedy Skips, Cheltenham Harriers Athletics Club, the Gloucester and District Christian Choir, the Day House Trust and The Inner Wheel of Gloucester too. Thank you once again to the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust for their grant of £1500 towards the cost of Christmas provision.

We have received substantial donations from lots of churches and schools including Churchdown School, St Peter's Catholic High School, Ribston Hall Grammar School, St James CofE Primary School, Kings School and St Peters RC Primary School.

Thank you to the staff and regular volunteers who ensured Christmas lunch was served. Thanks also to Chloe, Kay and Chelsea from Gloucester City AFC Women, Richard Graham MP, Jennie Watkin, PCSO Stevens, Cat from Mindsong, Alex M, Evie and Alex H and the NHS team for coming and helping too.

## GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION

### WORKING WITH THE HOMELESS AND VULNERABLE

GCM HAS BEEN SUPPORTING THE HOMELESS IN OUR CITY SINCE 2003 PROVIDING FOOD, DRINKS, CLOTHES, TRAINING, SUPPORT, ADVICE AND PRAYER

[WWW.GLOSCITYMISSION.ORG.UK](http://WWW.GLOSCITYMISSION.ORG.UK)

### PLEASE DONATE

Online

[www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20094986](http://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20094986) or

[www.justgiving.com/gloucestercitymission](http://www.justgiving.com/gloucestercitymission)

or via Paypal, Facebook  
and Instagram

To make a text donation, text gloscitymission followed by the amount you wish to donate to 70085 (ie 'GLOSCITYMISSION 5' to 70085 to donate £5).

This costs £5 plus a std rate msg, you can opt to give any whole amount up to £20.

Maybe you could sign up to give a monthly gift.

We also accept cash donations or we can accept card donations at Revive Coffee House.

Please make cheques payable to Gloucester City Mission, we also accept CAF cheques



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



### Prayer List

As well as praying for GCM's clients, volunteers and staff please also hold these groups in your prayers. To add someone to the prayer list please email [GCMprayer1@gmail.com](mailto:GCMprayer1@gmail.com)

- All those involved with the work of GCM;
- Clients in accommodation and those who have found themselves back on the street;
- Mike Curtis and his wife Beryl;
- The guests and staff in the Winter Shelter;
- Our Outreach teams;
- All those who have lost someone to Covid19.



We are often contacted by churches or individuals who have come across someone rough sleeping in or near their grounds. If this happens please use the Street Link App or website.

It is really quick and easy and alerts the Council and the P3 Outreach team about the person. More often than not the rough sleeper is already known however this isn't always the case. It is quick, free and easy to use and will be the quickest way for that person to be offered support.

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