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What a busy month it has been; Retreat is now fully functioning with a brilliant group of volunteers supporting Nathan in the daily running of things. We have launched a Friday lunch service, Wednesday lunch is always fun and busy and Restore is seeing ever increasing numbers of people. Embrace on a Thursday evening is still going strong with a fantastic group of people consistently coming, we have extended our woodwork room into two rooms due to us increasing sessions, we have doubled our counselling provision and Revive has been pretty busy too.

We also launched our Sponsor a Space Appeal this month to raise funds to cover the costs of running Retreat. Maybe you or a group of you might like to sponsor a space so that a rough sleeper or sofa surfer can come in for food, showers, laundry, clothes and a sleep.

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, loney 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

we have moved the date of the Tom Elliott Evening to the 8th December and have decided to make it FREE as a pre Christmas treat. 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 2 along with posters for the other events coming up soon.

After waiting for many months to get the kitchen refitted at Renew we have finally managed to get it ordered and booked in for installation. We received a grant from HSBC last year for the work but have struggled to find someone to do the installation but we got there eventually and it should be done in October so that we will have a kitchen fit for purpose, not just for Retreat, but to also run cooking classes out of.

Please sign up for the Big City Sleepout either on your own or by signing up for the sleepout in the city centre on Sat 7th Oct. Details can be found here www.gloscitymission.org.uk/big-city-sleepout

Please put Friday 1st December in your diaries to come and join us at Gloucester Cathedral for our Carol Concert.

Please keep supporting us, we really need the help of everyone during these times especially with the cold weather fast approaching.

Kevin Howie, GCM General Manager



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2003-2023
20th Anniversary

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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BIG CITY SLEEPOUT

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 7PM-7AM

JOIN US ONCE AGAIN AS WE MARK WORLD HOMELESS DAY WITH OUR BIG CITY SLEEPOUT IN THE EASTGATE SHOPPING CENTRE. EXPERIENCE THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND SENSES THAT ROUGH SLEEPERS EXPERIENCE EVERY NIGHT. THIS YEAR WILL BE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE AS WE NOW HAVE MULTIPLE SLEEP AREAS AVAILABLE ON SOUTHGATE STREET, EASTGATE STREET AND IN THE SHOPPING CENTRE. HELP US FUNDRAISE TO PROVIDE SHELTER FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS IN OUR RETREAT DAY

MORE DETAILS AT WWW.GLOSCITYMISSION.ORG.UK/BIG-CITY-SLEEPOUT OR SCAN HERE

We know it's not an easy subject to talk about but if you are writing a Will maybe you could consider leaving a legacy to our work.

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.

Please visit
www.gloscitymission.org.uk/legacies

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WE HAVE HAD TWO BRILLIANT FUNDRAISING EVENTS THIS MONTH.

The firewalk was a huge success and saw 38 people sign up to walk across an 8m track of hot coals.

Thank you to everyone who took part and raised over £5000 towards Retreat. Thanks to UK Firewalk and Gloucester Brewery for hosting the event.

Gloucester Rugby legend Charlie Sharples kindly joined us for the evening and not only lit the fire but was the first one to walk across.

Then we also had our annual Quiz, Ploughman's and Auction night. Last year we had 12 teams enter, this year we had an outstanding 20 teams taking part. The teams packed out Kingfisher church to once again have a great evening.

Thank you to Holly, Jill and Ade for prepping a ploughman's banquet and also to Mark and Helen from Aitch and Aitch Bee for organising the Silent Auction. Thanks also to Theresa from Tesco, Ian from Ethical Addictions and Pat Gifford for their additional auction lots.

As well as being a great opportunity for people to get together and have some fun we also raised just under £2000 on the evening.



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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

**October's Refuel
will be on
Wednesday 11th
October**

To see an up to date
list of things that we
need please visit
www.gloscitymission.org.uk/donating-clothes-food-and-other-items

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ETHICAL GIFT SHOP IN REVIVE WITH
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OCCASIONS PLUS BOOKS, HOLDING
CROSSES, FAIRTRADE ITEMS AND
OTHER GIFTS



Prayer Points

**If you would like to sign up to receive a copy of our Monthly Prayer Sheet please
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THANK YOU

- Thank you to St Catharine's Church, Forest Gate Church, Hucclecote Methodist Church, Trinity Baptist Church and Twynning Chapel for their harvest collections, the donations really help us to stock up our kitchens for Wednesday lunch and Retreat. We have further harvest donations coming in from Mariners Church, Shurdington CE Primary and Meadowside Primary in the next few weeks too.
- Thank you to Bethel Church in Stonehouse who organised a Coffee Morning to raise money for our work.
- Thank you to Mears and HSBC for giving their time to send teams in to help out with some jobs and food service.
- The awesome Zumba with Jane and Wanda ran another Zumbathon and popped in with a cheque for £600
- Staff, trustees and volunteers once again had a stand at Gloucester Day, thank you to Alan Myatt for organising the day and for once again inviting us along. It is a great opportunity to chat with the general public about our work and is always really busy.



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WEBSITE
OR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR
MORE DETAILS**

6TH- 8TH OCT - BIG CITY SLEEPOUT

**7TH OCT - SLEEP OUT ON EASTGATE
STREET AND SOUTHGATE STREET**

**FRI 1ST DEC - CAROL CONCERT,
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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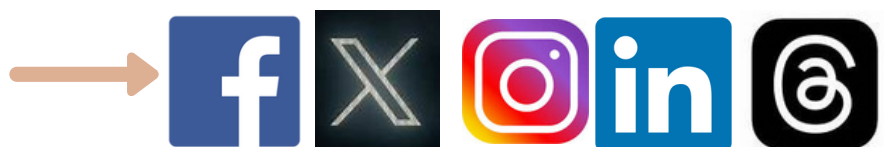
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