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We need your help please. The cost of living crisis is starting to bite and is affecting our fundraising quite significantly. We have reserves but we are reaching the point where we will need to start tapping into them in order to keep our cashflow in a good place moving forward. The main reasons for this are the huge increases we have faced with our utility bills and general food supplies.

We have been cutting back on our spending over the past few months and you will have probably noticed that we have moved Restore out of the Southgate St building in our main Renew building.

The trustees and myself work tirelessly to ensure that we are good stewards of all of the financial gifts that we are given but at the end of the day the cost of living crisis has also seen an increase in the need for our services.

Those of you who know me or have heard me talk know that I am not someone who directly asks for money but on this occasion I am going to.

We would love it if you could bless our work with a one off gift or a regular gift. If you already give then thank you, thank you, thank you but if you have any capacity to increase your regular gift then we would really appreciate that.

The other ways in which you can help us out are by using our Revive Coffee House, I know that the coffee machine has been out of action for a couple of weeks but the reality is the milk pump broke on it and the cost to repair it was over £650, when the engineer did manage to come and fix it we found that it still wasn't working so we had to wait another week for him to come back out. It is fixed again now and we have been so pleased that there has been an increase in customers recently but if you are in town and fancy a drink, toasties, sandwiches, delicious cake or a gift from our Christian Gift Shop we would love to have you visit. We run it as a social enterprise so any profits come straight back into our work as well as being a way to employ an awesome staff.

- Please also consider donating items of clothing or food, maybe your church, workplace or school could support us during harvest. There is an updated list of what we currently need [here](#)
- Please sign up and support some of the events we have coming up - please see page 3
- Please pray for our work and in particular that God continues to provide for the work that we do.

Kevin Howie, GCM General Manager



Please donate to support our work with the homeless and vulnerable.

Please scan with your mobile phone camera to donate
GCM IS A REGISTERED CHARITY - 1115780

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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A Message from the Chair - Reverend Nick Gleich

There are four groups of people that are integral to the success of GCM; donors/sponsors, volunteers, staff, and trustees/directors, and we are blest by having a wonderful and generous range of people fulfilling those roles. It's probably easy to understand what each group contributes, with the possible exception of the trustees. The role of the trustees is to keep an eye on the "Big Picture" for GCM. That means to track what is happening with Homelessness in the City, (and more widely) and the state of our finances and advise and help the staff and volunteers to respond appropriately. We also try to keep in touch with day-to-day operations to understand what is happening and to thank and encourage the staff and volunteers, because as trustees, we know and appreciate how much they do.

Recently I dropped in on a GCM Wednesday lunch at St. Mary's Congregational Church. While I was there, I got into conversation with a couple of visitors who had come for the lunch and the opportunity to meet with friends. During the course of the conversation, they shared with me that they really appreciated being able to have a cooked meal as their circumstances are very stretched.

Cash 4 Clothes Partnership

We are really excited to announce that we have teamed up with Cash 4 Clothes to establish house collections across the city.

At some point over the year every household in the city will receive a bag and note through their door asking for clothes, bags, hats, small items of bric a brac, and shoes and then to leave it on their doorstep/drive. Cash 4 Clothes will then collect the bags.

This is a great partnership for us because it enables us to reach out across the city and, as well as us receiving financial support based on the amount of donations we also have access to the items in Cash 4 Clothes' warehouse so if we need specific things for Restore then we can just ask.



As I spoke to those two visitors at the GCM lunch at St. Mary's, I was conscious that through your generosity, it was possible to confirm that the meal was free, all (GCM's) expenses were covered, and they were welcome to be there because we loved having them.

At GCM we continue to seek the Holy Spirit in understanding how best to meet the needs of those we serve. As you know that has recently resulted in opening a safe space and other facilities during the day. The take up of that service has confirmed our decision, and we need additional funds in order to sustain the service.

Many times, in Trustees meetings, I have been overwhelmed by your generosity, or should I say God's generosity expressed through the love that you show in the donations you give. Thank you.

Jesus encourages us to share what God has given us. Please are you able to join us in continuing to share with those in need?

Nick Gleich, Chair of Trustees

Please sign up to take part in the Fire Walk in September. or come along, there will be live music, food and lots of fun, it will be a really great social evening. Even if you don't fancy doing it yourself please encourage others to sign up - maybe your church leader, boss, or a family member might like to be nominated :)

An Evening of Fire Walking

PART OF GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023

GLOUCESTER BREWERY, THE DOCKS
OPEN TO ALL AGED 14+

Bring friends and family for an evening of firewalking, food, bars with an amazing range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, live music.
Raising funds for our new day centre for rough sleepers - Retreat

FULL INFO AT;
www.glosccitymission.org.uk/firewalk

CORNERSTONE ENTERTAINMENT LTD PRESENTS
COMEDIAN & MAGICIAN

SUPPORTING GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

TOM ELLIOTT

"OH MY DAYS"

"Such Fun"
Miranda Hart

"Very Funny"
Rosemary Conley CBE

"Hilarious"
★★★★★
- Tom's Mum

PLUS SPECIAL GUEST - BEAN BAKER

"RECOMMENDED AGE" 12+
SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 7PM
KINGFISHER CHURCH, MOOR STREET, GLOUCESTER, GL1 4NJ
TICKETS over 16s £10, under 16s £7 AVAILABLE AT www.glosccitymission.org.uk

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THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the team from Mears who came and spent the morning working on the next phase of our Wellbeing Garden and sorting out our General Storeroom (which was more of a Store Tip).

Thank you also to the staff at Langley Wellington for their office collection and to everyone who responded to the appeal this month for clothes, items on our Amazon wish list and financial support.



Donate Supplies from our

amazon wishlist

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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 1QS

September's Refuel will be on Wednesday 13th September

Gloucester City Mission's

PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER AND QUIZ NIGHT

(plus auction)

Saturday 16th September

Food at 6.30, Quiz 7.30

Teams of 6, Free entry but donations welcome.
Please contact kevin@glosccitymission.org.uk to book a team or let any of the GCM Team know if you would like to enter.

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REVIVE GIFT SHOP

WE HAVE A CHRISTIAN AND ETHICAL GIFT SHOP IN REVIVE WITH A WHOLE RANGE OF CONTEMPORARY CARDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS PLUS BOOKS, HOLDING CROSSES, FAIRTRADE ITEMS AND OTHER GIFTS



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OR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR
MORE DETAILS**

SAT 2ND SEPT - GLOUCESTER DAY

THURS 7TH SEPT - FIRE WALK EVENT

SAT 16TH SEPT - QUIZ AND PLOUGHMANS NIGHT

**6TH- 8TH OCT - BIG CITY SLEEPOUT
7TH OCT - SLEEP OUT ON EASTGATE STREET AND
SOUTHGATE STREET**

**SAT 14TH OCT - AN EVENING WITH TOM ELLIOTT
AND BEAN BAKER**

THURS 23RD NOV - AGM

FRI 1ST DEC - CAROL CONCERT, CATHEDRAL

**9TH, 16TH, 23RD DEC - CAROL SINGING IN
EASTGATE SHOPPING CENTRE**

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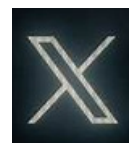
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