



New Arrival:

Exciting news! Maisie who was our Coffee Shop Manager has had a baby boy born on the 3rd February weighing 7lb 7oz. Maisie and Phil would like to thank everyone for their prayers; they have not had an easy journey but are home and enjoying their tiny bundle of joy and feeling very blessed. His big sister Amelia is totally in love with her little brother Charlie.



Dear Lord, please guard this baby's health and grant peace to the parents as they trust in Your care.
Amen

Corprates:

This month Coventry Building Society has visited twice with 2 teams of 3. They did an amazing job organising our overflow of Christmas donation, clothing store, an inventory of stock and did a lot of transferring stock from HQ to the Coffee Shop. Gem and Nath said they worked really hard and we also have our small meeting room back. Thank You.

Prayer, Praise and Worship:

We are still looking to run Prayer, Praise and Worship in the Coffee Shop once a week. We have held our monthly Praise and Worship in the Coffee Shop

If your interested please contact: louise@gloscitymission.org.uk



Church Visit:

St Johns Northgate invited me along to celebrate their mission weekend. I got to share all the amazing work happening at GCM. That God is at the heart of everything we do and all is done in his name. If you have met Deacon Sue Peat you wont have forgotten her. Her presence fills a room and it is always a pleasure to spend time with her. Thank you for inviting me.

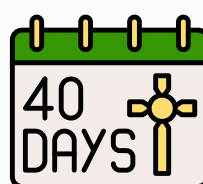
If you would like a visit please contact Lou. louise@gloscitymission.org.uk. Looking forward to sharing all our exciting news with more Churches. We have so many wonderful life changing journeys to share.

Alpha:

If you are running Alpha, I hope that it is going well and being well received and those tiny mustard seeds are growing. As I said last month GCM had 13 people join and we still have 12 attending which is wonderful. Next month we will update you on our Holy Spirit Day. We will continue to Pray for all those running, attending, leading and helping at all the Alphas throughout Gloucester. GCM plan to run an Alpha follow on where we will continue to support peoples faith journeys. We have Baptism's on Easter Sunday I will keep you updated, but we are super excited.

Matthew 4:1-2

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry."



Donations:

I recently was invited to a Rotary Event. I enjoyed a lovely supper, great conversation and company. Andy one of our Street Team volunteers is the Rotary President so a huge thank you to Andy for putting us forward. We received a massive £4,500 towards future projects. Thank you to all the Gloucester Rotarians who are supporters of so many charities.



What we need:

- Sugar
- Coffee
- Long life milk
- Tinned Potatoes
- Mayonnaise
- Lemon Curd
- Dried Fruit
- Vegetable Oil
- Stock Cubes



Shampoo



Washing up Liquid

- Men's Trainer's size 8
- Baseball caps
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New cosmetics:

Do you have any unwanted makeup or perfume for our young ladies?



Before we purchase a vegetable chopper and air fryer do you have one tucked away you no longer use?



If you are one of those donators who donate items, food or money at the GCM Coffee Shop thank you so much. I'm sure the staff show their appreciation, they do let us know about those who regularly donate.



Thank you



Staffing:

Our Gemma will be leaving us at the end of March. She will be moving on to new and exciting opportunities. She has as she says "done what we needed" she has done an amazing job with the IT, system Policies and Procedures and is the queen of spread sheets. She is only a call away should we need her. Her infectious laugh, choice of music and drink making skills will be missed.

We have taken on a new assistant in the Homeless Day Provision. Ben has been with us for over a year. His journey started when he was street homeless and using our services, we supported and secured him supported housings. Supported him in his recovery and MH and the occasional bump in the road. Ben is everything GCM aspires from homeless to paid employee. Nicole has stepped up to GCM HDP Lead assistant.

Saying Goodbye:

We will be saying goodbye to one of our street family who recently passed away. He was one of those people once met never forgotten, a cheeky lovable character. He once did an interview and was asked what GCM do, his reply was "They are angels. We are made to feel loved and part of a family." James at the Salvation Army now does a Celebration of life for anyone who is part of the Street Homeless Family who passes. This gives a chance for those, for what ever reason can't attend their funeral. Thank you James and his team for making this possible. Nathan and Ade will be attending his family funeral which will be held in Kent.

Garden:

Our garden is beginning to come to life after what seem like a long and very wet winter. The bulbs are coming to life. The rhubarb is looking healthy, we will be taking advantage of it making crumbles and flapjacks. We have a crop of onions that will be being pulled soon. Big thank you to Sue and Margaret who start back soon and commit to every Tuesday, also giving volunteering opportunities. I will let you know if we see the Bluetits nesting again this year.

Deuteronomy 32:2

Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.

“It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.”

When we pray, we invite God’s strength into our lives, fuelling our desire to act according to His ways

Prayer:

Throughout this month please join us in Prayer:



- Our Street family: help them to seek and accept the support they need to find the appropriate accommodation and encourage them to take responsibility. (Please continue to pray for this. We are seeing our street family engaging and as I write this, Nathan has come in to say one of our very young ladies began engaging last week and today has been housed.)
- Alpha throughout the city, prayers for Church leaders, hosts, prayer teams, those serving and those ATTENDING.
- GCM Volunteers, Staff and those using our services who have all joined Alpha.
- For those in Recovery who are struggling with their recovery.
- Gemma as she enters a new chapter.
- Dan as he moves on.
- Ben as he takes on the position as HDP Assistant.
- HOPE.
- Staff Trustees and Volunteers.
- As John steps into Prisons, sharing his life changing journey.
- Embrace (our male faith base group) as it enters a new season.
- World conflict and world peace.
- Baby Charlie.
- As Church Leaders enter the Easter period.
- Gloucester Salvation Army.

Dear Father God,
Please help us to accept both life’s little challenges and Your restoring help with grace and gratitude. Help us remember that no problem is too large or too small for us to call out to You. Please help us remember that a heart can be filled in with joy every day, not just the easy days.
Amen.

The GCM Team

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- Nicole Greenaway - GCM Day Provision Lead Assistant.
- Ben - GCM Day Provision Assistant.
- Alice Armstrong - Cleaner.
- Jess - GCM Coffee Lounge Supervisor.
- Kim - GCM Coffee Lounge Assistant.
- Dan Knight - GCM Coffee Lounge Assistant.





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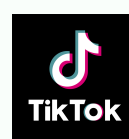


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