



MARCH/APRIL 2026

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THE NUMBERS OF HOPE



Easter:

We hope you had a wonderful Easter. For Christians Easter is about celebrating the central miracle of Jesus' death and resurrection. A time of reflection, gratitude, hope and love here at GCM. We had a Baptism on Easter Sunday when one of our ladies gave here life to God with an emotional testimony of how her faith has changed her life. For me it was a very special time as my grand daughter chose to be baptised and she asked me to help Ollie with her emersion what a privilege and blessing.

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Sad Times:

Over the last month we have lost 2 of our Street Family. We lost a young lady who had been Street Homeless for a few years. Nath had worked closely with her, the Council and P3 and accommodation had been secured, it was on her first night in accommodation that she passed away. This has been a very sad time and deeply affected GCM staff and volunteers. A very independent older man who was still Street Homeless passed away the same week. We are thankful to James and his team at The Salvation Army who continue to put on a memorial service for each of our Homeless Family that passes away.

Corporates:

Jacqui from Montel Civil Engineering visited and had a tour of building and garden. Every job Montel do they put back into the community. In May they will be bringing in a team to bring our memorial garden to life, make safe. and also complete a few jobs in our court area. Super exciting !!!! Nuclear Restoration Service have kindly donated 20 brand new sleeping bags.

City Mission Leaders:

Thank You!

The City Mission Leaders were hosted by Brighton and Hove City Mission. On the day we arrived they had been broken into Lloyd their General Manager was not fazed and the time together went as planned. A time to share, pray and great fellowship. Every time I come away feeling blessed that our TRUSTEE'S are so supportive. This year Glasgow will be celebrating their 200 birthday. Angela one of their staff members will be visiting us in June we are very excited for this and Nath will be going to visit them later in the year. Its great to spend time with other Missions sharing and learning from each other.

Donation:



Gloucester Flower Brass Band has kindly donated this marching bass drum. It has caused much excitement. We will try and find more about the history of it, but if you have any information we love to hear from you.

What we need:

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

Laundry Tablets



Washing up Liquid Shampoo



- Men's Trainer's size 9,10 and 11
- Baseball caps



New cosmetics:

Still needed unwanted makeup or perfume for our young Ladies.

Donation

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



Looking for fishing rods and fishing equipment for 2 of our guests.



Thank you

YMCA:

We enjoyed a visit from Tim Welch Gloucester's YMCA Chaplain . Tim sees this opportunity to pioneer a chaplaincy team to enable many more people discover the transformative hope of Jesus. He popped in to see what we are doing here at GCM and how we could possibly work together. We are great supporters of the YMCA and looking forward to seeing more of Tim and hopefully learn from each other.

Garden:

Sue and Margret have had 2 new volunteers join their Tuesday Gardening Group. Both are on a recovery journey, one has used **ALL** our services, he has been sober for 18 months is now "giving back" . Its a pleasure to look out of the window and remember how lives are being transformed and a blessing to be part of their journey. To top it off both have a passion and knowledge of gardening and are enjoying their time with us.



Holy Spirit Day:

Update on the Alpha Holy Spirit Day: We closed the Coffee Shop for the day as the staff attended how wonderful is that? Out of the 13 who attended from GCM only 3 were unable to join. It was an emotional day filled with prayer and the Holy Spirit. God was defiantly at work!!! We have seen prayers being answered, life changing discissions made, Faith journeys strengthened and people who were not attending Church now joining the Sunday service. My group have decided we will meet once a month to eat together, support and encourage fellowship. GCM will be starring a gentle introduction to Christianity safe space to continue asking and seeking.

Church Visit:

Thank you to Forest Gate Church for the warm and friendly welcome for engaging and questions asked, the kind donation and continued support. Nathan made a surprise visit and was invited to share a good new prayer story. Thank You.



Homeles Day Provision:

I introduced Ben last month who has joined the HDP staff team, heis doing a great job, he has taken to the position with great pride and is doing an amazing job in fact Nath says he thinks he is after his job. With the better weather our Homeless Family still access the HDP but for shorter periods, popping in for a quick shower, clean clothes, a hot meal and to drop off their laundry. We still have a few who will stay for most of the day, sitting in the garden enjoying the sunshine. This means Nath spends more time running around the city centre.

Its 7.45am and he has run up to the hospital to check in with one of our guests, also today he is supporting with a follow up hospital appointment with a Homeless gentleman he supported to go to hospital last week, turned out he had been walking around for a week with a broken shoulder. Nath is only able to provide support like this because he has Nicole as HDP assistant Lead and Ben as HDP assistant and the bank of volunteers. We have a husband and wife Theresa and John who cook every Monday always a favourite with our guests. Bread and butter pudding and custard has become very popular especially made with hot cross buns or brioche and chocolate. Our guest are only ever served what we would put on our own table. Its usually said to be "banging".



Psalms 50:15

And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

Praying to God is simple – all you really have to do is speak to Him with a genuine heart.

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.)
- We have some of our Recovery Family struggling and we have had some blips this month. They need prayer to rediscover their recovery journey, to be reminded with God they can do anything.
- All our new volunteers, and those who have not yet started a faith journey little mustard seeds will be planted and begin to grow.
- GCM Coffee Shop staff, volunteers and customers.
- HOPE
- GCM Recovery Support and the staff.
- World conflict and world peace.
- Baby Charlie who has not had an easy start to life. Give Maisie and Phill strength, patience and wisdom to navigate his medical journey.
- Staff and their families who are facing difficult times.
- Alice as a new chapter in her career begins.
- Celebrate Recovery Hillview Evangelical Church.

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.

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Thank you to
Penny and Josie.
Update next month on
how this event went.



*We ♥ our
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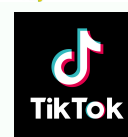


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