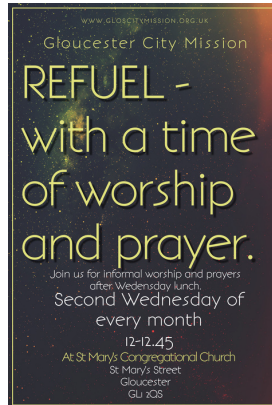


PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS

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Refuel is our monthly Prayer and Praise time for clients, staff, volunteers and guests. It is held on the second Wednesday of the month from 12-12.45 at St Mary's Congregational Church. All are welcome. The next Refuel is on Weds 9th March.

Our big news for this month is that we have now taken occupancy of the whole of Renew- our new building. The builders have finished the indoor renovations and so we moved in and have set up the offices, meeting rooms, and the education centre. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for this new provision, it has been over two years in the making but we are finally there. Please note that our new office address is above - we have now moved out of Southgate House.

A few weeks ago I invited a Winter Shelter Inspector in from Housing Justice. If you think of a school Ofsted Inspection then this is the equivalent for Winter Shelters. it was an incredibly intense and meticulous inspection but the Inspector loved what we were doing and was incredibly complimentary about the set up and the staff. We won't find out the actual classification of the inspection for several months but it was a very worthwhile and positive experience.



I have had several enjoyable visits to churches in and around the county recently. Thank you to Tewkesbury Baptist Church, St Andrews, Awre and Abbey Church for inviting me in to talk about our work.

Our very good friend and supporter Jane James ran a Share The Love Zumbathon for Valentine's Day. Elaine went along to talk about our work and then around 70 people took part in the Zumbathon and raised £1010 for our work. Participants also wrote messages of love and support for clients - these will be put on display in Revive.

I also recently popped in to see our good friend Ethel at Kings School, she has been running a hug in a mug campaign with her schoolmates and raised over £400 plus several crates of tins of soup - she is a true inspiration.



The new defibrillator is now in situ at Renew and is registered with the national database of defibrillators, thank you to Clare from Tidal Training.

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Kevin Howie, General Manager



Homeless Link Member



Maureen and Julie had to be rescued from Restore by Glos Fire and Rescue last week after there was a major burst water main in Southgate Street. As a result we have had to close Restore until further notice so that we can get in and assess the flood damage. The water was up to about knee high. Until we have carried out the assessment please could we not have any clothing donations.



## 48 Hour Refuel

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our 24-7 48 hour Prayer Room for. Over the course of the weekend we had 81 slots filled with people from all over praying for GCM, the clients and also more generally for the city.

We shall be repeating this later in the year and then doing it twice a year in the future.

Paula has been compiling all of the prophetic words, images, thoughts that people had whilst praying and has been putting them together as a piece of art which will be displayed in Renew.

## Renew Update

Well after more than two years of praying, moving, sorting, tidying, decorating, renovating and negotiating we have now moved into our newest and most exciting building. It is split over four floors with the ground floor having our main office, two drop-in/meeting rooms, an accessible toilet, a laundry and another toilet. The basement is the Training Centre with a large training room and two smaller rooms, one of which will be a Tool Room kitted out with workbenches and equipment for people to come and make/repair things. It also has a kitchen and two toilets. The first and second floors are the Winter Shelter with bedrooms, a lounge, dining room, bathrooms, toilets, an office and a large kitchen. The building also has a terrific garden space which is going to be landscaped in April by volunteers from Spirax Sarco.

We are blessed to have got this far and now the real work starts as we operate out of it and offer clients a safe place to come and have opportunities to take part in a whole range of courses from Alpha (starting 1st March) to crochet alongside literacy and numeracy courses, cooking, life skills, budgeting, wellbeing and having drop in session with other agencies.

The plan is that the builders will finish the exterior renovations in mid March and that the scaffolding will be down by the end of March.



## PLEASE FUNDRAISE FOR US!

We really need your help and encourage you to organise an event with family, friends, colleagues or as a church to raise funds for us. Please have a look at our Fundraising Pack [here](#)

We had the sad news this week that a friend of GCM had lost her battle with cancer. Amy Allen had been a volunteer with the Homeless Healthcare Team but also did loads of volunteering and fundraising for us as well. She will be missed tremendously and our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

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Open Weds, Thurs 10.30 - 4  
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Thank you to Tesco in Cam for a generous donation of fillet steak.



Huge congratulations to Nick and Jen on the announcement of their wedding in August.

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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

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**EARLY DIARY DATES - BIG CITY SLEEPOUT WILL BE OVER THE WEEKEND OF 7TH - 10TH OCTOBER, CAROL CONCERT AT GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER**



We have loved having a group of 10 Sixth Formers in from Churchdown Academy over the past 6 weeks. They have come in to volunteer with us as part of the Enrichment sessions every Wednesday afternoon. As well as cooking meals, preparing soup, sorting clothes and even cleaning they have been so enthusiastic about learning about our work.

It is really important to us to raise awareness of the needs of the clients who we work with and we particularly enjoy it when we can focus the minds of younger generations as well. If you know of a youth group or school group aged over 16 who would be interested in finding out more about us please contact us.

## 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;
- The guests and staff in the Winter Shelter, especially for Lou, our shelter manager
- Clients in accommodation and those who have found themselves back on the street;
- The rough sleepers in and around the city;
- Our Outreach teams;
- All those who have lost someone to Covid19;
- Our Administrator Sue as she recovers from an eye operation;
- The family of Amy Allen.



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