

I am sending this newsletter out a few days early because my wife and I are off to New Wine. It is a very special place for us to go and be spiritually refuelled. We have been going for many, many years as our family holiday and always come away from it filled and also fresh with ideas and enthusiasm for living as a community.

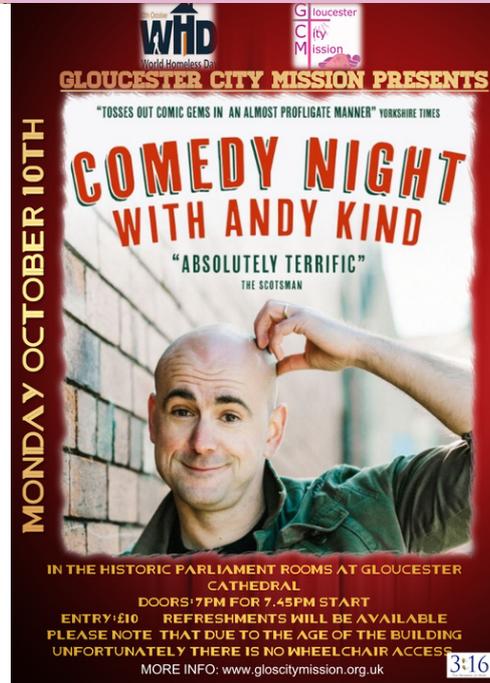
In lots of ways that is what GCM is, it's our own community/family where we support those who use our services in whatever ways we can. It can be a chaotic community but it is also a community filled with love, compassion, empathy, kindness and care. Even now it surprises me how the community stick together, you only have to come to a Wednesday lunch and see the different groups of people sitting at tables chatting and sharing experiences. Honestly our clients are some of the kindest and most generous people you come across. (Don't get me wrong, they can also be incredibly stubborn, noisy and disruptive just like any other family too), but we love working with them.

In August all of the staff have been invited to the wedding of two of our clients, Jen and Nick. To see how the two of them have blossomed during these past few months with their wedding planning has been amazing and we look forward to sharing their day with them. Our financial year runs from July to June each year so on the next page you will find data from this past year of our work and ministry. It has been another year of growth and change for us but we continue to be blessed and we continue to make sure that we are following God's plan rather than our own although this does make strategic planning and budgeting rather tricky sometimes :)

Kevin Howie

Kevin Howie, General Manager

We celebrated our 19th Anniversary on July 1st. Mike Curtis kindly brought in a cake and a blessing which we took out on outreach that day.



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PLEASE ENCOURAGE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO SIGN UP FOR OUR GAMING MARATHON. CLICK ON THE PICTURE FOR MORE DETAILS



Our financial year runs from July to June so here are some facts and figures from 2021-2022.

	Outreach	Street Link Referrals	Wednesday Lunch	Mobile Outreach	Restore	Renew/Courses
July	395		105		52	45
Aug	494		118		73	48
Sept	523	24	147		74	38
Oct	304	13	140	3	45	39
Nov	498	27	120	3	71	36
Dec	519	17	148	7	66	32
Jan	421	9	96	10	65	37
Feb	477	6	102	7	46	33
Mar	448	12	90		3	39
Apr	410	20	111		18	33
May	425	11	103	6	39	101
Jun	319	12	106	6	37	103
TOTAL	5233	141	1386	46	589	584

£34,563 was raised to support the shelter's cost of £34,710. £9063 came from the Sponsor a Bed Campaign, £14,200 came through grants, churches, schools, companies and individuals and the Big City Sleepout raised £11,300.

Nights open	122
Average number of guests per night	7
Total number of referrals.	69
Number of beds provided	402
Number of guests with no recourse to public funding.	3
Number of guests with no local connection	12
Number of men referred	48
Number of women referred	6
Number of guests moved on through statutory bodies	21
Longest number of nights stayed	80



We are incredibly grateful to all of our volunteers.
VOLUNTEER HOURS GIVEN THIS YEAR - 5221
(BASED ON NATIONAL LIVING WAGE (£9.90) THIS EQUATES TO £51,687 OR 3 F/T STAFF AND 1 P/T

We have been supported in some form by 42 churches, 9 schools and (at least) 36 local companies

TARGETS FOR 22-23.

- Recruit more volunteers and supporters from diverse backgrounds;
- Continue to grow awareness of our work and of the causes and effects of homelessness;
- For continued fundraising streams;
- Establishing strong partnerships for the Training Centre;
- To look at ways in which we can partner with local churches to encourage them to run community projects under our auspices;
- To continue to develop the offer available through Revive.

Please click [HERE](#) to find direct links to give a donation to our work

Thank you to the John Armitage Charitable Trust, Summerfield Trust, the Kier Foundation and Gloucestershire Community Foundation for grants received to help towards the costs of running Renew Training Centre.

Thank you to the Y1s at Clearwater C of E Primary Academy and St James C of E Primary School for inviting Kevin in to talk about GCM and also to Twyning Chapel for inviting him in to talk to their congregation.

Next year will mark our 20th Anniversary so we are starting to plan out a series of really exciting events. We are currently planning another sky dive day (we had one before Covid and the participants loved it) if you would be interested please drop us a message.

Our fantastic CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT is returning - reserve the date now - SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER.



Please also sign up for the Big City Sleepout (see page 4 for details) and also please don't forget that we really need your help with fundraising events!!!

Over the next few months we have a **Gaming Marathon**, a **comedy night with the fabulous Andy Kind** and our **Carol Concert in Gloucester Cathedral on Dec 1st**. We will also be having a **Harvest Appeal**, the **Winter Shelter Sponsor a Bed Appeal** and our **Christmas Hamper Appeal**. Keep your eyes open as well because in Spring next year we will also have our **Sky Dive challenge**, a **walking on fire challenge** and, to celebrate our 20th anniversary, we are planning a **two week Proms in April with lots of concerts and performances**.

Gloucester City Mission's **CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT** (plus auction)

Saturday 17th September
Curry at 6.30, Quiz 7.30

Teams of 6, Free entry but donations welcome.

Please contact kevin@gloscitymission.org.uk to book a team or let any of the GCM Team know if you would like to



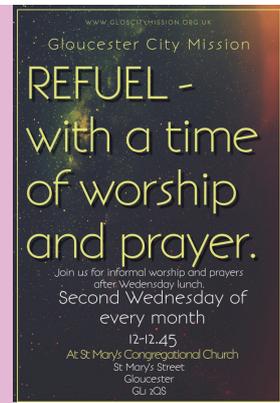
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Details for all events are on our [website](http://www.gloscitymission.org.uk).

Please join in with events we run but also please feel free to run your own events - let us know and we can advertise them and help promote them. Your help and support cannot be underestimated.



How can you give to help us?



Apart from financial gifts there are many ways to help our work including donating items. We keep an up to date list of things that we need [here](#)

We also have a 'Shopping List' of items available to order through Amazon which can then be delivered directly to us. [Please click here to see the list](#)

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. 10th August.**

Prayer List

Please pray for GCM's clients, volunteers and staff. Please also pray for continued blessings in resourcing our work and ministry and for people to attend and join in with events we are running.

Please continue to pray for Mike and Beryl.

To add someone to the prayer list please email GCMprayer1@gmail.com.

BIG CITY SLEEPOUT 2022

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THE BIG CITY SLEEPOUT WILL BE OVER THE WEEKEND OF 7TH - 10TH OCTOBER

We have sleepouts confirmed at Gloucester City AFC (7th Oct), Eastgate Shopping Centre (8th Oct) and at Renew. We shall also be doing our third Try out the Night at Kingsholm Stadium (date tbc)

Please start thinking about organising one for your church, company, school, family or just for you.

[Details are available here](#)

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