



Weather:

Once again we start our Newsletter talking about the weather. Makes us all a bit grumpy, and less tolerant and sleep deprived. We can't begin to imagine what it must be like to be out on the streets with no running water, fan or shower to jump into, our Homeless family don't have these privileges. The GCM HDP is respite for a few hours for those who chose to use this service, some prefer to stay out and drink but they know they are welcome, some just pop in for food and some stay till we close making the most of our food, showers, clean clothes, new underwear, laundry and the opportunity to sleep for a few hours.

Nathan has just rushed out to Iceland's to purchase ice-cream a little treat. To cool off we have water cooling and ice lollies in the freezer with sun cream ready to take away. If you're in town don't forget GCM Coffee Lounge is air-conditioned and has been known to be too cold. Our coffee is very reasonably priced and a great cup too. Homemade cake and freshly made sandwiches and toasties available all great value for money.

Skydive:

Saturday 5th Nathan our HDP Manager, Alex, Anita Katie and Rachel will be doing a 10,000 ft tandem jump raising funds for GCM.



“The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.”

Mayors Visit:



Adrian Graham is the 546th Mayor and the first black person to hold this position.

He joined us on a Monday morning. Toured the building and learnt more about the work of

GCM. We spent a pleasant hour sat in the garden. Adrian had read and heard a lot about the amazing work we do but not the extent of the support we provide and all the areas we cover. He was practically interested in our Recovery Support and the fact that we employ 8 people in recovery.

We discussed holding a meeting for all Homeless Support Providers to explore how we can improve the support services we collectively offer. The aim would be to strengthen partnership working, share information and resources, identify gaps in provision, and avoid unnecessary duplication of services. The proposed meeting would provide an opportunity for all providers to share what they currently offer, discuss how we can work more effectively together, and consider whether there are additional ways we can coordinate our services to ensure people experiencing homelessness receive the right support at the right time.

GCM already produces and regularly updates an Emergency Provision flyer, which is circulated throughout the city. This is particularly helpful for people who are new to homelessness, as it provides clear and accessible information about the emergency support and services available to them.

Thank you Adrian for taking time out of your busy schedule.

14. Psalm 28:7

Staff:

If we had staff member of the month, last month would definitely have been OUR Jess, Coffee Lounge Supervisor. The Coffee Lounge has had a difficult couple of months with staff issues. Jess has stayed reliable and consistent, going above and beyond even when going through her own personal battles. She has also been training new members of staff, all the time with her beautiful smile on her face. She is a very much loved and respected member of the GCM staff team and a blessing to all who cross her path. Thank you Jess. Lets not forget Nathan who steps into my shoes when I had a couple of week annual leave, thanks Nath for steering the ship and looking after the team.

Thank you

Garden Produce:



This was fresh out of our garden and along with the huge donation of chicken from Tesco we made a really tasty meal for our Embrace group. Today George who waters the garden most days brought me a bunch of grapes fresh off the vine.

Gloucester Day:

If you are going to be in Gloucester city centre on Saturday 5th September please come and see us. Find out more about whats happening in GCM, what new and maybe how you could help.



Moving On:

One of our staff members who began his journey street homeless, entrenched in alcohol addiction and using our HDP has moved on. We encouraged him to use our recovery support and AA, secured him supported housing, volunteering with GCM and then part-time paid employment with GCM. He now has his driving license back a car and living in private accommodation. Last month he handed in his notice as he had secured fulltime employment. We have also supported him on his faith journey and he is a regular at Church, our job here is done we send him on his way with love and blessings.

Car Boot:



Nick our Chair of Trustees, Karoline Sales Trustee and Monday morning office volunteer spent a productive morning at the Car Boot sale. We are very blessed with our donations but sometimes we receive clothes that are not suitable for our Homeless Family. Karoline decided instead of sending them to Cash For Clothes and getting pennys for them she would take it along to the Car Boot sale, Nick kindly offered to provide the transport and give Karoline a hand. They raised £90 what a great effort and have arranged to do a second. Thank you for giving up your Saturday morning.

thank you!

Do YOU have a heart for the homeless and a few hours free to join our board of Trustees?

If that's yes please contact:



chair@gloscitymission.org.uk

Donations:



Water

We do need caps, male and female shorts S&M Male and Female trainers all sizes

We are using a huge amount of bottled water, if you could help we would be very grateful If you could help please drop donations off at 72 Eastgate Street or GCM Coffee Shop.

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1 John 5:14

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

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:

- Give wisdom to the staff to provide the appropriate support to those who have recently been housed. Help them to show compassion and grace fill them with wisdom and understanding.
- For our Recovery Support staff as we enter a time of change and staff.
- Funding applications your prayers are seeing results
- **HOPE.**
- Recruitment of Trustees.
- Staff in recovery keep them strong in their recovery. Fill them with strength and wisdom.
- As the new school academic year begins. Wisdom for staff and pupils. Smooth transitions for those starting new schools, colleges and universities and good friendships are made.
- Give peace where exam results have been a disappointment.

- GCM Alpha delivery planning. (starting September)
- GCM Coffee Lounge staff and customers (we see a lot of lonely older people)
- For our farmers, and how this dry weather has affected crops and animals.
- Our Church Leaders

Maisie and Phil would like to say a huge thank you for your prayers. Charley is fully recovered from his surgery and now feeding and eating well. thank you!

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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Jess – GCM Coffee Lounge Supervisor.

Darren – Street Teams and Coffee Lounge



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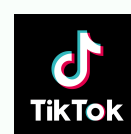
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