

## Events and training

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### Make a Christmas gift: bath bombs

12 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LX, 5 November, 10.30am and 1.30pm A two-hour workshop led by an experienced tutor, where you'll create your own bath bombs with natural ingredients.

<https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/make-a-christmas-gift-bath-bombs>

### Remembrance Sunday County service

Gloucester Cathedral, 10 November, 3pm

A service to honour those who gave their lives in service. Everyone is welcome, and no booking is needed.

<https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/remembrance-sunday-county-service>

### Have your say

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### Nadia Eide presents Winter Light

Christ Church, Malvern Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2JH, 30 November, 7pm Soprano and The Voice UK star, Nadia Eide, brings Winter Light – a Christmas concert for the family.

<https://christchurchcheltenham.com/nadia-eide-presents-winter-light/>

### Faithful generations

Cathedral Green, Gloucester Cathedral, 1 February 2025, 12pm to 4pm

Save the date for this fun and creative afternoon where grandparents and grandchildren can explore Christian faith and spirituality together. There will be prayer spaces, story, activities, dance, interactive worship and more. <https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/faithful-generations-event/>

## Flip flops, lollipops and LIFE Together – A message from Bishop Robert

You may have read elsewhere of my recent ‘Night on the Town’ with the Cheltenham Street Pastors. To be honest I was a little apprehensive. I am not known for my ability to manage late nights or, for that matter, for my love of clubbing – I have been, but it was a long time ago! But... I had the most wonderful time and saw Cheltenham in a very different light.



Come 11pm on a Saturday, Cheltenham is simply full of young people, all dressed in their best party clothes, spending time with friends and embracing life. With them were the Street Pastors who were my hosts for the evening. We had a few years on those going into the clubs, most of us in our 60's and 70's and here too was life.

The Street Pastors are Christians, members of a number of different churches across the town and beyond, committed to living out their faith in living service by giving one night a month to be on the streets between 10pm and 4am, offering loving, practical service with the aid of a dustpan and brush to sweep up broken glass that might otherwise cut young feet, bottles of water for when a little hydration might help, flip flops for when high heels are hard to walk in, and lollipops for a bit of sugar. They also run a safe space, a haven in the middle of the town with a place to sit and the promise of a hot drink. Theirs is a practical and loving service born out of relationship, with Jesus Christ and with the young people who were, when I was present, universally friendly and pleased to see us. As one young woman in her 20's said, having commented that we were a little like her grandparents, ‘I am just so happy you are here, and you care’. We were sharing in life!

That matters. That matters a lot. It matters because life as we all know has indeed great joy and some sadness and both were in evidence. A little later we came across another young woman and her friend. Through tears she shared her sadness with one of the team, and they cared for her with the water and flip flops, and they stayed with her, and then walked with her, as she found her lift home. They stayed and walked with her as Jesus stays and walk with us. This too was indeed life.

My evening was truly inspiring, life affirming and humbling, and I am delighted that the Cheltenham Street Pastors are running their 'Come and See' campaign. It is not by accident that these are words from John 1, the invitation of Philip to Nathaniel to come and see Jesus, and in John 2 to join in a very splendid wedding party, an invitation to find and enjoy life in abundance. 'Come and See' is an invitation for you to share in my experience and explore if this might be part of the way you live out your faith and enjoy the life that God has given us to share with all.

## Faithful Generations workshop – 'What can a grandparent do?'

'What can a grandparent do? A question close to our hearts when we long to share our faith with children of the younger generation, whether they are our familial grandchildren or the children we care for in our churches, schools and wider communities.

You are invited to bring each other to Gloucester Cathedral for a fun and creative afternoon where you can explore Christian faith and spirituality together. There will be prayer spaces, story, activities, dance, interactive worship and more.



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## How to support your community this winter

**Make a difference by donating essential items and thoughtful gifts to those in need over the coming months.**

Here are some local charities that are supporting vulnerable individuals and families this winter, and they need your help through donations.

**Gloucester City Mission** are launching a 'Winter Warming campaign', and they are looking for the following items:

1. Refreshments (long-life milk, jars of hot chocolate and coffee, bags of sugar, cuppa soup, biscuits)
2. Male and female clothing items (specifically jogging bottoms and hoodies)

These items can be donated, either in-person or via post, to either:

- Gloucester City Mission, 72 Eastgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1QN, from Monday to Thursday, 10am to 3.30pm.
- Revive Coffee House, Gloucester, GL1 1PA, from Wednesday to Saturday, 10.30am to 3.30pm.

**Gloucester Foodbank** openly welcomes donations. They have a shopping list of urgently needed items, as well as a range of collection points across Gloucestershire where you can donate. Visit <https://gloucester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.

Cheltenham-based charity **Caring for Communities and People** have launched their Hamper Scamper 2024 Christmas campaign, asking for donations to provide food for families and gifts for children in need, as well as volunteers to wrap gifts and make hampers. Visit <https://ccp-hamper-scamper.raisely.com>.

**Allsorts** charity, which supports disabled children and their families, have asked for donations of Christmas-themed crafts with their Craft-15 Challenge this year. They ask for handmade items made in any way you like, from knitting to woodcraft to model clay. They would like your gifts by 15 November, donated to Third Floor, Brunel Mall, London Road, Stroud, GL5 2BP. Visit <https://allsortsglos.org.uk/join-the-allsorts-craft-15-challenge>.

## Have you got a story that you would like to share?

We are always looking for stories – contact Natalie at [nsansom@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:nsansom@glosdioc.org.uk).