The Bishop's Lent Appeal 2020 will be in support of Glasgow City Mission



WHAT WE DO AT GLASGOW CITY MISSION

We work with adults and children who are vulnerable and disadvantaged in Glasgow, people that are often leading chaotic or difficult lives. We want to help them to break free from their oppressive situations.

That situation may involve: homelessness, addiction, poverty, family breakdown, prostitution, emotional issues, fleeing persecution overseas and now seeking asylum - or maybe all of these.

We do this through our <u>City Centre</u>, <u>Child & Family Centre</u>, and <u>Glasgow Winter Night Shelter</u> projects as Christians who are passionate about the people that look to us for help. We want to share a message of hope and aim to have compassion for these individuals.

OUR ETHOS

The ethos of Glasgow City Mission is the motivation for all our work – it is the reason why we do what we do.

It is to work together to extend Jesus' model of the Kingdom of God on earth by living out a lifestyle of love, truth, justice, mercy and forgiveness, according to his teaching.

We are inspired by the message, life and example of Jesus through which God's unconditional love for all people is expressed. While this ethos is given life through our relationships, the way we work together and behave with one another, both demonstrate and authenticate our beliefs.

This is all rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ and in his love, which compels us to serve others, putting their needs first. When we work together it is this faith which directs and influences our internal relationships as well as our work with those who Glasgow City Mission is seeking to serve. In this way we operate on the understanding that our activities are simply an expression of our faith; that our "doing" derives directly from our "being". There is an essential and indissoluble link between the inner and the outer, the private life and the public face of Glasgow City Mission. The link between who we are and what we do cannot be broken.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

We are Christians who unconditionally value the people we serve. We believe in the living God who loves us and transforms lives. Because of this, we are inspired to share our faith, have compassion and seek justice for people in need. We are Bible based, Jesus centred, Spirit led and dependent on God and the power of prayer.