

SVP Report, 31st March 2016 to 1st April 2017

St.Vincent de Paul Parish. Norden.

History.

The S.V.P. (St Vincent De Paul Society) has been active for many years in our Parish, and we offer help where we can to all who are referred to us, thanks to the support of our members and the help and assistance given by our parish community.

Members.

We now have 14 full members all who have full DBS certificates.

Twelve of us have formal ID cards issued by Head Office.

We have a new secretary and thank Tess for all her work over the years keeping everything in good order and helping Krys with the transition to her new role.

We attend regular meetings, training and support conferences where provided.

We visit those in need and provide material and financial assistance where needed.

We have also received help with transport, donations etc, from Parishioners.

Numbers of people helped.

- 3 Families, on various occasions.
- 16 Elderly, in their own home.
- 16 Elderly, living in Nursing Homes.

We have supplied food vouchers to various families, together with clothing, and furniture from our warehouse.

- A total of 1,034 visits have been made in the last 12 months.
- We have provided transport on 50 occasions, to Mass, hospital/medical appointments and shopping.

“The Mini Vinnies”

The ‘MINI VINNIES’ are still active in St Vincents Primary School.

This introduces children to the Society in a way that encourages them to turn their concerns into action.

Membership is healthy, and the children have again raised money for the Sudan Baby Feeding Programme, selling items at the school Christmas fair.

Highlights of the year.

- December. Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal.
- January. Epiphany party for over 60 elderly Parishioners and people we visit.
- May - Youth Coffee Morning.
- Monthly cooking for the homeless at Leopold Court.
- Food Bank weekly collection for Rochdale Foodbank. A total of 5,187 items averaging 99 items per week.

Finances

Opening balance March 31st 2016: £1,248.92

Income

SVP Box at the back of Church: £1,136.39

Donations:

£153.70: Fr Paul for the Epiphany Party

£405: Minnie Vinnies

£155: to support Leopold Court Mission

£310: SVP Coffee morning

Expenditure

£916.90: Families

£112.32: Leopold Court

£68.13: Care of the elderly

£219.24: Epiphany Party

£635: Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal

£19.96: SVP Magazine

£49.00: Christmas Card

£454.06: SVP Support payment to support the
work of the charity both at home and overseas

Closing balance 31st March 2017 : £200 + (£734.30 held in Central Office)

The Society's Theme **for SVP Awareness Month 2017** was WELCOME THE STRANGER, which highlighted, the lonely, the bereaved, the homeless, and the hungry.

How can you help the SVP ?

- Become a member.
- Tell us of anyone you know who would welcome help or a visit.
- Donate and Gift Aid whenever possible. Envelopes available with the SVP Box.
- Contribute to the Foodbank Collection.
- Pray for the work of the SVP, and those we support.

The SVP Norden Conference would like to thank Father Paul, and all Parishioners, for your on-going, extremely generous support, particularly this last summer following our various appeals. Without your donations we could not continue to support people in need.

Your Local Contact for referrals, or interest in our work.

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