

SVP Report, 31st March 2013.-1st April 2014

St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

History.

The S.V.P. has been active for many years in our Parish, and we are fortunate in that during the last twelve months, our membership has increased. We are now able to visit more people in their own homes and Nursing homes.

Members.

We have 14 full members, 1 auxiliary member . There are 2 potential members awaiting Disclosure and Barring Certificates (DBS, Formerly CRB). In addition, we have one further person who has expressed interest. We have also received help with transport etc, from Parishioners.

We attend regular meetings, visit those in need and provide material and financial assistance where needed.

Numbers of people helped.

- 3 Families, on various occasions.
- 18 Elderly, in their own home.
- 16 Elderly living in Nursing Homes.
- 1 travelling family
- 1 person suffering mental illness, in their own home.

We have supplied food vouchers and fuel grants to various families, together with clothing, and furniture from our warehouse . We have provided at least 58 lifts to Sunday Mass.

- A total of 371 visits have been made in the last 12 months.

Highlights of the year.

- December. Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal.
- January. Epiphany party for 51 elderly Parishioners and people we visit.
- May. Youth Coffee Morning..
- Dec 2013, Opening of the SVP Community shop on Albert Royd St.
- Food Bank weekly collection for Rochdale Foodbank. Averaging 80 items per week.

Income.

- **SVP Box donations. £1,827.27**
- **St. Vincent's School donations. £298.32.**
- **Parish grant towards Epiphany party. £129.13**
- **National Raffle. £45.**
- **Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal. £371.95**
- **Youth Coffee Morning. £157.50.**
- **Specific donation (anonymous) to Food Bank £100**

Total Income. £2,929.1

Expenditure.

- **SVP Support Payments. £531.47 . This is a 20% tithe on our income, which goes to Head Office, to support the charity, Nationally, and Internationally.**
- **Twinnage payment. £100. This is an annual donation to our twinned Parish, St. Josephine Bakhita parish in the Sudan.**
- **Material assistance to those in need £610.00**
- **Christmas biscuits for housebound. £113.38**
- **Epiphany party. £239.95**
- **Youth Coffee morning. £157.50**
- **Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal. £400.**
- **National Raffle. £45**
- **Fund raising materials. £27.30.**
- **Display boards. £36.99**
- **Contribution to support another SVP Conference in Rochdale, who had substantial call on their expenses. £400.**
- **Foodbank Donation. £100.**
- **Donation to cost of repair to Boiler in new SVP Shop. £200.**
- **Donation to hamper, for Raffle at launch of New SVP Shop. £35.**
- **Total expenditure. £2996.59**

Please note, there is an overlap between this, and our last report. We are required to provide Annual reports for the period 1st April-31st March . This will be the case for the future.

The Society's Theme for SVP Awareness Month 2014 is 'CONCERN IS NOT ENOUGH'.

So what can we do to turn concern into action.....?

- Become a member of the SVP.
- Donate and Gift Aid whenever possible. Envelopes available with the SVP Box.
- Contribute to the Foodbank Collection.
- Volunteer to help in the Shop.
- 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 generous support, without which, we could not function.

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

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