SVP Report, 31st March 2015 to 1st April 2016
St.Vincent de Paul Parish. Norden.

History.

The S.V.P. 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 have recently had two of our members retire, after may years of service to the society and a change of President and Treasurer. Thankfully Pam and John are continuing as members.
We are now in possession of formal ID cards issued by Head Office.
We now have 15 full members and 3 new members who are awaiting final clearance from Head Office.
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.
- 4 Families, on various occasions.
- 1 Family urgent response to homelessness
- 15 Elderly, in their own home.
- 12 Elderly living in Nursing Homes
- 1 person suffering mental illness, in supported accommodation.

We have supplied food vouchers to various families, together with clothing, and furniture from our warehouse .
- A total of 880 visits have been made in the last 12 months.
- We have provided transport on 198 occasions, to Mass, hospital/medical appointments and shopping.

Highlights of the year.

Last year the 'MINI VINNIES' began in our parish 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. They have also raised money to provide food for the homeless through a new initiative we are working on with other SVP groups in our district.
- December. Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal.
- January. Epiphany party for over 60 elderly Parishioners and people we visit.
- May. Youth Coffee Morning.
- We have continued our link with Gabriel Court, a unit for single Mums and babies.
- Food Bank weekly collection for Rochdale Foodbank. A total of 4,708 items averaging 70 items per week.

Income:
SVP Box Donations: £2,120.44
Gift Aid refund: £150
Parish Grant towards Epiphany Party: £185
SVP National Raffle: £50
Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal: £500 (including donation from Mini Vinnies)
Youth Coffee morning: £209.26
Total Income £3,214.70

Expenditure:
Material Assistance to those in need in Rochdale: £1,463.83
Epiphany Party: £315
Youth Coffee morning: £300 (rounded up from funds)
Twinnage payment: £120 (This is an annual donation to our twinned parish St. Josephine Bakhita parish in Sudan
Sudan Baby Feeding appeal: £500 (also rounded up)
SVP National Raffle: £50
SVP Support payment: £490.07. This is a 20% tithe on our income, which goes to the Head Office to support the work of the Charity both nationally and internationally
Administration Expenses/Resources. Leaflets, postage: £32
<center>**Total Expenditure: £3,272.90**</center>
Our financial support to families rose again this year by more than £200. Our outgoings exceeded income by £58.20 but we were able to deal with this from current income.

The Society's Theme **for SVP Awareness Month 2016** was WHO CARES, which highlighted, the lonely, the sick, the homeless, and the hungry.
How can you help the SVP ?
- Become a member.
- Donate and Gift Aid whenever possible. Envelopes available with the SVP Box.
- Contribute to the Foodbank Collection.
- Volunteer to help in the furniture store. A number of Parishioners already do this.
- Contact Mike on 0161 653 1840
- 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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