

S V P St Vincent de Paul Society

Frederick Ozanam, beatified by Pope John Paul in Paris in 1997, founded the SVP with fellow students at the Sorbonne in 1833 to witness their Christian faith through helping the sick, lonely and deprived. The society he founded is active today in 153 countries worldwide. It has operated in England for over 150 years and in this Parish since 1910.

In the last twelve months 22 of our beneficiaries have either moved away or sadly died, as have 2 of our former members, and we remember them all in our prayers.

Report of the SVP Conference St Vincent's, Altrincham 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

During this year St Vincent's SVP Conference has:

Made 618 visits & telephone calls, offering help and friendship to 67 beneficiaries in their own homes and Care Homes.

- Provided:
 - Parish newsletters, Easter, Christmas & birthday cards and Christmas presents for beneficiaries.
 - Eleven Friday Clubs in Westleigh, with film shows, bingo and raffles, including a Christmas special for 26 parishioners with entertainment from the Mini Vinnies at St.Vincent's Primary School.
 - Lifts to a Christmas buffet at Loreto with music, bingo and a raffle organised by students in their Youth SVP group.
 - Facilitated lifts to Mass and medical appointments for beneficiaries with mobility issues.
- Given help with:
 - Bills for heating costs on 14 occasions,
 - Help with food/clothing costs on 20 occasions.
 - Help with transport costs on 51 occasions.
 - Purchase of 1 item of furniture for a person in need.

Twinnage

Our Conference is twinned with 7 Conferences in India, Guyana and South Sudan Throughout the past year we have given constant prayerful and financial support to them and communicate with most of them regularly. Because of the continued conflict in Sudan we are unable to get funds to those in need in that country and pray for all those in that troubled country, hopefully establishing twinnage again in the not too distant future. We also continued this year to support the South Sudan Baby Feeding Programme.

We are grateful to Father Jonathan and all the clergy for our regular collections at Mass and contributions in the Church porch box. The support of donors, including again a particularly large donation of £5000, is much appreciated, as are parishioners who give freely of their time to give lifts to Mass for those who need it. For this wonderful generosity and your supportive prayers we pass on not only our sincere thanks but the prayers and good wishes from those who benefit from your kindness and consideration.

Income and Expenditure: April 2024 – March 2025

Opening Balance	£4,928.33	Expenditure	£11,971.40
Income	£13,519.75	Closing Balance	£6,476.67
Total	£18,448.07	Total	£18,448.07

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Member Donations	454.99	Material Assistance to families	1918.00
Parish Collections	4584.39	People living on their own	1655.00
Parish Collection South Sudan	1051.90	Residents in Care Homes	397.92
Church Wall Box Donations	952.04	National Office Support Payments	1320.54
Other Donations	6223.10	District Council Support Payments	635.26
National Raffle	43.33	Support to other SVP Conferences	1850.00
Gift Aid Refunds	210.00	Wirral Support Centre	500.00
TOTAL	13519.75	Twinnage	1500.00
		Twinning Projects South Sudan	1551.90
		Mass Stipends	221.00
		Administration	421.78
		TOTAL	11971.40

How can you help? You can help by joining and enabling us to visit more regularly. Your commitment need not be great and if you think you might be able to assist in any way, however small, please contact:

James Judge: Tel. **0161 941 3498** email: **jamesjudge@talktalk.net**

You can also assist by joining the *lifts to Mass rota* or putting us in contact with people & families who may need help to relieve loneliness, advice or financial assistance. Please tell us of anyone who would like a visit at home, in a Care Home or in hospital or let us know if you think we could help someone in any other way.

Currently we have 8 full and 2 auxiliary members and if you are interested in finding out more about our work please speak to one of us. In the meantime you may find out more about the SVP by visiting the website:

www.svp.org

Thank you again for your generous support which enables us to bring relief to those in need in the Altrincham area and helps to alleviate the wider needs of the World. Please pray for those we seek to help and for your Conference so that, in the words of a Vincentian prayer, we may be *impelled to serve Christ in our neighbour and respond with open hearts to the suffering of others, aware of the depths of our own needs.*

St. Vincent's, Altrincham SVP Conference July 2025.

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