

SVP at St Bernard's Annual report 2022-23

To our supporters we thank
you again and again.



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

Overseas

In the past year we were able
to feed 52 children in South
Sudan for a year.

We gave financial aid to our
two Indian Villages.

The SVP sends funds to
provide essential rations
and meal supplements
at Feeding Centres for
malnourished children.

It costs less than
£150 a year to feed a
baby in the SVP baby
feeding centres at
the Lullugu Centre
near Juba.



At Home

There are at least 300 Homeless
people in the Crawley area. We
supplied Crawley Open House
with 52 new winter grade
Sleeping Bags, 300+ to date.
We supplied food and vouchers
to food banks.

Reaching out

We opened a monthly lunch,
Homemade soup, French
bread and butter, to welcome
anybody from the wider
community to come and have
a chat. Do come, every last
Saturday at noon. Bring a
friend!



These are some of the main areas where with the help of our many supporters we are able to 'make a difference'.

What is it that defines the St Vincent de Paul Society-The SVP.

Well perhaps it can be found in our Logo.

'Turning Concern into Action'

When there are people in need, whether they be Overseas in The SVP England and Wales's chosen territories, such as South Sudan or our Indian villages, or nearer to our homeless at home or simply providing companionship to people on their own, by giving of our time we try to couple **Concern with Action**.

Examples of this being, Our coffee and bacon butties raised about £1000, our Lunches with raffles raised £1200, our Curry and quiz night £1200, our Quarterly Cake sale £800, Music with cream tea raised £1500 and there were many more including Jazz in the Garden. All in all we together with you raised over £13,000 to help others.

Many of you have attended these events and we think all will agree that while they are great fun and very enjoyable we know that many less fortunate are also being helped.

What do we need to expand this work ?

Well it's simple really, most of our fund raising has been designed to offer something in return and to bring our wider parish and local communities together. To expand this process we need people who can give a little time and imagination to help us touch more people in need.

We meet on the first Tuesday at 7:30 pm at St Bernard's Hall each month for about 2 hours, in the certain knowledge that:

***In the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:
“Where two or three are gathered together
in my name there am I in the midst of them.”***

Our meetings begin with prayer followed by a period of spiritual discussion, centred on thoughts and questions put to us by Fr Padraig our chaplain.

While the focus of all we try to do is to help those in need there is, while we engage in our current and future activities, a great sense of fun and camaraderie among us whenever we meet.

We are 14 people in a group known as a SVP Conference, of which there are over 800 in England and Wales. You know us all but here are our names:

Enrique Valles President, Jenny Wilson Secretary, Fr Padraig Regan our Chaplain, Liam Bauress, Austin Bowers, Mike Butcher, Nicky Daines, Denise Doolan, Mary Goodwin, Mike Goodwin, Frank Lilley, Lala Michalef, , Angeline Rosner, Bernard Sumner.

Please do give some thought to joining us, you can do as little or as much as your personal commitments allow, and help us:

‘Turn Concern into Action’

Just approach any one of us or simply turn up on any First Tuesday and join in at one of our meetings, you will be most welcome as will your participation.

Let us all remember the words of our dear Fr Len Turner

***‘You can’t help everybody
but be sure to help somebody’***