

THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL (SVP)

Here in the parish we have an active SVP group comprising eight full members who meet in the Sunshine Room on a monthly basis.

Six members visit 12 people at home or in residential care, with one member providing lifts to church for a couple of people

One member volunteers at the Trussel Trust Food Bank and Pantry. Two members volunteer at the Irenaeus Centre at 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, helping with the food cupboard and offering refreshments and a chat to those who call in there.

Another member shops, cooks, and serves meals at a parish hub. One member volunteers at a local school, assisting primary school children with their reading. Another member makes weekly visits to prison to meet and talk with prisoners.

On the first weekend of the month the SVP collect money after the Mass on Saturday night/Sunday morning and distribute donations on a quarterly basis

for the following needs: Vinnie Packs (cold weather essentials for homeless people), Christopher Grange residential care home for the visually impaired), the SVP Hardship Fund, St. Nicholas' Boys Camp and the parish of St. James. Consideration is also given to needy local causes on an individual basis. There is the intention to trial the use of a card reader as an alternative to cash donations in the near future.

If anyone would like to join the parish SVP in this good work please contact Linda Ainsworth on 924 7712 or the parish priest, Father John on 928 3456.