

ST JOSEPH'S SVP CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT 2019



The Parish **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** has 14 members, 6 of whom are auxiliaries who don't attend meetings but visit and / or assist the Conference in various ways. One member, a past President of Leeds Rotary, has continued to raise the profile of St Vincent's Support Centre in Leeds with Rotarians. The result of this much valued work has been contributions to the foodbank and a cash donation of £5,500 in August. Needless to say this has been highly appreciated.

Throughout 2019 SVP members regularly visited 12 clients either in their own homes, in care homes or in hospital. Members also support clients who are wheelchair users on shopping and social outings.

Our Conference usually meets on the **first Monday of the month**
(with the odd exception) **at 7pm in the Undercroft.**

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED & MOST WELCOME

Members attend the St Vincent's AGM, as well as district council meetings during the year. We also keep in regular contact with the Support Centre in York Road, Leeds and would urge parishioners to donate clothes, books, bric a brac and food. Unwanted furniture and white goods will also be collected from donors by **St Judes Furniture Store** who can be contacted by telephone on **0113 245 0800.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Opening balance : £320.83

Income : £3,583.33 which includes:

- Members donations: £86.25
- Non-Members donations: £447.00
- Church collections: £2,610.72
- National SVP raffle: £25
- Leeds Childrens' Camp Raffle: £80
- Gift Aid contribution: £13.53

Expenditure : £3,297.83

- Material assistance to families: £1,807.50
- Assistance to elderly in own homes: £524.05
- Homeless: £35
- Others in need: £30
- Contribution to Mini Vinnies Westminster Mass: £100
- SVP Support: £526.28
- National Raffle: £45
- Twinnage (Support to SVP in India): £150
- Leeds Childrens' Camp: £80.00

Our conference is very grateful for all contributions but especially so to the parishioners whose unfailing generosity and kindness, enables us to give help where it is so badly needed. **WE GIVE OUR THANKS.** We must also acknowledge that we are blessed with our thriving Youth SVP and Mini Vinnies. This is surely a good omen for the future.

THE YEAR IN BRIEF

The **Youth SVP** and **Mini Vinnies** coffee morning in May raised £100 for the **Bambisanani Project in Africa**.

The **SVP District Council Meeting** was held in March at the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Likewise the June meeting was attended in Otley. Also the **Requiem Mass for Albert Maher** was attended by members at SS Peter & Paul, Sandal.

The **SVP BBQ** satisfied many appetites in July!

Again the **SVP Sponsored Walk** from St Joseph's Wetherby was well attended by the parish in September. The heavy rainfall did not help but all survived! During the month we also had our **Annual Lunch** at the Cornmill for the housebound and for those who had experienced a challenging year.

In September, the wonderful total of £867.41 was raised from the parish for **Aid to the Church in Need**.

In December, a parishioner, sang in the Trinity Centre in Leeds in support of the **SVP "Singathon"** event. He also kindly performed at our **Christmas Party** on December 15th.

Again, our **THANKS** go to the good people of our parish **FOR YOUR** continued generous support. We also acknowledge and give **thanks** for the support of **past SVP members**.

God Bless us all,

Chris Hirst

President, St. Joseph's SVP