

SVP Awareness Month – A summary of our first year

We were formally registered by the Society of St.Vincent de Paul in May 2018, with 9 full members and a number of volunteer members. We meet fortnightly throughout the year, alternating between St.Paul's church hall and the presbytery at St.Mary's.

In the first year we have raised funds by appeals and regular donations in our churches. This money is used for the benefit of our clients. We have made successful appeals for toiletries and items for the local foodbanks.

Our members visit sick and elderly parishioners in their homes and in Care homes, needy families in the parish, and hospitals. We provide transport to health care facilities, church and shops for those who do not have the means or mobility to travel independently.

In St.Mary's school a Mini-Vinnies group of about 30 pupils has been started, supported by the SVP group. The Mini-Vinnies are keen to help by making Christmas cards, organising parties and singing for SVP clients.

The SVP has made important contacts with external organisations with similar or complementary objectives to our own. These include: Christians against Poverty, Befriending Monmouthshire, Citizens Advice, Dewis Cymru and the local foodbanks. We also have links to the Lydney SVP.

On behalf of the SVP we would like to thank you for your generosity in collections and the SVP boxes.

A special Thank You to Fr.Michael for his encouragement and support.

Looking ahead, we will continue to expand our membership. We are always looking for opportunities to help those in need.

Please continue to pray for our work in the community.

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