



St Vincent de Paul Society
(England & Wales)

In our parish the St Vincent de Paul Society – more commonly known as the SVP - helps a range of individuals and families including prisoners and ex-offenders, care home residents, asylum seekers, refugees and people with mental health issues. We offer practical support, for example, replacement of domestic equipment or furniture, transport to hospital appointments, a day out for families in the summer holidays, food parcels at Christmas. We also offer emotional support e.g. providing friendship and someone to talk to for those who can't visit family and friends or supporting a single parent. The SVP was instrumental in the setting up of PeterCares in our parish in response to the Covid 19 pandemic.

We are part of the international St Vincent de Paul Society, founded in 1833, with 800,000 members in 153 countries worldwide. The Society is named after St Vincent de Paul whose work to help the poor and hungry inspires SVP members to this day.

Our local SVP group welcomes (subject to safeguarding checks and training) new volunteers who are able to offer their time. Donations are always welcome to support our work locally- in 2019/20 we spent over £7500 supporting our beneficiaries- 124 individuals or families in total.

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