

# Here for you

## Could the SVP help you?



Dear Friends,

In our parish the St Vincent de Paul Society – more commonly known as the SVP - helps a range of individuals and families including care home residents, prisoners, refugees and people feeling isolated. Did you know? We have been active in this parish for over 100 years!

We offer practical support, for example, replacement of domestic equipment for a family in need, 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.

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 can offer their time. Donations are always welcome to support our work locally- in 2023/24 we spent over £6000 supporting our beneficiaries- more than 150 individuals or families in total.

If you'd like to know more about SVP, or interested in joining our wonderful team of volunteers, we'd love to hear from you.

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**Last year we served over 36,000 people and families in food banks across England and Wales**

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