



St. Mary Magdalen's & St. Teresa's
St Vincent de Paul Society
(England & Wales)



Conference D200204

SVP c/o St. Teresa's Presbytery, 34 Queensway, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 0DS

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH 2025

Following the example of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the SVP has been providing support for those in need in Penwortham for 64 years.

Our current conference is comprised of 20 members (including Associate Members) and during 2025, we have made over 4,000 visits, offering a listening ear, taking out communion to the housebound and those in Nursing Homes, providing financial support where needed and assisting with housing issues.

Listed below are some of the additional things we have provided this year:

Organised a 'Retreat and Fun Day' for our primary schools, St. Mary Magdalen and St Teresa, for the youngest arm of the SVP known as the 'Minie Vinnies', to show our appreciation of their good work and to encourage them to go on to join the thriving Youth SVP Group at All Hallows, who do so much to help the parish, the homeless and others in need

Arranged a retreat day to Ladyewell for parishioners

Supported a refugee family in finding a home and sourcing essential furniture, food and other necessities

Arranged a Mass for the Sick with a tea party afterwards and transport provided where necessary

Provided a Christmas lunch for the elderly and housebound providing transport if needed

Financial support for 7 young people to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes

Financial support for a young person to attend the Youth Conclave in Rome

Distributed winter packs to the homeless (hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries)

Provided a computer, and other items to the unemployed and sleeping bags to the homeless.

Financially supported Bishop Habila who is the Spiritual Adviser of our Conference and an Associate Conference Member

Organised a Community Concert to raise funds for our conference

Provided and distributed Christmas Hampers

Extended our support to our twinned SVP conferences in India and South Sudan



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Donated funds to the South Sudan Emergency Appeal

Donated funds to an SVP conference in Nigeria to support their 'Meals for Children' project

Supported the 'Knit a Bit' group which has made lots of garments for local and international causes

Several members of our Conference also volunteer at the Metanoia Project at St Wilfrid's which provides meals, food and clothing for the homeless of Preston. Our Youth SVP are also very active in raising money and clothes for the project.

We are part of an international organisation, and we attend meetings and training sessions to better equip us to respond appropriately to every need and request for help.

This year the conference is particularly pleased to have been the driving force behind the introduction of a National Programme to promote the Miraculous Medal. St Mary Magdalen's Primary School trialled the programme which will now be rolled out to all Conferences throughout the country.

All this is only possible because of your very kind and generous support and donations and we are very grateful.

We are also very grateful to Father Ian for allowing us to have regular collections at Mass and supporting us in all that we do.

A special mention goes to our Youth SVP group at All Hallows who do so much. Different year groups collect food and/or clothes for Metanoia. They run a monthly hot chocolate stand to raise funds, they take part in the Community Concert to raise conference funds, and they perform at the Christmas lunch for the elderly and also volunteer as servers. They also visit the nursing homes to sing for the residents at Christmas and Easter.

Please note that anyone can donate to the SVP at any time through the parish and gift aid can be claimed if details are provided by the giver.

If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit or some help please contact us through the presbytery or ring Tim – 0758 183 5456 or Lynn – 0795 202 9256. All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence.

We always welcome new members to assist us with our work and if you would like to join us please ring one of the numbers above.

Thank you again for your support.