

## Final prayer at an SVP meeting:

O Lord, support us all the day long,  
until the shadows lengthen and the  
evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed and the  
fever of life is over,  
and our work is done.  
Then, Lord, in your mercy,  
grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest,  
and peace at the last.  
Amen.

*St John Henry Newman*

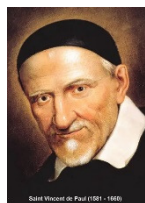
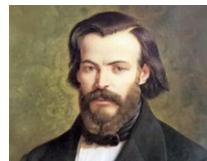


St Vincent  
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

The Society of St Vincent de Paul was founded in Paris in 1833, by a group of Catholic students led by **Blessed Frédéric Ozanam** who were challenged to put their faith into action and did so through direct contact with and assistance to the poor.



They were inspired by the work and teachings of **St Vincent de Paul**, a priest of the 1600s, who abandoned a profitable career at the French Court, in favour of working with the marginalised and forgotten poor.

**Frédéric's** group placed itself under St Vincent de Paul's patronage.

In a few years, the organisation had grown in numbers, and spread to other countries.

By 1844, the first SVP Conference of Charity had formed in England and Wales.

Today, the SVP has over 800,000 members in more than 150 countries across the world.

The work is undertaken by ordinary people, who feel called to turn concern into practical action and help to alleviate poverty in all its forms



**St Vincent de Paul  
Society**

**in**

**Good Shepherd Parish**

## WHAT WE DO

We visit the elderly, the sick and the lonely at home, in care homes and in hospital.  
We transport and we shop for people.

We support families and individuals with food vouchers, food bank referrals, carpets, white goods, furniture, beds and bedding, TVs etc.

We support refugees and asylum seekers with items such as clothing, sewing machines, wheelchairs, walkers, bicycles, food vouchers. Please look out for Newsletter appeals for help needed with some of the requests we receive.

We run a Welcoming Space where we provide: soup, hot and cold drinks, fruit, cold meats, cakes, biscuits, newspapers; help with form filling and job seeking; technical support for mobile phones and tablets; emotional support.

We appeal successfully to various agencies and Trusts for grants to fund our Welcoming Space.

We manage referrals for financial help, and help with debt management.

We have helped with funding for parish trips and meals for those who might not otherwise have been able to attend.

We provide financial support to two SVP Conferences in poorer parts of India and we have taken on a project to build a house for a needy family in India.

## CONTACT US

We are always happy to receive new members if you are interested in joining us...

...or you could become a Friend of the SVP, if you can offer your assistance in other ways: we often need PAT testing on electrical items which have been donated, or assistance with transporting furniture etc...

...or you could become an Auxiliary Member to help out in our Welcoming Space on the Monday rota

Contact Sue on 07565 315068 for details about joining us and leave a message with your name and contact details.

If you know of anyone who may need our help please leave a request in an envelope at the Parish Office or email: [svpgoodshepherdmadeley@outlook.com](mailto:svpgoodshepherdmadeley@outlook.com)



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## DONATE

You can donate in the following ways:  
**After Mass at our collection or using the donation tablet at the back of St. Mary's**

or

**Electronically:** Bank Account details are:

F180604 Parish of the Good Shepherd

Sort Code: 60-60-04

Account No: 46077928

Type of Account: Business

Please include your name as the Reference on the bank transfer.

or

**in the available envelope**

send it to the Parish Office or place in the collection at Mass.

Cheques to  
F180604 Parish of the Good Shepherd are welcome.

**If you are a UK Taxpayer,**

SVP can add 25% to your donation through Gift Aid.

If you have previously signed a Gift Aid form for SVP, we will not need a new one.

If you have not previously signed a Gift Aid form please fill in the form with the envelope,

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