

September – Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Awareness Month

From 6th September to 27th September, the Feastday of St Vincent de Paul, we celebrate SVP Awareness Month, recognising the work of all our Society volunteers in our own parish, nationally and internationally. It also gives us the opportunity to demonstrate the importance of our work particularly in these challenging times.

Over the past 18 months our parish volunteers have risen to the challenge, finding new ways to support anyone in need while visiting has not been possible, maintaining contact by telephone and mail. We have continued to support anyone who has needed transport to appointments, making outdoor visits to care homes and providing Christmas food hampers to families in need in our parish. We also continue to support our twinned parishes in Kerala and Sudan.

Our conference(group) has continued to meet regularly via Zoom and on 6th September we had our first in person socially distanced meeting.

Some of our members have undertaken training provided by the SVP Knowledge Hub particularly in relation to 'end of life care' which better equips us to provide appropriate support to those we visit and their families.

Our annual appeal for funds will be made in both churches on the weekend of 9th and 10th October.

You will be able to donate on entering or leaving the churches, a bucket will be provided

or

if you prefer via online donations to our parish SVP account St Paul and St Lawrence Parish

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Supporting the SVP Awareness month by your prayer and donations means you are part of this movement supporting those most vulnerable in our parish community

Thank you for your continuing Support.

Sally Watson President St Paul and St Lawrence SVP Conference