



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

Thanks

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) CONFERENCE D200611

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Dear Parishioner

You may be aware of our SVP appeals at church, so what keeps our conference busy?

Our **vision** is for individuals and families who are in any form of need to have hope, together with a sense of dignity, worth and peace of mind.

Our **mission** is to seek and find those in need of help in a spirit of justice and to tackle causes of poverty where we can.

Our conference serves the areas covered by Holy Family, St Ambrose Barlow and St Gabriel's and we are part of a national and International organization founded by Blessed Fredrick Ozanam 233 years ago.

Your support for our work has been vital in enabling us to continue to help people in need in the community and is greatly appreciated by all those whose lives have been touched by your kindness and generosity.

How have you helped people in need?

Let's start at the end.

Picture a family in need getting supermarket vouchers from us via our schools and with other support we can give.

Picture a family or individual leaving the Atherton and Leigh Foodbank with shopping bags of food. One less worry!

Picture a homeless person leaving Barnabus Homeless Charity in Manchester with dry clothes and a sleeping bag or some new clothes for a job opportunity.

Picture a family getting beds or white goods for a home without these essentials.

Picture a prisoner with worn out shoes getting trainers bought by us and supplied through the prison chaplaincy.

Yes, your generosity enables us to supported people in
need with your donations.

Also don't forget, you gave people **HOPE** that they are not forgotten and someone cares about them.

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How have we helped people in need?

In the year ending March 2026 we helped 6 families, 5 elderly in their own home, 6 elderly in residential care homes, one in hospital and 5 others.

We visited or telephoned 218 elderly at home, 285 elderly in residential care, and made 24 hospital visits..

This help and visiting has continued throughout this year and we continue our work:-

Distributing food vouchers where needed.

Helping school pupils and their families where needed.

Collecting food weekly at church and delivering it to Atherton and Leigh Foodbank.

Providing lifts to church and hospital visits.

Collecting your weekly donations at church for the homeless and getting them to Barnabus Homeless Street Charity in Manchester.

That's 120 bags of new and used clothes, 25 backpacks and 70 sleeping bags since Spring which really helps meet their needs.

Supporting prison chaplains who support prisoners where no other help is available.

Twinning with overseas parishes less fortunate than ourselves.

We support the ladies meeting at St Ambrose church hall on the second Thursday of the month for tea and a chat and likewise meet with a men's group each Wednesday at 12.30pm at the Boundary Stone. All are welcome to attend.

We have a retiring church collection on the first Sunday of each month and this is our main financial support.

All contacts are treated confidentially and we comply with data protection. Our visiting members are DBS checked

We welcome interest from those who would wish to join our conference.

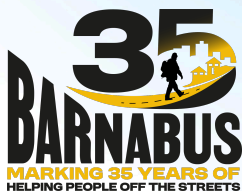
We meet monthly on a Thursday after mass at Holy Family Community Hall. Ring us on 07566725590 for more information.

On behalf of our conference members and those we support I want to thank you for your support.

May God bless your generosity.

John McKenna

Conference President.



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