



St Vincent
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Turning Concern into Action

St Joseph's St Vincent de Paul Newsletter

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Welcome

My name is Anne Guest. I am the President of the St Joseph's SVP conference. We are part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to providing practical assistance to people in need. This support takes a multitude of forms. For example in collaboration with the Bridge Church we support the homeless of Neath at a breakfast club every Saturday morning; we visit and or phone people who are isolated or lonely, we accompany people shopping or collect prescriptions; in the spring of 2023 we are going to run warm hall afternoons with bottomless refreshments, fun and games and film screenings.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan

In the summer all the conferences in Menevia were invited to attend the annual SVP mass in the shrine of Our lady of the Taper. We stopped for a delicious Sunday lunch on the way, arriving in good time for mass lead by Fr Mansel Usher, who is the diocese SVP spiritual advisor. After mass there were refreshments in the church hall and a chance to catch up with people from other parts of Menevia.

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Ways in which the SVP is responding to the cost of living crisis

In the summer the St Benedict's Conference (Sketty) organised a sponsored walk along the sea front, raising an impressive



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£1250 for the South Sudan Baby Feeding Project. Click [here](#) to find out more about Twinning projects in South Sudan.

Saints David and Patrick Conference opened their 'warm bank' five weeks ago in the church hall in Haverfordwest. This collaborative project is led by the SVP and this week 20 beneficiaries enjoyed a warm welcome along with refreshments and good conversation. St Joseph's conference (Neath) will be running a series of 'warm hall events' including Cinema Afternoons with bottomless refreshments. There will also be fun and games sessions, raffles and soup and a roll lunches.

The Road to Christmas advent calendar.

The SVP Membership Team have compiled an online advent calendar featuring thoughts and reflections from each Central Council in England and Wales. Menevia is day 8. Click [here](#) to access the calendar.



The Gift of kindness

This year's SVP Christmas appeal is called the Gift of Kindness. Donations will be used to provide compassionate services such as befriending, a warm meal in a heated hall, food parcels, warm winter packs, as well as advice on managing debt and mental health, to help cope with the anxiety the current financial climate inevitably brings.

[Give the Gift of Kindness this Christmas \(svp.org.uk\)](http://svp.org.uk)

Donate today to give the gift of kindness

Whether it's a piece of furniture for a child's bedroom, an emergency food parcel for a hungry family, or tea and a slice with a lonely person, you can be sure that your donation will turn into the perfect gift for someone in need. And right now every £1 donated will be doubled, giving twice the kindness. With the cost of living rising, more people need our support than ever.

So please be as generous as you can.



Could you help?

We aim to meet every other Sunday in the church hall after 10.30 am Mass. If you would like to know more about the work we do or know someone who could benefit from support please get in touch. We would warmly welcome new members, either full or auxiliary.

Donations of good quality trainers or warm coats (M/S sizes) are welcome. We also provide toiletry packs containing a bar of soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, pants and wipes to up to 20 beneficiaries each Saturday.

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