

St Vincent de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

What is SVP?

The St Vincent de Paul Society, or SVP for short, is part of an international Christian organisation dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance and support to people in need.

Our Patron, Saint Vincent de Paul, lived through many difficult times but always found hope in those around him who shared his vision and were inspired by his leadership. In the challenging times we live in we are reminded more than ever of his immense and enduring legacy and how he inspired people to find strength to keep going in the face of adversity and inspired others to provide help and support according to their ability and driven by faith.

The SVP Mission

We all know people in our community who are facing adversity – the sick, lonely, vulnerable and housebound. Our SVP volunteer members aim to fulfil the SVP mission by providing these people with support and comfort.

The SVP in Storrington

The SVP in Storrington is a small group of volunteer parishioners in the Catholic Parish of

Storrington, based at the Church of Our Lady of England (pictured left) and who set out to provide help and support to anyone in need in the Parish and locality. This support includes regularly visiting them at their home, in Hospital or a Care Home and can sometimes include the provision of food,



Join the SVP in Storrington

Would you like to become an SVP Member? You could work with us in whatever way you can – whether it is shopping, phoning someone for a chat, spending time on the phone rescheduling hospital appointments or carrying out practical work around their home. Even if you spent just an hour every once in a while, you would be supporting the SVP to bring comfort and support to others.

We are a small team and we need your assistance now, possibly more than ever. The number of people requiring our support has been increasing and is likely to increase further. There are many in our parish that are short of food, who are lonely, who struggle with financial hardship or are facing their own health issues or those of a loved one.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact John Bell by email to <u>john.bell.svp@btinternet.com</u> or mobile on 07745 807155.

How to support the SVP in Storrington

If becoming a member of the Storrington SVP is not for you, we would be very grateful of whatever donations you could make. All our members are unpaid volunteers but we always need funding to support our activities. Donations can be made in a number of ways -

- By Bank transfer
 - Our Bank Account number is 4608316
 - Our Bank Sort Code is 60-60-04
- By cheque
 - Please make cheques out to -
 - o Send them to -

Storrington SVP Storrington SVP c/o 2 St Johns, Fern Road, Storrington, West Sussex RH20 4LW

- By leaving us a bequest in your will -
 - Please make the bequest to Storrington SVP Conference

Number - A010410

• By Gift Aid -

- If you are a tax payer, you can boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed from the tax you pay for the current tax year.
- \circ $\,$ Please access the SVP web site at
 - svp.org.uk/donate
 - Fill in the Gift Aid declaration form and confirm you wish to donate to Storrington SVP – Conference No A010410

We also hold fundraising events from time to time and we would appreciate your support on these occasions.

Finally, we would be very grateful if you were to remember us, and all those we support, in your prayers.

How do we spend your donations?

In the 12 months from April 2023 to March 2024, we helped people in need by means of cost-of-living assistance, maintenance costs, Lourdes helper assistance, food, clothing, and accommodation costs. Funds allocated to these purposes were over £1000. We are entirely dependent on donations and If we collect more we can distribute more.

How can you contact us?

If you wish to find out more about the SVP in Storrington, if you need our help or if you know of someone else who might need our help, please contact either Anita Mosely or Adrian Radford on the following: -

anita.moseley@btinternet.com (Mobile 07415 870591) or <u>a-radford@clara.co.uk</u> (Mobile 07738 102679)