



ST COLUMBA'S S.V.P. CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER 2023

We thank our parishioners and Father Michael for the great support you continue to give us. We have ten members plus one auxiliary member.

This report tells you what we have been able to do during the period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023 and how money has been spent.

During the year we have carried out many visits to people, especially those elderly and vulnerable, in their own homes, Nursing homes and residential care homes. We have also given practical help with furniture, clothes and electrical appliances to needy families. This included helping a man referred to us by Bradford SVP who on release from prison, had been sent to approved lodgings in Bradford. We helped with groceries and purchase of an iron.

We delivered gifts at Christmas and Easter to approx. 45 people, plus monetary help to families.

Several members also give lifts to church and medical appointments when required, plus shopping for the housebound every week. We have donated baby clothes etc to needy families and held a Coffee morning in aid of SVP Youth which raised £305.

Several members raised £951 in a Sponsored Walk to raise money for St Vincent's Centre in Leeds which helps many people with food, Debt Advice and legal queries etc. The Sponsor money came mainly from yourselves and we are very grateful for your generosity. One of our members organises and helps deliver Church bulletins together with the Missalettes, Gospel reading and Father's Reflection for the current Sunday, to 25 housebound people every week.

INTERNATIONAL HELP: we give financial help every year to our twinned conference in the Sudan. We also fund 10 students in India to complete their Technical Vocational Training over the course of 3 years.

Total number of visits in the year 885 (inc. repeat visits)

Income and Expenditure to 31 March 2023

Income

Members Donations	£557.87
Non members Donations) Plus Church collections)	1231.86
Fundraising (various)	438.36

Expenditure

Family and Elderly	£745.70
Youth Camp	230.00
Twinnage (Total)	470.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
Support payts. to Nat. Office	339.44
Disaster Funds/Food bank	400.00
Helping prisoners at Christmas	50.00
Stationery	6.85

TOTAL **£2228.09**

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