

St Georges SVP – Annual Report to the Parish 2024

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No. of active members = 9

Beneficiaries

We currently have 49 beneficiaries (this includes 11 families at St George's Primary School).

Visits

During the twelve months to 30/9/24 we have done 412 visits to Nursing and Residential Homes and 144 Own Home visits.

Time on visits

The time spent on visiting in the twelve months is 433 hours. In addition, other SVP duties amount to 216 hours and a further 56 hours on SVP events.

This is a summary of our work throughout the last twelve months

Children at Christmas 2023

We helped 11 families (13 children) at St George's Primary School. Cost £650.

Other gifts throughout the year

We also remember our beneficiaries at Christmas, Easter and Birthdays throughout the year with greeting cards and small gifts. Cost £349.

Food Vouchers for Families

We have provided supermarket food vouchers for families during the year. Cost £800.

Mass of Anointing and Social

Last May we held a Mass of Anointing for the sick of the parish at St George's Church followed by a social event at The Victoria Hotel. Everyone had a very enjoyable day. Cost £416.

Outing to Hutton le Hole

In September we arranged a coach trip to Hutton le Hole for parishioners. Fish and chips at The Crown Inn followed by a visit to Ryedale Folk Museum. Once again, we were blessed with brilliant weather and 35 parishioners including 6 SVP members enjoyed a wonderful day.

Cost £1,527 (but as it was a joint event the cost was shared 50/50 with the Parish).

Summer Camps

During the Summer months we provided funds to enable 2 Primary School children to attend Summer Camp. Cost £700.

Also, we assisted our Central Council to send a child to Peat Rigg Summer Camp. Cost £350.

Cost of Living Fund

Just prior to last Christmas we were successful in obtaining funding from the SVP Cost of Living Fund to enable us to purchase a new gas oven for someone who would otherwise have been without cooking facilities over the Christmas period. Cost £400 (but covered by grant received)

Working with Others

We have recently begun to work in collaboration with other Charities in York as follows:

Restore York Ltd – Providing carpets and slow cookers for rehoused families. Cost £875. Also help with Restore Christmas Party 2023. Cost £150

Carecent – Christmas and Easter gifts and bank holiday special breakfast for homeless people. Cost £306

We have also delivered a number of food items to Carecent and during the Winter months warm clothing items to give to those in need. (Items kindly donated and delivered to Carecent by St George's parishioners)

Our work is not just in this country though:

Regular Twinnage

We continue to support our two twinned conferences in Kerala, India. Cost £300. We send regular amounts via our Twinnage Head Office and are in correspondence with them. We also always remember to pray for them at our conference meetings.

So, how do we finance all of this?

A big THANK YOU to all our benefactors. We have had very generous donations from parishioners during the twelve months and also our own members' collections. Gift Aid on many of these donations has enabled us to reclaim tax, which is a very good source of income. We are also part funded from the church "poor box."