St George's SVP - Report at September 2025

No. of active members = 11

Beneficiaries

We currently have 42 beneficiaries (this includes 9 families at St George's Primary School).

Visits

During the twelve months to 30/9/25 we have done 529 visits to Nursing and Residential Homes and 104 Own Home visits.

Time on visits

The time spent on visiting in the twelve months is 425 hours. In addition, other SVP Admin. duties amounted to 208 hours and a further 141 hours on SVP events.

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

Children at Christmas 2024

We helped 9 families (11 children) at St George's Primary School. Cost £550.

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 £301.

Food Vouchers for Families (including Refugees)

We have provided supermarket food vouchers for families during the year. Cost £680.

Refugees

During the year we helped one refugee family to set up home in York and another family to move to another town as they were experiencing extreme abuse both physical and verbal. Cost £296.

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 Phoenix. A wonderful event enjoyed by all. Cost £387.

Outing to Hornsea and Beverley

In September we arranged a coach trip to Hornsea for parishioners. Fish and chips at Whiteheads went down very well. Then on to Beverley for a look around this pleasant market town. A number of us went to look around Beverley Minster which was very impressive. Then just time for an ice cream or coffee before heading home over the Wolds. Once again, we were blessed with fine, dry weather and 41 parishioners including 6 SVP members enjoyed a wonderful day.

Cost £1,203 (but as it was a joint event the cost was shared 50/50 with the Parish).

Summer Camps

We helped our SVP Central Council to send 2 children to Peat Rigg Summer Camp. Cost £760.

Working with Others

We continue to work in collaboration with other Charities in York as follows:

Restore York Ltd – Helped with their Christmas Party 2024. Cost £116.

Carecent – Christmas and Easter gifts and bank holiday special breakfast for homeless people. Cost £176

Also assistance with the cost of Laundry at the Centre £700.

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 always remember to pray for them at our conference meetings.

South Sudan Appeal

Last December, we sent a donation via SVP Twinnage to Sudan to help to alleviate the extreme poverty and famine in this country. Cost £500.

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 funded from the church "poor box."

Each year we take part in the SVP National Raffle and although these funds are sent initially to head office we do receive some of it back again.