



St Vincent de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

SVP St James's Spanish Place, 22 George Street, London W1U 3QY

As a fellow member of the local Marylebone community, we are looking for your help.

Since 1994, we have been hosting a soup run twice per week, providing 75-90 meals per run to the homeless and those in need. Not only does this provide sustenance, but also allows us to engage those in the community who are less fortunate, to potentially assist in other ways. Below is a quick summary of our impact:

- ~9,000 meals served per year, ~150,000 meals served over the course of the project;
- Every year at Christmas, we provide £25 gift vouchers to approximately 170 people. The vouchers are used to purchase clothing, sleeping bags, tents and hygienic items; and
- Positive Impact on over 10,000 people since inception.

Our current challenges:

- **Reliability of food donations** – we rely on local grocers, fast food chains and restaurants to donate leftover hot meals, sandwiches, baked goods, fruit, and other items at the end of their day – perfectly good food that would otherwise go to waste. However, since the pandemic, local chains have been reducing the amount of stock in-store, to cut costs associated with food wastage. As a result, there are fewer reliable sources of food donations.
- **The cost of living crisis has hit those in need and homeless hardest** – We see the direct impact of the cost of living crisis on this community via our soup runs and further outreach. This Christmas, we anticipate need for over 100 thermals, underwear and winter coats, far more than in recent past.

How you can help:

- 1) **Pledge to donate food items on an ongoing basis:** We have a need for the following items on an ongoing basis:
 - a. Sandwiches
 - b. Hot meals
 - c. Soup
 - d. Baked goods
 - e. Fruit
 - f. Coffee (ground beans) and Teabags

- g. Disposable containers, cutlery, clingfilm, and napkins
- 2) **Donate funds:** Which would be used to provide gift vouchers to the homeless/needy and purchase food in bulk quantities. We accept cash and bank transfer donations, and always welcome Gift Aid (see attached sheet).

Bank Transfer Details:

Account Name: A220108 SVP ST JAMES – SPANISH PLACE
Sort code: 60-60-04
Account Number: 46079858

- 3) **Donate your time:** We meet Tuesday and Friday at 5:30pm in the basement of St James's Roman Catholic Church to collate all the food items and distribute to those in need, and can always use more active volunteers.

We look forward to discussing how your active involvement can help shape and drive our community forwards.

Sincerely,

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Gift Aid Declaration Form

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the SVP from the tax you pay for the current tax year.

Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

Gift Aid declaration *(Please tick below to indicate your agreement)*

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ _____ made on ____/____/____ and any donations I make in the future to the St Vincent de Paul Society England and Wales (SVP). I understand that the SVP will reclaim 25p for every £1.00 I donate. I am a UK taxpayer and if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in any tax year it is my responsibility to pay the difference.

Please tick this box if you are a UK taxpayer and agree to this declaration.

Your details

Title	First name	Surname
Home address		
Address line 2		
Address line 3		
Town		
Post code		

If your donation is for an SVP Conference, please give details below

Conference name	SVP ST JAMES – SPANISH PLACE
Town	London
SVP reference no (if known)	A220108

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