



## The Young Vincentians Team St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales)

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*“Do not limit your vision any longer to yourself, but see the Lord around you and in you, ready to put his hand to the work as soon as you ask for his help. You will see that all will go well.” St Vincent de Paul*

Dear Mini Vinnies, Vincentian Coordinators and Headteachers

### Happy Summer Holidays!

We hope despite all the recent disruption and difficulties that you will be able to thoroughly enjoy a well-earned break over the coming weeks/months. We here at SVP National Office have also been disrupted greatly, however, we can only rejoice at the new skills and opportunities afforded us due to everything that is occurring. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all back come September but, in the meantime, we have tried to prepare a few more resources and competitions for you to engage with over the summer months.

### How Will Charity and Mini Vinnies Be Changing Due to COVID-19

We know that as the new school year approaches, we will need to adapt and grow in order to meet the challenges of a post-lockdown Britain, both in how we go about our work and the need that we encounter through our work. We are working on new ideas and methods to allow you to continue supporting those people out there who really need you. We can only pray that we are ready and able to meet the wave of need that will most likely meet us in September. If you have any ideas or have been engaging in anything you think has been useful, please do get in touch, the more ideas the better.

### Seeds of Hope: The Summer Challenge

Our first competition/challenge is “Seeds of Hope”, which involves an empty garden at one of our St Vincent De Paul support centres that badly needs renovating. We are opening this garden up to all of you. If you would like to help design a section/ area for this garden, build something to put in the garden or just help us fundraise then we would be delighted. Please follow our microsite links for information and look out for social media posts on SVP main page and on Instagram.

### Sponsored Read: The Summer Challenge

The staff here at National Office are mostly very keen on books and reading and so have decided to put together a reading challenge for you. If you might be interested in filling some of your summer relaxation with a book then please do take a look at this challenge. We challenge the pupils to read six books this summer; ask their family and friends and send pictures of their favourite books, book reviews and photos of their challenges. There will be prizes to win and lift the aspirations and achievements of your pupils. Please follow our microsite links for information on both of these and look out for social media posts on the SVP main page and Instagram.



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## Mini Vinnies Mass Westminster Cathedral June 2021

We are so sorry that we had to cancel this year's planned Mini Vinnies Mass. However, we are very pleased to announce that we have managed to secure a date in the diary for next year. Please pencil in Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 2.30 pm at Westminster Cathedral. We hope to get back to you at the start of the new school year with plenty of information about this Mass. Thank you also to those of you who had signed up to attend this year. We are very sorry we couldn't host this year because of Covid 19 but it just means 2021 will have to be double the celebration.

## Mini Vinnies Resources

Over the coming weeks and months, we will hopefully be adding more useful resources to the Mini Vinnies website, please keep your eyes peeled for those. If you have any ideas for resources or have been engaging with anything you think might be useful for other groups during lockdown, then please do get in touch, we would be truly delighted to hear from you and to have pictures/photos of activities you have been engaged in as well if possible.

Mini Vinnies: <https://www.svp.org.uk/mini-vinnies>

Youth SVP: <https://www.svp.org.uk/youth-svp>

B-Attitudes: <https://www.svp.org.uk/b-attitude>

## Christ is with you!

Christ is our strength, our support and our love. We, the Young Vincentians Team, are here for you but please also remember that Christ knows your need ever more intimately. We will continue to pray for all of you and commend your work and efforts to God.

Look forward to getting back in touch with you in September 2020. Keep safe and well everyone.

Many blessings,

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