

Actionable Steps to Address Poverty or Hardship – What the Hardship Group and parishioners can do.

Section 1 – Raise awareness

- New webpages
- Short Newsletter articles
- Mass talks
- Video talk

Section 2 – Support solutions - how can you help?

- Advocate for policies ensuring living wages.

Write to the BFC and Bracknell Town councillors

Write to the Bracknell Forest MP

- Support affordable housing initiatives.

Liaise with Abri/Silva Homes (in specific cases?)

Contact BFC Social prescribers to check on any progress

- Provide accessible healthcare and education.

Liaise with Social Prescribers – what can St J & St MC parishioners do?

Section 3 – Engage the St. J. & St. MC community

- Partner with local organizations to support marginalized groups. (Voluntary Community Hardship Forum, VCHF)
- Encourage St. J. & St. MC. parishioners to contribute time and resources to alleviate poverty locally and globally.
- Volunteer to run a contact point at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow for the Boom Community Bank.

Section 4 – Join the Hardship Group and....

....Focus on Social Inclusion – try to get those living in hardship or poverty to engage more with society even though they cannot be helped with more income.

- For example provide bus passes to the Bracknell Town Centre for a family or families for the duration of the Summer holiday to allow a family to get to the

town and to join in whatever is taking place there. (SVP funded or St Joseph Hardship Fund?)

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