

Blue Envelope 2021

Ballymena Conference wish to thank you for your tremendous response to our October appeal for cash and vouchers to help those in need this Christmas. We appreciate such wonderful support from our community. We are grateful to all who very generously used their high Street card to purchase vouchers for those in need. May God pour out many blessings on you all

Our efforts to support those in need continue. Blue Envelopes will be inserted in The Irish News on 27 November and 13 December and one may drop through your door during SVP week, commencing 6 December. In anticipation Blue Envelopes will be placed in the Church from this weekend 27/ 28 November. There will also be white gift aid envelopes if you wish to use these instead.

Blue envelopes can be posted to the address given, left in Vincent's shop, placed in the red bucket or given to any Conference member.

White envelopes can be left in Vincent's shop, placed in the red bucket or given to any Conference member.

Funds will be used to provide food, oil, gas, electricity white goods such as cookers and furniture such as beds for those in need and who cannot afford to buy them. The cost of living, especially oil, gas and electricity prices are rising rapidly. Food prices are also rising leaving those on fixed low incomes with impossible choices.

£15 will provide a family with electricity for a week or a duvet for a child's bed. Last year this cost £10

£30 will provide gas and electricity for a week or a double duvet or a food hamper for a single person. Last year this was £20

£40 will provide an average family food hamper Last year this was £25

£60 will provide food and electricity for a family for a week. Last year about £50

£74 provided 200 litres of oil this time last year its now £129

£200 will provide a cooker, last year it cost £179

£159 will provide a single bed and mattress for a child or a homeless person who has just been allocated a home.

£229 will provide a double bed.

We also support breakfast clubs in many local schools and it is very important that we are able to continue to support these at this time. This ensures that children at least get a good breakfast some days per week.

Thank you once again for your generosity.