



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

Teacup Bird Feeder

TEA WITH
THE
SVP

1. Collect your materials

- Ask for donations of old cups and saucers — mismatched, chipped ones are fine as long as they're safe to handle.
- Gather:
 - Strong glue (outdoor-safe, waterproof epoxy or ceramic glue)
 - String, twine, or chain (to hang feeders)
 - Birdseed
 - Spoons (for filling seed)
 - Tables for working
 - Old newspaper or cloths to protect surfaces
 - Card labels or tags (for writing messages on the finished feeders)

2. Advertise the event

- Create posters, social media posts, or newsletter mentions.
- Emphasise the eco-friendly and community side: "Turn a teacup into a treat for local birds — and support a good cause!"

3. Set up the space

- Cover tables with old cloths or paper.
- Lay out the cups, saucers, glue, string, and birdseed.
- Have a "demo" area where someone shows how to assemble a feeder.

4. Make the feeders

- Glue the cup to the saucer (either upright or tilted for artistic effect) — let dry or set as per glue instructions.
- Tie or attach twine securely to the cup handle.
- Fill the cup and saucer with birdseed.
- Optionally, write a message on a tag — e.g. "Made with kindness for our feathered friends".

5. Raise funds

- You could:
 - Charge an entry fee or donation for making a feeder.
 - Sell ready-made feeders at a fair, stall, or after Mass.
 - Offer "pay what you can" donations.

Top tips

- Have hand wipes or sanitiser ready (glue can be messy!).
- Allow time for glue to set fully before feeders are taken home.
- Make it part of your TEA with the SVP event — serving tea and biscuits while people craft.

