

We are celebrating *Fairtrade fortnight from the 21st September - 4th October.*
This year is our 20th year as a Fairtrade church - something to be proud of and encouraged by!

Fairtrade was founded in 1992, the first foundation was established by several organisations including CAFOD, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Trócaire and the World Development movement. They recognised that global trade is not always fair.

What does the foundation do?

They set standards and rules to protect farmers, workers and the environment, in global supply chains. The producers receive additional premium, which they can invest in their community on economic, social or environmental projects. They have a recognised trademark which means the product has met the Fairtrade standards and is fully traceable.

The Foundation helps the farmers and workers change their circumstances by investing in communities so future generations receive schooling and healthcare. It is at the forefront of advocacy representing marginalised producers and workers.

Over these 14 days we hope you are encouraged by this year's theme and will continue to support Fairtrade.

DO IT FAIR - FOR PEOPLE, FOR THE PLANET AND FOR FAIR PAY

Around the world people who grow, pick, stitch and make things we buy are facing the same challenges: unfair pay, unsafe working conditions and a climate threatening their livelihoods. Fairtrade exists to change this and the push for rules that make fairness the norm.

Fair to people

No one should work in fear. Behind the products we use every day are people, farmers and workers, who deserve safe conditions, equal opportunities for women and dignity at work.

Fair on the planet

Climate change is in the forefront. Everyday products we depend on like coffee, bananas and cotton are at risk. The livelihood of people that grow them are also at risk.

Fair pay

We need to ensure that people who make and grow our favourite products are able to support their families and plan for their future. By buying Fairtrade you can ensure these people earn a decent, steady income. Many farmers are paid less than it is to produce their crops.

So what can you do:

- Look to buy products that carry the Fairtrade certificate
 - Support ethical businesses: independent cafes, restaurants and shops that source and serve Fairtrade ingredients.
 - Encourage the use of Fairtrade items in local school, workplaces, cafeteria or local shops.
 - Look at the Fairtrade Action Portal using it to lobby your MP, show support for petitions and more.
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Fairtrade products you can look out for are:



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Cotton, clothes, flowers, wine, beers, ales, chocolate, honey, jam, fruit, dried fruit, fruit juices, lemons, bananas, nuts, dates, tea, sugar, coffee, hot chocolate, spices, cereal bars, ice cream



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