

# FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT IN YOUR CHURCH: 2025

Celebrating Fairtrade: 22 September to 5 October



**Buy Fairtrade today**

*"And if you make a sale to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor, you shall not wrong one another." Leviticus 25:14 (ESV)*

The Bible has a lot to say about trade. Why? Because trade isn't just a transaction - land or services or products we pick up from a shelf or a website. When we buy a cup of tea, a chocolate bar, or a new shirt, we're entering into a relationship with our neighbours - the people who grew, processed or crafted what we see when we shop.

Each of these people is made in God's image. And God doesn't just call us not to wrong them. God calls us to *love* them as we love ourselves. That means we have to care about their lives: Were they paid enough for their work? Do their families have access to schooling and food? Are they free to ask for good working conditions? Protected from environmental harm?

As followers of Jesus, we want to ensure that the answer to these questions is 'yes'. But in a world of power imbalances where, all too often, workers are exploited and farmers and artisans experience injustice, how do we do this?

Fair Trade offers a way to 'do it fair' and to show love. It helps producers get better prices, access services, secure rights, and protect the planet. This Fairtrade Fortnight, let's help our churches get re-enthused for Fairtrade. It's easy to get started: take a look inside!

## COMMIT TO FAIR



**Start off the Fortnight by committing or recommitting to be a Fairtrade place of worship. There are two criteria:**

1. To use Fairtrade products wherever possible (at least tea, coffee and sugar) and share information about Fairtrade products with the wider congregation.
2. To integrate Fairtrade into the life of your place of worship, at Fairtrade Fortnight or other times of the year, for example through events, stalls and worship.

To find out more about the programme and how you can register for a certificate, go to: <https://bit.ly/FairtradeChurches>.

## PRAY FOR FAIR

**You can incorporate prayer, preaching, and teaching about Fairtrade at any point of the year ... and especially during Fairtrade Fortnight.**

## PREACH ON FAIR

Our 'Do it Fair' section on our prayer and preaching webpage - <https://bit.ly/FairTradePrayers> - has prayers on the 'do it fair' theme, as well as notes for the lectionary readings for Fairtrade Fortnight and a few suggestions for group study.

## TEACH ABOUT FAIR

You can find further prayer, worship, preaching, and study resources, including prayers from Fair Trade producers on the same webpage.

## BUY IT FAIR



**Whether you're a small church that occasionally serves refreshments or a larger church with a wide programme of events each week, it's easy to find suppliers that can meet your needs for tea, coffee, sugar, and many other products as well.**

We've put together a guide that focuses on what churches need. Find it at <https://bit.ly/UsingFairtradeInChurch>. There's also a full guide at <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/products-and-producers/buy-fairtrade.html>

**"WE SERVE FAIRTRADE COFFEE AND TEA TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE WHO PRODUCE IT TO FEED THEIR OWN FAMILIES AND SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL."  
CHURCH MEMBER, OXFORDSHIRE**

**You can 'do it fair' in areas of church life you may not have considered.**

**TAKE FAIR  
FARTHER**

- For baptisms and confirmations, buy a gift such as a Fair Trade olive-wood holding cross from the Holy Land. Find them at Embrace the Middle East, Hadeel, Shared Earth, or your local Fair Trade shop.
- Use Fairtrade and local flowers in your arrangements and suggest them to wedding couples. Find out more at <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/products-and-producers/fairtrade-products/flowers.html>
- When you talk with wedding couples, promote Fairtrade gold. Email us if you'd like materials to give them.
- Gather orders for the *Real Advent Calendar* and/or the *Real Easter Egg*, Fairtrade chocolates that tell the story of Christmas and Easter: <https://bit.ly/RealAdvent>



**Help young people understand trade and think about how their daily choices can reflect God's love and justice.**

Both CAFOD (<https://bit.ly/CAFODFairTradeSchools>) and the Fairtrade Foundation (<https://bit.ly/FTSchoolsResources>) have websites with loads of fun activities, films, stories, and more that you can use with children, with suggestions for every age group. Or have an art competition, with drawings, posters, collages or sculptures made from Fairtrade packaging!

**DO IT FAIR IN  
SUNDAY SCHOOL,  
YOUTH GROUP,  
AND ASSEMBLIES**

## **FAIRTRADE, SEASON OF CREATION, AND HARVEST**

### **Linking Fairtrade Fortnight and Season of Creation**

Fairtrade farmers are among those most vulnerable to climate impacts. They are calling for climate justice, with a focus on funding for adaptation. They're also taking action: care for the environment is an integral part of the Fairtrade standards. Find out more from the Fairtrade Foundation's climate pages.

Read the Fairtrade Foundation's interview with Mr Mugaraj from the Stanes Amalgamated Estates in South India to hear about climate impacts on tea farmers and also about the climate-friendly actions the Fairtrade premium has enabled. <https://bit.ly/PeopleBehindTea>

### **Brew it fair for harvest!**

People sometimes ask: "But what about our farmers?" A combination of Fairtrade Fortnight and Harvest is a great way to say that we thank God for all harvests and farmers, and that we want justice for all farmers, here and in other countries. Look at our prayer resources and the Fairtrade Foundation's Brew It Fair prayer for your worship services - and look overleaf for suggestions for a fair and local tea party!

## Hold a 'Brew It Fair' Tea Party!

This year the main activity for Fairtrade Fortnight is holding a 'Brew It Fair' tea party. It's a great chance to share the delights of high-quality Fairtrade tea and scrumptious things to eat - and at the same time to introduce the people behind the products and speak up for justice.

### Resources for Your Tea Party

- The Fairtrade Foundation has lots of resources on its Fairtrade Fortnight page : poster templates, stories of producers, craft ideas and more. If you'd like additional ones, take a look at the Big Brew, Transform Trade's annual Fairtrade tea and cake fundraiser - the materials are at <https://bit.ly/BigBrew>.
- Want an easy way to get supplies? Buy a bundle of tea and biscuits from <https://bit.ly/BiscuitBundles>
- Alongside the tea, you could offer a taste test of Fairtrade chocolates; or ask people to make a meal or bake cakes using as many Fairtrade and local ingredients as possible. Check <https://bit.ly/FairTradeCookbook> for ideas.

### One for Your MP?

We need MPs' help to make the tea industry fairer. You could have a copy of the Fairtrade Foundation's tea petition <https://bit.ly/FTTeaPetition> at your tea party for people to sign, and present it to your MP afterwards. Or maybe send an invitation, asking them to join you for tea and discussion either during Fairtrade Fortnight or later in the year.

## TALK UP FAIR

**As Christians, we have an obligation to speak up for justice. In our conversations and events, we can help people understand about unjust trade structures and how, through Fair Trade, we can help change them.**

At church

- Holding a coffee morning or lunch? Put information about Fairtrade.out on tables or include a Fairtrade quiz. There's a tea quiz in this year's Fairtrade Fortnight resources: <https://bit.ly/FT14Resources2025>

Going wider

- Share information about Fairtrade with your followers on social media. It's easy: use the social media graphics in the Fairtrade Fortnight resources.
- Join with other local groups to hold events or sponsor a talk on Fairtrade. You can find a map of groups at <https://bit.ly/FTFMap>.
- Ask a local business or cafe to stock (more) Fairtrade products.

## BREW IT FAIR



Find a wealth of ideas at <https://bit.ly/FairtradeCampaigns>

This material was prepared by Christian Concern for One World. We work on Fair Trade because we feel it's a key way for Christians to show love of God and neighbour. If you'd like to find out more or get in touch, visit our website, [www.ccow.org.uk](http://www.ccow.org.uk), or email us at [info@ccow.org.uk](mailto:info@ccow.org.uk). If you're wondering why we sometimes talk about Fairtrade and sometimes about Fair Trade, find out why [here](#).

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