



Calendar of Dates for Fair Trade Prayer and Action

JANUARY

Prayer Focus: Farmers worldwide. Individual Action: Switch to a Fairtrade vegan product

1 January
New Year's Day
Pray and Fast for the Climate

New Year, new possibilities. Look through this calendar, rekindle your love of Fair Trade, and plan for 2026. On climate, give thanks for the way [Fairtrade standards](#) require producers to use energy efficiently and to reduce emissions. Monthly climate prayer points: [Pray and Fast](#)

1 to 31 January
Veganuary

Fairtrade and vegan = good for people and planet! Plan to try new vegan/Fairtrade products and meals throughout the month. And could your church do a vegan/Fairtrade lunch?

6 January
Epiphany

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh: did you know that Fair Trade versions of all three are available? This Epiphany, share the story of [Fairtrade gold](#).

12 January 2025
Plough Sunday

Pray for all who farm worldwide. [Plough Sunday resources from the Diocese of Rochester](#); our new [tea resource](#) combines prayers for global and UK farmers.

24 January
International Day of Education

Many Fairtrade farmers and Fair Trade artisans use the price and premium money they receive to educate their children. A great topic for a school assembly. [Story](#); [Assembly Resource](#)

FEBRUARY

Prayer Focus: Farmers affected by climate change. Church Action: Gather Real Easter Egg orders

1 February
Pray and Fast for the Climate

Some of the world's favourite Fairtrade crops are highly vulnerable to climate change. Read [how climate change is affecting cocoa farmers](#) and pray for all farmers at risk. Monthly climate prayer points: [Pray and Fast](#)

1 to 28 February
'Show the Love' Campaign

Climate change affects many of the [things](#) and people we love. Share your concerns about this with politicians and others via the Climate Coalition's [Show the Love](#) campaign.

18 February 2026
Ash Wednesday

Lent's a time when many of us give up chocolate ... but that doesn't mean we have to give up Fairtrade! Use [our Fair Trade guide](#) to find other products you and your church might try during this time... and ...

February
Gather orders for Real Easter Egg

Look forward to Easter. The Real Easter Egg is Fairtrade – and contains a booklet with the Easter story. Order eggs from the [Meaningful Chocolate Company](#) for yourself – and gather orders for your church.

MARCH

Prayer Focus: Women farmers and workers. Action: Fairtrade your Mothering Sunday.

1 March
Pray and Fast for the Climate

This month, read [how climate change has affected coffee farmers](#) and pray for all farmers at risk. For general resources, see [Pray and Fast](#)

8 March
International Women's Day

Fairtrade standards and the WFTO Fair Trade Principles prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender and promote empowerment of women. *Read* the [WFTO's 'Principle 6'](#) and the stories of [Creative Handicrafts](#) and [a story celebrating women's leadership in Fairtrade](#). *Pray* for women producers and artisans. *Buy* Fair Trade goods – perhaps even try the special ['Grown by Women' coffee blend?](#)

15 March 2026
Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday cards, chocolates, and/or flowers all can be Fair Trade! Could your church hold a Fair Trade stall the week before? [Fair Trade shops](#) will often give you goods on sale or return.

22 March
World Water Day

A time to pray for both protecting water and water justice. Find out [how Fairtrade standards help producers protect water](#) and read how the [premium improved a community's access](#). Learn about [Fair Water Footprints](#).

APRIL

Prayer Focus: The people behind our clothes. Church Action: Plan a Fair Trade fashion show.
Individual action: Sign up for emails to help you campaign on fair fashion.

1 April
Pray and Fast for the Climate

Fair Trade fashion is an antidote to fast fashion not only socially, but also environmentally. Find out more with Ethical Consumer's [guide to Fair Trade and Fashion](#).

5 April 2026
Easter

Could your church hold an Easter egg hunt with the Real Easter Egg sharing pack? Info: [Meaningful Chocolate Company](#)

21 to 26 April 2026
Fashion Revolution Week

In 2013, the Rana Plaza building collapse killed over 1,100 garment workers. Join [Fashion Revolution Week](#) to ask 'Who made my clothes?', challenge fast fashion, and link with Fashion Revolution or [Labour behind the Label](#) to campaign for workers' rights and sustainability.

MAY

Prayer Focus: Miners and artisans. Church Action: Tell wedding couples about Fairtrade gold.

1 May
Pray and Fast for the Climate

Gold mining can be [highly ecologically destructive and dangerous](#). Find out [how Fairtrade gold is trying to change that](#) – and let wedding couples know that it's an option. For general resources, see [Pray and Fast](#)

9 May 2026
World Fair Trade Day

Worldwide celebration of Fair Trade principles and organisations. Could you have a service with an emphasis on Fair Trade on the 10th? Information will be available from the [World Fair Trade Organization \(WFTO\)](#) and [CCOW](#).

<p>10 to 16 May 2026 Christian Aid Week</p>	<p>Did you know that Christian Aid helped found the Fairtrade Foundation? This week, support them by praying, giving, and campaigning. Resources will be on the Christian Aid Week website.</p>
<p>16 May World Debt Day</p>	<p>Small farmers often can't access money at reasonable rates. To help, some cooperatives establish savings and loan institutions – and Shared Interest makes loans to producer groups. Pray for these and learn more about Shared Interest.</p>
<p>22 May International Day for Biological Diversity</p>	<p>Fairtrade standards help producers to preserve and improve biodiversity. Find out more about how producers are using agroecology to improve livelihoods, protect nature and conserve biodiversity.</p>
<p>24 May 2026 Pentecost</p>	<p>Across the world, in all different languages, Christians can say “We support Fair Trade!” Our Pentecost refreshment sign is a reminder that Fair Trade unites us with Christians worldwide.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">JUNE</h2>	
<p>Prayer Focus: Refugees Individual Action: Learn about Fair Trade produced by refugees Church Action: Connect your Fair Trade activities with local sustainability groups.</p>	
<p>1 June Pray and Fast for the Climate</p>	<p>How is Fairtrade tackling the climate crisis? Two short films give an overview: one partly animated and one with farmers from many regions. For other resources, see Pray and Fast</p>
<p>5 June World Environment Day</p>	<p>Give thanks for the way that Fair Trade helps farmers and artisans to protect the environment. Pray they are able to maintain environmental standards.</p>
<p>6 to 14 June 2026 Great Big Green Week</p>	<p>Celebration of community action to protect nature and fight climate change. Could your events have Fairtrade refreshments and show how Fair Trade protects the environment? General info: Great Big Green Week</p>
<p>12 June World Day against Child Labour</p>	<p>Fairtrade standards and the Fair Trade principles prohibit child labour and help families afford education. Pray for children who labour and for all children to have access to education.</p>

15 to 21 June 2026
Refugee Week (incorporates
20 June, World Refugee Day)

Refugees bring many cultural gifts to their new homes. Learn how [Made51](#) and [WFTO partners](#) help them make a living through traditional crafts. ([Embrace](#) also carries refugee-made goods) Pray for all refugees. General info: [Refugee Week](#).

JULY

Prayer Focus: Fairtrade cocoa farmers Actions: Celebrate Fairtrade chocolate and campaign for fairer structures of trade for cocoa producers.

1 July
Pray and Fast for the Climate

West African cocoa growing is imperiled by climate change and unfair pricing that has left farmers without the income to improve their land and cocoa trees. Find out more at [Pray and Fast](#) and pray for cocoa farmers.

1 to 31 July
Plastic-Free July

Many Fairtrade companies are working to eliminate plastic packaging. Take a look at [five Fairtrade products](#) that can help you go plastic-free. General info: [Plastic-free July](#)

7 July
World Chocolate Day

On this day, or the Sunday closest to it, could you pray for cocoa producers – and get your church to commit to using Fairtrade chocolate? Prayers, stories and sourcing info: [CCOW](#) and [Fairtrade Foundation](#)

12 July 2026
Sea Sunday

Most of the imported goods we use come by sea – but are the seafarers who bring them treated fairly? Pray for seafarers and those who assist them. Materials: [Apostleship of the Sea](#), [Mission to Seafarers](#), [Sailors' Society](#)

AUGUST

Prayer Focus: Protecting and accessing water Actions: Hold a waterside Fairtrade picnic in support of Water Aid

1 August
Pray and Fast for the Climate

Find out more about [water footprints of different goods](#) and how [Fairtrade helps cotton farmers reduce their water usage](#). For general resources, see [Pray and Fast](#).

9 August
International Day of the World's
Indigenous Peoples

Fairtrade farming and Fair Trade crafts can help indigenous communities maintain traditions. Read how [Fair Trade artisans are producing culturally sustainable fashion](#). Pray for indigenous farmers and artisans. Let us know if you would like to sell traditional Palestinian olive wood ornaments this Christmas.

24 to 28 August 2026
World Water Week

Take a look at the resources for 22 March – all about Fair Trade and water justice.
General info: [World Water Week website](#),
Church materials: [Water Aid](#).

SEPTEMBER

Prayer Focus: Farmers harvesting. Church Action: Include Fairtrade in your harvest service.
Perhaps organise a panel where local farmers and Fairtrade reps can share thoughts?

1 September to 4 October
Season of Creation/
Time for Creation

Can you weave Fair Trade into your church's Season of Creation celebrations ... especially during the new Fairtrade Fortnight?

1 to 30 September
Organic Month

Organic farming is a good match with Fair Trade, and many Fairtrade crops have dual certification. One of the most important organic Fairtrade crops is cotton. Find out more [here](#) and [here](#).

7 to 11 September 2026
Zero Waste Week

Find out about some of the amazing Fair Trade products made from recycled materials.

13 September 2026
Education Sunday

Is your local school a Fairtrade School? Explore the [resources from the Fairtrade Foundation](#) and share how Fairtrade can help improve access to education.

21 Sept to 4 October 2026
Fairtrade Fortnight

Now located in Harvest season! A chance to celebrate how Fairtrade helps farmers have a sustainable income and protect the environment – and to pray for justice for local farmers, too!
Info: [Fairtrade Foundation](#). Church-focused materials: [CCOW](#)

OCTOBER

Prayer Focus: Eradicating poverty Action: Campaign for fairer trade

1 October
Pray and Fast for the Climate

Agroecology helps farmers maintain the environment and diversify their harvest. Pray for Fairtrade's agroecology programmes. Info: [Fairtrade International](#). For general resources, see [Pray and Fast](#)

<p>15 October International Day of Rural Women</p>	<p>Fair Trade promotes equality for rural women as members of cooperatives and producer organisations. It also helps women acquire their own land. General info: UN</p>
<p>16 October World Food Day (Churches' Week of Action on Food)</p>	<p>Celebrate with a Fairtrade meal! Pray for all who are hungry and for justice in food supply chains. Info: FAO. Materials at CCOW and World Council of Churches.</p>
<p>17 October International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</p>	<p>Fair Trade is a key response to poverty: it puts people at the heart of trade so that they can create benefit for themselves and their communities. It also advocates for fairer policies and practices in trade. Pray for Fair Trade. Look at this video from the WFTO. Join in the Fairtrade Foundation's campaigns. General info: UN.</p>
<p>19 to 25 October 2026 One World Week</p>	<p>One World Week closed, but resources - including Fair Trade resources - are still available on the One World Week website</p>

NOVEMBER

Prayer Focus: Fair Trade leaders Church Action: Start preparing for a Fair Trade Christmas

<p>1 November All Saints Day Pray and Fast for the Climate</p>	<p>Celebrate Christians who helped to pioneer Fair Trade. Learn about the origins of Max Havelaar, Ten Thousand Villages, and Traidcraft. Pray for Fair Trade leaders. For general climate resources, see Pray and Fast.</p>
<p>20 November World Children's Day</p>	<p>The Fairtrade standards and Fair Trade principles both offer producers and artisans more money and prohibit child labour. So children stay in school - and have hope of a good future. General info from the UN.</p>
<p>29 November 2026 Advent Sunday</p>	<p>Has your church promoted the 'Real Advent Calendar', which both tells the Christmas story and is Fairtrade? Might you get a sale-or-return stall from a local Fair Trade shop before Christmas? Or perhaps join in selling Fair Trade crafts from Bethlehem? Email us to find out more.</p>

DECEMBER

Prayer Focus: Cherishing the human

Action: Fair Trade your Christmas celebrations

1 December
World AIDS Day
Pray and Fast for the Climate

A warming world intensifies many health challenges. Fairtrade workers can [use their premium to improve their access to healthcare](#). Pray for the clinics and health programmes they have funded. For general climate resources, see [Pray and Fast](#)

5 December
World Soil Day

Soil is a precious resource – and Fairtrade farmers are required to take action to prevent soil erosion and preserve soil fertility. [Fairtrade Standards \(3.2\)](#)
World Soil Day Info: [UN](#)

25 December
Christmas Day

God loves us so much that Jesus comes to us, God in human flesh, calling us to love God and our neighbours. So celebrate Christ's birth in a way that shows care for brothers and sisters around the world. Buy Fair Trade gifts, and try to ensure that the people who produce your food and drink – whether local or Fairtrade – receive a fair price and are farming sustainably.



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