

Fairtrade Fortnight 2019
25 February to 10 March

Fairtrade Fortnight gives us an annual opportunity to think about the way we shop, and the effect our decisions have on those who produce the basics we buy.

“When we choose Fairtrade goods, we’re supporting families who grow many of the staples we enjoy every day like coffee, tea, bananas, rice. They may be far away in miles, but their hard work is in our shopping bags and in our kitchens” said the Bishop of Plymouth, Nick McKinnel at an event in Fairtrade Fortnight last year.

The **Fairtrade Foundation** works and campaigns for trade justice. Its mission is “to make a difference to the lives of the people who grow the things we love. We do this by changing the way trade works, through better prices, decent working conditions and a fair deal for farmers and workers in developing countries.” The Foundation sets social, economic and environmental standards both for the farmers and their workers, and for the companies who buy their produce. Rather than being exploited, growers earn their way out of poverty and their communities are transformed.

At **St Michael’s Church** we shall be having a **Fairtrade goods stall** after the morning services on Sundays 3 and 10 March. The goods will include biscuits, dried fruit, nuts, snacks, coffee and tea.

Susan Harris

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