



Fairtrade 2014-2015

St Martin's became a Fair Trade Church in January 2009 and our Church Council has agreed to commit to:

- Use Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and for all meetings for which we have responsibility
- Move forward on using other Fairtrade products such as sugar, biscuits and fruit
- Promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities wherever possible

During the past year we have continued to have regular Traidcraft stalls in the Church Hall during coffee after Masses and with thanks to Pam and Pat Taverner, in Church following the 11.15 Mass.

Traidcraft was established in 1979 and is a Christian-based organisation combining a trading company and development charity fighting poverty through trade, practising and promoting approaches to trade that help poor people in developing countries transform their lives.

Since we started in 2006 awareness has grown and supermarkets are stocking more Fairtrade goods but there is still a long way to go in terms of people in developing countries not being exploited and getting a fair wage for their labours, as instanced by our 'Make Bananas Fair' Petition during Fairtrade Fortnight last year.

There is now a need to find a new Fairtrade representative to continue with this commitment to promote Fairtrade and take over running of the stall and if anyone would be interested please speak to Philip Pye-Beraet.

Jean and David Morrow