



## HOW DO YOU PROMOTE FAIR TRADE ? some ideas from around the YORK circuit.

**ALNE (FTC)** we run "Alne Local and Fairtrade Market" in the village to promote fair trade (FT) and community. We only have 3 events this year due to the busyness of our small organising group, nevertheless the market has continued for more than 5 years and remains popular in the village .

**CENTRAL** is utilising the skills of one of it's young people to run their weekly FT stall as part of the 'Adverse Camber' scheme ( find out more at the next Circuit Service).

**CLIFTON (FTC)** we use FT tea / coffee / sugar etc for own domestic use and set up a FT stall each week.

**COPMANTHORPE (FTC)** during Fairtrade Fortnight has hosted a wine tasting evening, fashion show, cookery demonstration, quiz night (questions in 5 sections - general knowledge, geography with an emphasise on countries providing f/t goods, Fair trade, picture round and local knowledge), afternoon tea with different teas & coffees to try. They have also been known to give out FT bananas !

**DUNNINGTON** holds a weekly 'Coffee Stop' with FT refreshments and stall selling groceries, cleaning products, cards and sometimes crafts. Annually we celebrate FT Fortnight with coffee and cakes (FT of course) and in late autumn we host a FT Bazaar when the whole chapel is filled with stalls selling FT. We take the FT stall to the monthly 'Holtby Trader', similar to Alne's Market, and occasionally other events in our village. We are able to keep our basics at church, making supply easier.

**EASINGWOLD (FTC)** runs a Christmas stall, which is very successful "as the cards etc. are both beautiful and reasonably priced", and plans a small Easter stall selling the "lovely chocolates and little gifts".

**HAXBY & WIGGINTON(FTC)** is involved in the running of **Aroma** FT Cafe.

**NEW EARSWICK** is moving towards more FT involvement. 3 out of 4 weeks serving FT refreshments bought from their local Co-op

**POPPLETON (FTC)** has a FT stall twice a month; one on a Sunday morning and one on a Tues.am. at 'Coffee on the Green'. We sell a good range of FT goods and are always open to suggestions as to what to sell. 'Coffee on the Green' uses FT goods as much as possible – tea, coffee, chocolate, sugar, biscuits - on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons.

**ST GEORGE'S (FTC)** have been holding a monthly fair trade stall for many years now. This coincides with serving refreshments after the service where we use fair trade tea and coffee, and following on from that we became a Fair Trade Church in 2006. We also run the fair trade stall at our annual ecumenical coffee morning for Christian Aid.

**STILLINGFLEET** FT talks at mid week meetings plus a large FT stall at their Christmas / Autumn sale.

**STILLINGTON (FTC)** In reply to your email I sent for the Fairtrade Foundation pack for FT Fortnight. As a result of this we are planning to highlight FT products at the 2 Wednesday coffee mornings during this period. We will be advertising around the village, highlighting which local stores stock what produce and having some tastings.



**Triadcraft's** latest campaign, which will receive government matched funding.

**The Fair Trade message spreads :**

an extract from a recent email sent by Jill Minty  
*'When I came to Easingwold in 1998 I was keen to see the church becoming "Fair Trade Aware" and with the help of friends in the kitchen we began a regular monthly Friday Fair Trade morning selling mainly foods, except for a bigger stall at Christmas. One or two of the youngsters helped me in holiday time. This became a great success, and I was also able to have a stall at the Easingwold Christmas Market and occasional stalls in the villages. We became a Fair Trade church, pledging to use Fair Trade products where possible and asking those who use our premises to do so also. We now have several coffee shops and restaurants in Easingwold serving F.T. coffee and a Co-op with some products.'*

***The message has spread in Easingwold.....has it spread in your piece of Yorkshire ?***

**Good News :**

more than half of the Methodist Churches in the York Circuit are now registered as **FAIRTRADE CHURCHES (FTC) !** Now we need a small steering group to check we fulfil the remaining criteria and keep us walking the FT way in the future. If you or any one you know would like to join the group please contact :

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