

Fairtrade Report for Vale of Aylesbury Circuit (Meeting at Whitchurch on 13.9.16)

Regrettably, and for the first time in several years, it was not possible to service a Fairtrade stall at Swanbourne's Open Air service this year. That said The Karibuni Children invited the Fairtrade stall to their Fun Day in July. This was readily taken up.

Activities since last report include:

Providing stalls at:

- Aylesbury's Circuit service.
- Chinnor Methodist Church on a weekly basis.
- St Andrew's School Fete (Chinnor)
- Friends of the Earth Green Fayre (Thame and Chinnor)
- Christian Aid events including their Fashion Show and Chocolate Challenge event
- occasional Pop up shops (Chinnor)
- Chinnor's Flower & Produce Show

Providing Fairtrade items for stalls run at

- Watlington Methodist Church
- Haddenham Methodist Church
- St Andrew's Anglican Church
- St Andrew's School (Chinnor) Tuck Shop

Providing info on the Website and articles in the Circuit magazine

Pending activities include:

- providing stalls or items for Christmas Fayres and events
- preparing and distributing catalogues

Reminder for circuit members to:

- promote/ make available Fairtrade goods at their church and events
- maintain Fairtrade as an agenda item at their Church Council meetings.
- self monitor the use of Fairtrade products to maintain the Circuits statement that it is a Fairtrade circuit.
- recognise Fairtrade is a policy and informs practice on how items are produced.
- consider what impact there would be if each person purchased one fair trade item in their weekly shop (look for items with a Fair trade symbol when doing your shops)

Current issues which raise issues relating to fair trading include:

- the vote to leave the EU -
- the impact on and variation in trading rules and currency exchange rates
- the impact of the implicit attitude of 'look after yourself'.
- debates on fair pay, anti-discrimination and slave labour
- how to promote wealth generation in all parts of the world

Offer to churches and individuals

- if you are holding an event, do consider promoting fairly traded.
- Items can be provided on a sale or return basis for events
- regular and occasional requests can be and are catered for. (free delivery)

Last but not least **Thank you**

-to those who continue to support Fairtrade by their purchases and
to those who assist in making arrangements for stalls to be available at events.

Queries? Please contact Rod Thorpe or visit www.fairtrade.org.uk