

DBC Eco Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our Newsletter.

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Mothering Sunday - 27th March 2022

If you are planning on giving your Mum flowers for Mothering Sunday please consider giving **Fairtrade Flowers**. Fairtrade may be best known for roses but the range is growing, from lilies and carnations to gypsophila and gerberas. Fairtrade flowers are grown in countries including Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Ecuador. They can be found online and in retailers around the UK. Wages on Fairtrade flower farms in Tanzania can be 30% higher than on other flower farms. This makes a huge difference to the standards of living for these farmers.

Research has found that cut roses imported into the EU from Fairtrade certified Kenyan growers generated the lowest environmental impact compared to those grown in the Netherlands, and that includes the impact of flying. Why? The climate in Africa is ripe for growing flowers, and often the cost of recreating that environment in Europe can come with a heavy carbon footprint. Fairtrade flower farms also work to protect the environment, for example reducing water usage, planting trees and testing natural ways of tackling pests.

Fairtrade is leading the way in empowering women and supporting them to have a greater voice in decision-making on flower farms. Meanwhile, the Fairtrade Standards protect women workers from discrimination, harassment and

exploitation. Fairtrade also runs programmes such as the Women's School of Leadership in Ethiopia. Topics include gender rights and entrepreneurship.

Fairtrade flowers can be purchased from Aldi, Asda, M&S, Co-Op and Lidl, Sainsburys and many other supermarkets. They can also be purchased on-line. Just search "Fairtrade Flowers"



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We are currently half-way through Fairtrade Fortnight. As a Fairtrade Church please do remember when you are out shopping to look for the Fairtrade logo and buy Fairtrade products. You can only be certain that they are Fairtrade by checking for the logo.



Since last Fairtrade Fortnight we've seen the G7 and COP26 summits take place. At COP26 Fairtrade farmers and workers brought a challenge to world leaders: **Be fair with your climate promise**. That meant governments delivering on their \$100 billion promise of climate finance and listening to the expertise of farmers. Over 33,000

campaigners joined Fairtrade farmers and workers in backing the call.

In 2022 we need to make sure climate justice remains a top priority – for politicians, for business leaders and for all of us. Ahead of COP27, we must build pressure on governments to keep 1.5C alive, and stand in solidarity with people in climate vulnerable nations who will be most affected by temperature rises.

Fair Trade

Word Search

Find the words below, look horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

Bananas	Sugar	Food	People
Chocolate	Nuts	Yummy	Kind
Hot Cocoa	Honey	Farmers	Fair
Coffee	Cinnamon	Community	World
Tea	Coconut	Fair Trade	



Some foods we love come from far away and it's not easy to know if the farmer who grew the food was paid fairly for their work. When you see the fair trade symbol on packages or signs at the co-op, you know that the farmer got a fair deal. Fair trade farmers also work together to improve their communities.

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Reducing Food Waste and Empowering Communities

Article from Country Living Magazine

Every year, we bin 9.5 million tonnes of food, while 8.4 million people struggle to afford to eat. That's why in 2022, social enterprise Hubbub is set to open 250 community fridges across the country. The idea is that anyone – shoppers and shopkeepers – can drop off surplus food for others to use. The fridges will join the 200 Hubbub already have nationwide, each redistributing enough food for 5,6893 meals a month.

www.hubbub.org.uk

Hubbub coordinates the world's largest Community Fridge Network with 250 Community Fridges now running across the UK. Thanks to the Co-op they are able to double the network by funding a further 250 new fridges, which will save a total of 34 million meals from going to waste annually across the network of 500 fridges.

They distribute around 7,200 tonnes of surplus food, that's the equivalent of 17.1 million meals! Their Community Fridges also help people to share skills, stuff and make friends.

Each Fridge rescues good quality, surplus food, free of charge from local food retailers, producers, growers, restaurants and households.

Our nearest Community Fridge is at Arbourthorne Primary School in Sheffield (where Elizabeth Pediani, nee Keen, is Deputy Head).

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"If we want to get on the front foot with this, we've got to give people hope there's a chance we can fix things."

Prince William speaking about the Earthshot Prize. He founded the Earthshot Prize last year for people who have helped the planet, signalling his designs to take us into a greener future. www.earthshotprize.org Check out BBC iPlayer for the Earthshot Prize Series shown last October.

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Don't forget to make use of DBC Freecycle. Let me know if you have anything to post on here.