

St GEORGE'S FAIRTRADE STALL

End of Year 2023

Many producers and workers in the developing world who provide us with our food live in poverty. They are kept in poverty due to the many unfair practices imposed on them. They are subjected to late or short payment on contracts, cheating on weights and other such unfair practices



Fairtrade addresses this dishonesty by setting social, economic and environmental standards that farmers and other producers must adhere to. The standards include protection of worker's rights as well as promoting gender equality. In return producers are paid no less than the Fairtrade minimum price as well as the additional Fairtrade Premium

The Fairtrade Premium enables co-operatives to invest in community, environment or business projects such as healthcare, education, sanitation, water and housing – things we take for granted

So, how are we doing at St Georges?

The year got off to a shaky start when Tradecraft, one of the UK's biggest providers of Fairtrade goods, went into administration. Many of you will have noticed the absence of their delicious biscuits 😞. However, due to the concerted efforts of our local supplier, Fairer World of Gillygate, we have been able to introduce an extended range of foodstuffs and other goods all at competitive prices.

St George's 'best sellers' include ground coffee (Strength 4 Machu Picchu being the most popular) and Divine (divine by both name and taste) chocolate in both 90g and 35g sizes. For a healthy snack organic Just 5 fruit bars have proved popular as have organic set and runny honey, various teas and preserves and marmalades. The very tangy lime marmalade gets favourable reviews. Jewellery is increasing in popularity as are 'Thought' bamboo socks.

The stall is now open after both Sunday Masses usually on the second Sunday of the month. With very many thanks to St George's supporters approximately £2,500 worth of goods were sold in 2023. This was almost double that sold in 2022 due, in part, to the stall being available after the evening Mass but mainly due to increased sales.

A list giving the dates of 2024's stalls has been posted at the back of church. The list includes some Easter and Christmas 'Specials'.

Very many thanks

Frances & Dennis