

FAIRTRADE PLACES OF WORSHIP RECOMMITMENT GUIDE



Churches, mosques, synagogues, and other places of worship across the UK have been at the heart of the success of Fairtrade – putting faith into action by using and promoting Fairtrade products and leading public conversation about justice for the farmers and workers we rely on.

Twenty-five years on from the launch of the FAIRTRADE Mark there is much to celebrate, but plenty left to achieve, as we enter a new chapter where values of justice in trade need to be front of mind as much as ever.

We are calling on all places of worship to re-commit to Fairtrade, or to commit if you are applying for the first time, re-assert their support for a fairer trading system that values people and planet and pledge to undertake some simple, practical actions with Fairtrade.

There is a brand-new online commitment process that's easy to complete whether you have applied for Fairtrade status before, or not, and new certificates, posters and materials available to celebrate and showcase your Fairtrade commitment.

FAIRTRADE PLACE OF WORSHIP GOALS

There are lots of ways to support Fairtrade, but just two core requirements to be awarded Fairtrade Place of Worship status:

1. Use Fairtrade products wherever possible (at least tea, coffee and sugar) and share this information with the wider congregation.
2. Integrate Fairtrade into the life of your place of worship, at [Fairtrade Fortnight](#) or other times of the year e.g. events, stalls and worship.

(RE-)COMMITTING TO FAIRTRADE STATUS

Applying for the first time

You can now commit to the [Fairtrade Places of Worship online platform](#) signing up as a new user. Once you have registered and verified your email address, you can begin your journey to achieving Fairtrade status. Please note if you have difficulty at this stage, it may be that your place of worship is already registered, in which case contact us at faiths@fairtrade.org.uk so that we can help you to activate your account.

Renewing your commitment

If your place of worship wishes to renew its Fairtrade status and you have already received your username, please go to the [Fairtrade Places of Worship online platform](#). Sign in as an existing



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user and input your username and password. We look forward to seeing what you've been up to!

If you think you were previously awarded but you do not have a username or you are the new key contact, please email us at faiths@fairtrade.org.uk with the name and the address, including postcode, of your place of worship.

Forgotten your password? No problem, just go to the [Fairtrade Places of Worship online platform](#) and click 'I am an existing user', enter your username, tick the 'reset password' box and submit.

COMPLETING YOUR ONLINE COMMITMENT FORM

The requirements to be a Fairtrade Place of Worship have not changed, but it should be simpler and easier to commit to Fairtrade. The form should take between 15-30 minutes to complete online. The new commitment form has two main parts:

PART 1. YOU AND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP

This allows us to keep in touch with you and your place of worship, including contact details, and standard information.

We'll ask for some basic contact information about yourself, and any other contacts at your place of worship supporting your Fairtrade commitment, like a leader or secretary.

PART 2. WHAT YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAIRTRADE

The second element of the process asks how you support Fairtrade, in three questions:

Question 1 is about using and promoting Fairtrade Products.

We'll ask you to confirm you are using Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar, and about any other Fairtrade products that you have been able to use or promote, like bananas, wine or biscuits (even if not on a regular basis). You can find Fairtrade products on our [website](#).

Question 2 asks what you have done to embed Fairtrade at your place of worship beyond using products.

Some examples of how you can do this are running events in Fairtrade Fortnight, creating a display, or using Fairtrade themes within services. We just ask what type of activity you have done; it is up to you how much extra detail you would like to add. You don't need to do



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everything on this list, but we encourage you to do as many as you can, especially celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight. You can [find further information and ideas for other actions here](#).

Question 3 is an optional opportunity to tell us about other ways you can support the Fairtrade movement.

We encourage churches and other places of worship to join our campaigns, sign our petitions or meet your local MP about Fair Trade. You could also work with local Fairtrade Schools and Communities to spread the word together or raise money to support the work of Fairtrade. These actions aren't mandatory to receive your Fairtrade Award.

You'll find more information at fairtrade.org.uk/faiths. If you have any further questions about how to complete the form, please email faiths@fairtrade.org.uk.