

## Fairtrade takes pride of place at the Venerable Bede, Wyther, Leeds

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When I first visited Wyther's parish church I could not miss their noticeboard promoting their involvement with Fairtrade; I asked who was responsible and was told that I must meet June.

On my next visit, I did meet June Brighthouse and what enthusiasm! So what was so special about this parish?



**The Fairtrade notice board**

Secondly, the parish takes seriously their commitment to bring the issue of Fairtrade into their worship and so the family service in April welcomed Hannah from the [Leeds Development Education Centre](#) to make a presentation at the service.



**Prayer time**

I asked two of the children at Wyther's parish church what Fairtrade means to them; this is what they said:

***"It is so easy to help people just by looking for a label in shops - and it is in all shops, even the corner shop. We have heard about lots of children in different countries who have been able to go to school and have clean water because their parents can sell the things they grow or make at a reasonable price. I really enjoyed all the craft activities we did and the food tasting."***

Chloe – aged 11.

Firstly their noticeboard: this was attractive, eye-catching and up to date. It highlighted the three steps taken by their PCC to enable the parish to be registered as a Fairtrade parish. There was some work done by the children who had been learning about Fairtrade in their Sunday Club and there was a display of information and pictures about a recent visit made to Ghana by someone known to the parish.



**Talking about Fairtrade in worship**

Thirdly, the children are actively involved; at the moment they are collecting wrappers from Fairtrade products to have fun producing a piece of artwork.

***“The songs we sang about Fair Trade were brilliant- they told us all about it and were fun to sing. We have done food tasting and I liked the chocolate best. Buying Fair Trade means everyone gets a good price for the food they grow and so all the children will grow up to be healthy because their parents can buy good food and get clean water.”*** Rebecca - aged 10.



**Children busy on a Fairtrade collage**