

## Fairtrade comes to the Community Fun Day at St Agnes United Church, Burmantofts

Hamburgers, hotdogs and bouncy castles were getting plenty of custom outside whilst in the church there was also a lot going on: face painting, lively singing, projected pictures of St Agnes Church with welcoming captions and ... the Fairtrade stall spread out across the back of the church.



There was a steady stream of visitors to the stall – young and not so young. We offered them a chocolate tasting test: could they tell which piece of chocolate was Fairtrade? The jolly stickers were popular and the children who had been learning about Fairtrade at school (most of them, I was

pleased to hear) were happy to tell us what they knew whilst parents listened with interest. Most popular were the chocolate buns and flapjacks made by Liz and Gill, members at St Agnes.



Of course these cakes used Fairtrade ingredients and gave us an opportunity to talk about the availability of Fairtrade sugar and cocoa at the local supermarket. We had samples of Fairtrade tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits to give away.

It was good to be able to talk with a local councillor who was keen to learn about what we were doing and then the local community police officer stopped by for a conversation.

The younger children really enjoyed colouring in some pictures which we hung on our bunting – there were always three or four children at any time engrossed in this activity.

The sun refused to shine outside, but we hopefully shed warm light on some facts about Fairtrade and shared a fun afternoon with some lovely people in Burmantofts.

