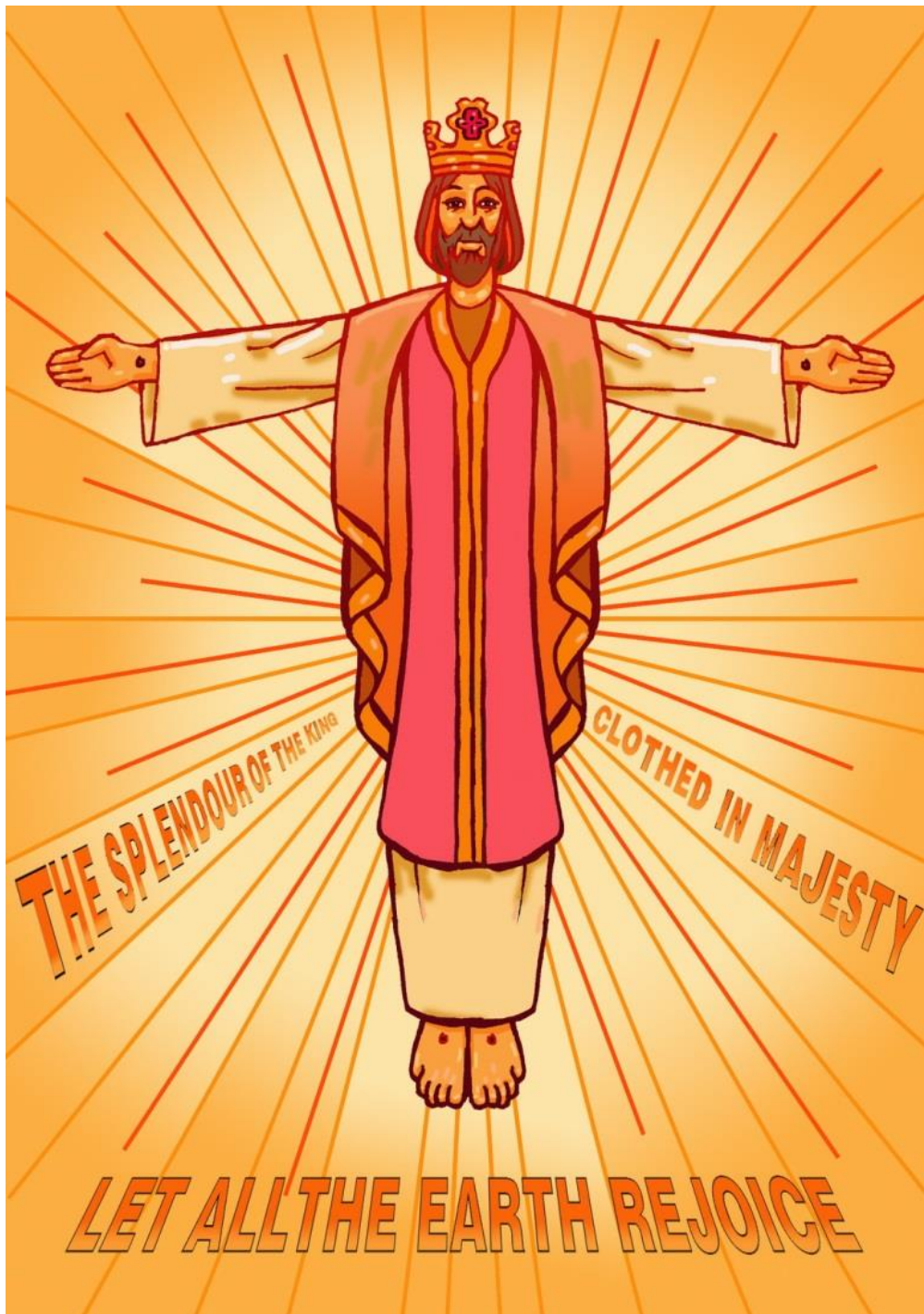


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November / December 2018



MAGAZINE

for the

Mid-Wyedean Churches

All Saints, Newland; All Saints, Staunton; Good Shepherd, Broadwell;
St John, Coleford; St Peter, Clearwell & St Saviour, Redbrook

Regular Mid-Wyedean Events



Mondays

Every Monday @ 8.45am Morning Prayer @ Church on the Street

24th November & 17th December @ 2.30pm

Memory Café at Church on the Street, 6a St John's Street.

Wednesdays

There is Morning Prayer each Wednesday @ 8.30am at The Good Shepherd, Broadwell.

Thursdays

2nd Thursday of the month @ 2.30pm 'All together now' meet for Home Communion at Tufthorn Community Room, High Nash. All Welcome.

Craft Club runs each Thursday @ 1.30pm at The Good Shepherd, Broadwell

3rd Thursday @ 7pm the Hot Potato Discussion group meets for discussion and chips! Please see the pew sheet for the venue each month.

Fridays

2nd Friday of the month @ 11am Clearwell. Home Communion @ 1 Church Road, Clearwell. All welcome.

4th Friday of the month @ 11am. Clearwell House

Tuesdays

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 2.30pm
CAMEO meet at The Good Shepherd, Broadwell.
All welcome!

Every Tuesday @ 1.30pm the Shalom Group meet at Church on the Street for their 'Biblical Interactivity' Session. Please call Miriam on 07765 111405 for more details and to book your place. Last session this term is on 11th December

There is Morning Prayer @ 8.15am each Tuesday at All Saints Church, Newland.

Saturdays

3rd Saturday of the month @ 10am Coffee and chat @ St Margaret Mary Hall, High Nash. All Welcome.

Mustard Tree will meet on the following Saturdays @ 4.30pm at St John's Academy:

24th November

8th December – Christmas Production and Party!

Other Regular Events

Monday

2nd Monday of month - Coffee Break 10.30 - 12 at Baptist Church, contact Maureen Etherington on 836303 for more details.

Wednesday

1st Wednesday of the month - Great Oaks Hospice, Open Coffee Morning, 10.00-12 noon, coffee and chat, for more information 01594 811910

Weekly on a Wednesday - Walk for Health Initiative, start 10.15 - 10.30 am, approx 1 hour, more details contact Diane Garner on 01594 810321.

Busy Bees - Weekly on a Wednesday 9.30 - 11.00 am @ St Margaret Mary's church hall - High Nash - Busy Bees parent/carer toddler group meet. Sessions held every Wednesday, activities for ages 0-5 years, £1 donation, all welcome.

Friday

Tiggies - Weekly on a Friday 10.00 am to 12.00 pm during term time @ Coleford Baptist church Tiggies carers and toddlers group. Only £1 per family. For further info contact Donna Saunders on 01594 832278 - colefordbaptists.org.

This is a chance for mums, dads, grandparents or carers to meet in the large hall, play and craft activities and offer drinks for the adults, fruit and milk for the children.

Saturday

Last Saturday of the month - Monthly Charity Coffee Morning at Coalway Methodist Church Hall, 10.30 am. All Welcome.

Upcoming events

Saturday 1st December. Fiddle Fair in St Johns Street and turning on of the Coleford Christmas lights. Come along and 'Stir up' the pudding and make a wish or say a prayer and put it on our tree at Church on the Street! There will also be some craft stalls, hot drinks and mince pies!

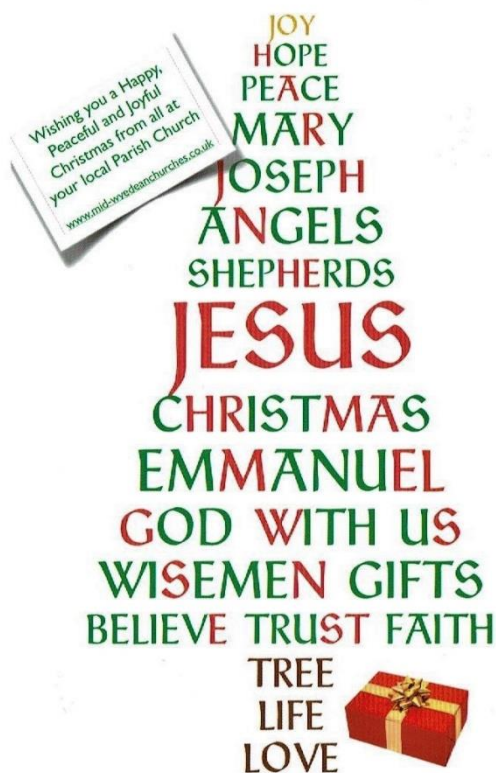
Saturday 8th Dec Coffee & Mince pie 10-12 on at the Good Shepherd

Saturday 8th December. Please come and join us for Beer, Mulled wine and Carols at All Saints Church Newland at 6pm!

Saturday 8th December Mustard Tree Christmas Production of 'Galactic Birth' at St John's Academy. For time of show please contact me at the office.

Tuesday 18th December @ 2.15pm at Church on the Street a half hour of Christmas story telling and songs for the under 5's. Please do let people know if they have children of this age so they can come and join us or you can bring them along yourself. There will be refreshments afterwards for those who would like to stay.

Wednesday 19th December @ 5pm Community Carols at the Clock Tower. Please come along, bring a friend and join us for some singing – the more the merrier – and warm drinks afterwards at Church on the Street. We will also be having a collection for the Food Bank and Salvation Army.



All Christmas Services are advertised later in the magazine.

Service information

Sunday	25 th November	2 nd December	9 th December	16 th December	23 rd December	Monday 24 th Dec	Sunday 30 th Dec
All Saints Newland	No Service	No Service	9.30am Eucharist	4pm Evening prayer	No Service	No Service	10.30am @ Good Shepherd Broadwell United Parish Service Please note that this is the only service in the Parish today
All Saints Staunton	9.30am Eucharist	4pm Evening prayer	No Service	No Service	9.30am Eucharist	9pm Christmas Eucharist	
St John's @ St Margaret Mary High Nash Coleford	No Service @ ST MM Service of the Word @ 9.30 am at Church on the Street	9.30am Eucharist	9.30am Word	9.30am Eucharist	No Service at St Margaret Mary or at Church on the Street	11.30pm Midnight Mass	
Good Shepherd, Broadwell	11am Eucharist	11am Word	11am Eucharist	11am Word	No morning service 4pm Carol Service	3pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass	
St Peter Clearwell	11am Service of the Word	11am Eucharist	11am Baptism	11am Said Word service 4pm Carol Service	11am Service of the Word	11.30pm Midnight Mass	
St Saviour, Redbrook	4pm Eucharist	No service	4pm All Age Worship	No service	No service	4pm Christmas Eucharist	

Please note that there may be some changes to these services so please check our website if you are not sure. <http://www.mid-wydeanchurches.co.uk/>

Parish Services for 2019

April 14th – Palm Sunday @ All Saints Church, Newland

May 5th – Alan's Retirement Service @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell

July 21st – Confirmation Service with Bishop Robert @ St Peter's Church, Clearwell

September 29th – Harvest Festival @ Good Shepherd, Broadwell

November 3rd – All Saints Day @ All Saints Church, Staunton

December 29th – Sunday after Christmas @ St Margaret Mary RC Church, High Nash, Coleford

Please note that these services start at 10.30am and are the only services in the parish on the selected dates.



Carol Services and Christmas Services in the Mid-Wyedean Parish

- Saturday 1st December** 1pm 'Stir Up!' at Church on the Street with mince pies and hot drinks
- Saturday 8th December** 6pm Ale, Mulled Wine and Carols @ All Saints Church, Newland
- Sunday 16th December** 4pm Carol service @ St Peter's Church, Clearwell
- Tuesday 18th December** 2.15pm Christmas story and songs for the under fives @ Church on the Street
- Tuesday 18th December** 6pm joint Carol Service with the Roman Catholic Congregation @ St Margaret Mary RC Church, Coleford
- Wednesday 19th December** 5pm Community Carol Singing at the Clock Tower
- Friday 21st December** 6pm Carols around the tree at All Saints Church, Staunton
- Sunday 23rd December** 9.30am Eucharist @ All Saints Church, Staunton
11am Word @ St Peter's Church, Clearwell
4pm Carol Service @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell
- No morning service @ GSB, ASN or STMM & no 4pm at Redbrook**

Christmas Services 2018

Monday 24th December

- 3pm Crib Service @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell
- 4pm Christmas Eve Eucharist @ St Saviour's Church, Redbrook
- 9pm Christmas Eve Eucharist @ All Saints Church, Staunton
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass @ St Peter's Church, Clearwell
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass @ St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Tuesday 25th December

- 10.30am Christmas Eucharist @ All Saints Church, Newland
- 10.30am Christmas Eucharist @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell

Sunday 30th December

- 10.30am Parish Eucharist @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell



The Messenger, December 2018

Faith: Living as adventurous followers of Jesus Christ

Introducing Seeking Shapes for Living: Lent course 2019

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Bishop Rachel will introduce each week with a video reflection and there will be links to help continue conversation on social media. Included in the pack will be resources for worship, prayer and reflection, a practical introduction to the focus for the week with some questions, ideas and discussion material and a practical guide to reflection at the end of each week.

We hope this will be just a beginning for many... a way for you to find balance in your lives. Shapes for Living booklets will be sent to all parishes early in 2019.

The difference a choir can make



The Revd Sue Greatorex, Vicar of St Bartholomew's, Lower Cam and Coaley, talks about the transforming change that a children's choir can have on the church family.

"When I arrived in Lower Cam, two and a half years ago, we didn't have young families in church. My church warden Bobbie told me about iSingPop and we arranged for them to come to the local community junior school.

"After they had done their stuff in school and church, I sent out a notice to parents asking if any of the children would like to join a children's choir to sing at our family service. I stressed that there would be one practice on the Saturday afternoon before the family service.

"Six children signed up and so of course those families now come to church for the family service. This means that we have a 'critical mass' - when other families come, they see that we have children in the church. Our family service is the most well attended service with often almost double the number we have on other Sundays.

"As well as encouraging families, we now have the beginnings of a music group (two guitars and I am praying for a drummer!) It also means that we are developing our repertoire of more up-to-date worship songs because when the children introduce them everyone just loves them!

"One of the children's choir was recently confirmed, and as a result of her preparation we have just started a children's Bible study once a month."

Interested in starting your own church choir or introducing contemporary music in your church? Spring 2019 sees the start of a series of training events, aimed at equipping people in all our churches to grow this style of worship. Read more about the courses which run in Bream, Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Cirencester and book your space at gloucester.anglican.org/2018/worship-team-training

#FollowTheStar

Make sure you are signed up to get daily reflections through Advent from the national Church. You can sign up to #FollowTheStar at www.churchofengland.org/followthestar

In churches too: raising awareness of domestic abuse

Wednesday 5 December

☒ 10am to 12.30pm, Parliament Room, Church House, Gloucester

☒ 7pm to 9.30pm, St George's Church, Tuffley, Gloucester

What is domestic abuse and who is affected? How can we support people affected by domestic abuse? Looking at what can be done and the theology around domestic abuse. Book on safeguardingtraining@glosdioc.org.uk

Mission shaped ministry full year course starts on 12 January

If you're doing or planning mission, either a Fresh Expression or a different kind of creative, missional activity, you will get a lot from this course. Learn about best practice, share ideas and conversation. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/2Qy0tZu>

New housing forum: 'new housing, new community, new values'

Saturday 26 January, 9.45am to 3pm at Christchurch, Abbeydale

Explore the joy, frustrations and opportunities of creating kingdom-shaped community in areas of new housing, with a focus on medium-sized developments (300-1,000 homes). Cost is £5 to include lunch. Book at <https://goo.gl/gyAbyt>



**Under five
and
flourishing**

Engaging with our
youngest children

30 March 2019
10am to 3pm
at Hartpury College

More information
and booking at
www.gloucester.anglican.org/event/under-five-and-flourishing

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Nativity sets, carol singing, prayer tree, children's craft, refreshments and gifts. All welcome, wheelchair accessible. Contact lesleybbarrett@btinternet.com

Advent Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 2 December, 6pm, Gloucester Cathedral

All are welcome for a dramatic and majestic service to mark the beginning of the new Christian Year. No ticket needed, just come along and celebrate the beginning of Advent.

A quiet day for Advent—The Spirituality Network for Gloucestershire

Wednesday 5 December, 10am to 3pm, Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing

Who do you think you are? The surprising women in Jesus' family tree. Led by the Revd Liz Palin. To reserve a place contact Alison Evans on Malcolm.alison@btinternet.com 01453 825034.

Emmanuel Festival of Decorated Christmas Trees

Friday 7 to Sunday 9 December, various times, Emmanuel Church, Cheltenham GL53 7PJ

A display of trees, designed and decorated by local people. Entrance £2.50 (under 16s free). Carol concert on 8 December at 7pm with Cotswold Male Voice Choir and Naunton Park Primary School. Jackie Dunlop on 01242 580731 or www.emmanuelcheltenham.co.uk

The Snowman screening with live orchestra

Friday 14 December, 1pm, 3pm and 7pm at Gloucester Cathedral

A live, professional orchestra play the original score along to the film shown on a large screen. The effect is magical and incredibly moving. Tickets from £9 to £21.60 available from <https://bit.ly/2qBcj9I>

Celebrate Christmas with your local church

Would you like to know about services happening locally in your church? Details of Christmas services, midnight masses, crib services, Christingles and carol services across the Diocese of Gloucester are listed at www.achurchnearyou.com

Have your say

Visit Facebook **Diocese.of.Gloucester**, email Katherine at kclamp@glosdioc.org.uk, follow us on Twitter **@glosdioc**, view videos on YouTube **Diocese of Gloucester** or visit our website gloucester.anglican.org

To all worshipping communities, from Bishop Rachel



Bishop Rachel would like to encourage every worshipping community to reflect on the Presidential Address that she made at Saturday's Diocesan Synod. To read the full text please go to:

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2018/bishop-rachels-presidential-address/>

New Archdeacon of Gloucester and Residentiary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral

Bishop Rachel has announced the appointment of a new Archdeacon of Gloucester and Residentiary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral.



The Revd Hilary Dawson will come to us from Devon, where she is currently a Rector of a Mission Community. She is married to Richard and they have two grown up children, Michael and Eleanor.

Hilary will start her role in January 2019 and is looking forward to getting started. She said, "I am delighted to be coming to the Diocese of Gloucester to be Archdeacon of Gloucester and Residentiary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral and getting to know all the people and places of the diocese. I am inspired by the Life vision and look forward to growing together in faith and hope, and sharing God's love through prayer, worship, creativity, action and advocacy."

Bishop Rachel is very excited about her appointment. She said, "I am delighted that Hilary has accepted my invitation to be the next Archdeacon of Gloucester. She will bring valuable gifts and experience to this role and a fresh perspective for how we share the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ in our worshipping communities. I am greatly looking forward to working alongside her."

The Dean of Gloucester Cathedral, Stephen Lake said, "I am delighted that Hilary Dawson is coming to the Cathedral as a Residentiary Canon as well as the new Archdeacon. It is a rare and wonderful post and I know Hilary will bring new gifts and blessings to the role and in particular, the joyous partnership here between diocese and Cathedral. Welcome Hilary!"

Hilary was born and brought up in Devon and was a teacher for 18 years. She trained for ministry with South West Ministry Training and was awarded an MA in Biblical Studies from Exeter University.

In her spare time Hilary likes to spend time with her family and friends as well as travelling, walking, reading, quilting and playing the piano.

Hilary will be licensed and installed as Archdeacon and Residentiary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral on Sunday 27 January 2019 at 3pm. More details will follow soon, but all are welcome to attend.

Food Bank

The foodbank are desperately in need of staple food items and the Christmas 'extras' that many of us take for granted. The demand on the food bank is huge at this time of year so please consider buying a few extra items with your food shop this week. You can bring your donations to the Church on the Street, preferably by the end of the first week of December, and I will make sure it gets to where it is needed.

We are doing a 'Stir Up' on the 1st December at Church on the Street and will be serving Teas and Coffees and Mince pies. Children and adults alike will be given the opportunity to come in and 'Stir up' a Christmas Pudding mix and make a wish or prayer which can be put on our Tree. There will also be a Craft activity for children and some crafts to purchase. All money raised at this event via donations for the refreshments will be sent to the foodbank. So please come along and say hello and stir the pudding! This is running alongside the St John's Street Fiddle Fair and turning on of the Christmas lights.

Salvation Army toy collection

The Salvation Army are having their usual toy collection which they distribute around our local area to ensure that all children receive a present on Christmas morning. The demand on them is greater this year with the introduction of Universal Credit so please consider buying a toy or game for a child this Christmas. The only stipulation is that it should be a New toy and remain Unwrapped so that they can see what they have been given which enables them to match the gifts to the children they are helping. Donations can be left at Church on the Street and I will ensure that they get to the Salvation Army in time for Christmas.

Pause for thought

We are entering the peak season for spending on the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The biblical accounts of Jesus show that he was firmly in favour of celebration, eating, sharing and being together. Sadly, I have seen too many people stressed and driven to debt by the pressures to spend money on Christmas, I have had phone calls from people contemplating suicide because their experience of family traumas, or loneliness did not match the hyped up expectations of everyone having a great time. We are also now, hopefully, much more aware of the damage to our planet of piles of unwanted plastic!

Let's all pause and reflect.

Let's support one another in resisting the deceit of advertising that promotes the idea of a "perfect Christmas"; that tries to convince us that we will be happy if only we spend more money, and that leaves most of us feeling like failures!

What can we do differently that will bring joy, peace & life at Christmas? It could be spending time rather than money; buying from local small traders and makers, buying fair-trade, or second-hand; giving to those in need; or simply spending time outdoors, enjoying God's creation.

Mark Bick - Pioneer Lay Reader.

FairPalm – sustainable, fair trade palm oil

Palm oil is very much in the news today. It's a controversial product due to mass deforestation to make way for large plantations, causing damage to the environment and loss of habitat for animals, such as orangutans, which are endangered.

But **FairPalm** is different.

In 2014, Traidcraft connected with the US soap company Dr Bronners, who were already working with smallholder farmers in Ghana to source organic palm oil, to develop fairly traded palm oil. Traidcraft's Sourcing Director Joe Osman, went on a scoping visit to Ghana, where there are some large palm plantations, but not as huge as those in Indonesia and Malaysia. The majority of palm oil producers in Africa are smallholders who are generally intercropping (growing different crops together) rather than practising monoculture.



FairPalm is grown by smallholder farmers in West Africa – where oil palm plants are indigenous, grow naturally alongside other crops, and where the farming community often possess a few palm trees as part of their multi cropping small holder farming.

Smallholder farmers in Ghana also grow cocoa trees next to their palm trees, therefore if we were to boycott sustainable palm oil from West Africa, we'd have to boycott the cocoa too!

Traidcraft know fair trade isn't only about people – it's about being fair to the planet, too.

All their fairtrade activities consider social, economic and environmental factors as part of the fairtrade model. With FairPalm, they decided that fair trade could only occur in the smallholder farming sector, embracing organic, and leaving no place for monocropping.

And so, they have FairPalm. Organic, Fair Trade, small holder cultivation, fair to farmers, grown in harmony with the environment. Its why they think palm oil can be GREAT for our planet and is why we will always champion it. It's a palm oil revolution.



What led Traidcraft to pursue this project?

Traidcraft have worked to address trade-related injustices for over 39 years. They have developed various products as vehicles for crops widely grown in 'developing countries', such as coffee, cocoa, sugar and tea. Their bars and biscuits contain Fairtrade ingredients, but also other components such as wheat or vegetable oil that were not available as Fairtrade.



When the UK baking industry switched over due to health concerns from hydrogenated fats to palm oil, they began to think seriously about how they could apply fair trade principles to this new ingredient.

This fitted with Traidcraft's approach, making direct links between smallholders and consumers, as well as their focus on high environmental standards. Palm oil can be a great crop for smallholders, as the farmers don't need much land, the crop is fairly low maintenance, and high yielding.

Traidcraft developed Clean and Fair, the UK's first Fairtrade cleaning products, using FairPalm and Fairtrade Coconut oil. Some of the 'Clean and Fair' range do carry the Fairtrade logo, but this is for the coconut oil which is another ingredient. As Fairtrade International has not yet created standards for palm oil, Fairpalm itself cannot use the Fairtrade logo, but has its own logo which can be seen on their 'Clean and Fair' cleaning range, and the cookies in which it is used. Fairpalm is certified organic by the IMO, who have integrated fair trade principles, such as pre-financing and fair prices, into their 'Fair for Life' organic standards.

You can find FairPalm in Traidcraft cookies and cleaning products at A Fair Deal Locally, at Church on the Street.

Adapted by Rachel Wade Whittington from <http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/fairpalm> and <https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/food-drink/fairpalm-truly-sustainable-option>

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Help for children and young people:

Childline: 0800 1111

Help for adults concerned about a child (NSPCC)

Help and advice: 0808 800 5000

- Action on Elder Abuse Helpline: 0808 808 8141
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247
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