

Fairtrade is a Christian response to a generous God who calls us to love our neighbours, care for our planet and share its rich gifts equitably. Making sure some of the poorest people on our planet get a fair days pay for their work.

In St Columba's we have been running Fairtrade stalls recently with goods from Gavin's Mill in Milngavie. Many people asked how we as a congregation were making a difference and that was difficult to answer as we hadn't yet committed to being a Fairtrade Church.

The Fairtrade Rice Challenge would allow St. Columba's to make a difference by simply buying rice which is ethically sourced from Malawi. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and only one in three children can afford to go to secondary school. By buying ninety bags of rice as a congregation that would pay for one child to go to school for a year. Are we able to make a difference to a child's life by buying Fairtrade rice on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December and next time you see a Fairtrade product consider changing how you shop.