

Name/Title of Project **St James Kerikeri - Fair Trade Church**

Background to Project

The concept of being a 'Fair Trade Church' is promoted by both Trade Aid and Christian World Service. By supplying Fair Trade products (which we purchase from Trade Aid) we demonstrate an outward expression of our commitment to addressing some of the problems of poverty and injustice in our World.

At our March 2009 AGM the St James parishioners agreed to become a Fair Trade Church. We now have a certificate displayed in the church hall.

Who the Project is Aimed at *All members of the parish community*

The Aim of the Project

- 1. We demonstrate our concern for the needs of the poor by purchasing products from Trade Aid and thus supporting their aim of ensuring a fair and stable price to producers.*
- 2. By being a member of Trade Aid we support efforts to create a fairer and more equitable international trading system in the world.*
- 3. We create an awareness of the importance of fair trade amongst our community.*
- 4. It is a part of our social outreach programme*
- 5. Any profits made from sales to the public are channelled into our Mission projects.*

How the Project Works

Products such as tea, coffee and sugar are purchased at cost from Trade Aid and used when ever we have a church function and at our after service gatherings on a Sunday morning. These are supplied at cost price.

Every month there is a Fair Trade table where tea, coffee, chocolate, soaps etc. are on sale. These are sold at the recommended retail price and all profits are donated through St James to our ongoing support of missions.

The Outcomes of the Project

This is of course an on going activity. There is a growing awareness of the need to support fair trade and one which is being well supported by the congregation.

General Observations

The monthly Fair Trade table adds a new dimension to the after service gatherings. A number of parishioners now help run the table.

For Further Information

Trade Aid www.tradeaid.org.nz

Christian World Service www.cws.org.nz