

PRIMLEY CHURCH - OCTOBER 2023

Please remember those of our congregation and those known to us personally who are unwell, bereaved or struggling

Oct 8th - Harvest Celebration (dry goods to Sidmouth Food Bank)

Oct 7th - 15th - Sidmouth Science Festival

Oct 29th - Church Meeting

Nov 5th - Community Friendship Lunch

ROTAS					
OCTOBER	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Elder	Richard	Roger	Barbara	Maggie	Roger
Door Stewards	Alison	Sue	Chrissy	Alison	Barbara
Communion - Jill & Barbara					
OCTOBER		PREACHERS			
1 st		Bobby & Malcolm Fortnam			
8 th		Rev Michael Diffey - HARVEST			
15 th		Rev Iain McDonald			
22 nd		Rev Aiyana Gardner-Houghton (Communion)			
29 th		Paul Skinner CHURCH MEETING			

Reminder for Shoeboxes for Moldova

This will be one of the most generous things you can do to help the Moldovan people, and also the people from Ukraine who have been welcomed into Moldova. We will take them to the Exmouth Depot in mid November, where they will then travel overland to Moldova in time for Christmas. Thank you.

Sidmouth is a Fairtrade Town which means it has the support of the Town Council, Chris Lockyear, the Leader of the Council is currently a member of The Steering Group. Caroline Sparks from the Parish Church has also agreed to join the Steering Group.

In Devon there are over ten Fairtrade Towns and they work together holding regular Zoom meetings. Fairtrade Towns in Devon also organise Schools' Conferences which frequently have visits from Fairtrade Farmers including our own Primary school in Sidmouth.. In the past few years they have had farmers who grow bananas, coffee, tea and the cocoa which is used to make Divine Chocolate.

In November 2023 Devon Fairtrade Towns have invited Mike Gidney who is CEO of the Fairtrade Foundation to visit Devon.

Since Traidcraft went into liquidation several businesses have tried to fill the gap. 'We are Fair Trade ' is a new limited company that will trade from the old Traidcraft building in Gateshead . Most Directors previously worked in Traidcraft, and have a deep understanding of the challenges and complexities of running a Fairtrade business. They have strong links with producers and suppliers across the globe. 'Shared Earth ' sells mainly craft goods, as well as Divine Chocolate.

All these businesses particularly aim to support The Global South (the less-developed countries of the world), by buying from them as many Fairtrade goods as possible, including, tea, coffee, chocolate and sugar. In some cases they will be able to use Traidcraft packaging. People who were Fairtraders will now become Fairtrade Advocates.

'Transform Trade' is a registered Charity. It's about every business that breaks with convention and chooses to treat people all over the world as more important than their own profit. It's about everyone that sees the hard truth of the way trade currently works, and seeks out a better way of living, - partnering farmers, workers and artisans to help them benefit from more sustainable equitable trade. People -centered trade protects our planet and everyone living in it.

The donations to 'Transform Trade' fund things like equipment, training, mentoring, and network building among farmers in The Global South.

Locally several businesses stock Fairtrade goods, including Ganesha, Co-op, Lidl, and Waitrose . Primley is a registered Fairtrade Church

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