Traidcraft Church Pack
Worship resources and other ideas

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Thank you for ordering this pack which includes plenty of worship resources and other ideas to share the message of fair trade and how it helps transform lives.

The worship ideas in this pack are based around the theme of change, using examples from the Apicoop producer group in Chile. Traidcraft is working with Apicoop to help them diversify their business to grow blueberries as well as carry on honey production, so that more people can enjoy the benefits of fair trade.

You can mix and match these resources to suit your event, whether you are running a whole service, or just presenting a short slot.

This pack includes a DVD and CD-ROM with producer images to help you tell the Apicoop story. If you haven’t received these, please call 0845 330 8900 quoting reference 48592. The PowerPoint can also be downloaded, along with other resources, from our website: www.traidcraft.org.uk/churchpack

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Traidcraft is the UK’s leading fair trade organisation dedicated to fighting poverty through trade. Launched as a Christian response to poverty, Traidcraft is made up of a fair trade trading company (Traidcraft plc) and an international development charity (Traidcraft Exchange).

Traidcraft plc buys products from more than 100 producer groups in over 30 countries. We are committed to long-term relationships and support our suppliers to develop strong businesses. By purchasing fair trade items from Traidcraft you are helping to fight poverty through trade.

Traidcraft Exchange is helping people improve their livelihoods, offering the hope of a better future for them, their families and their communities. This work is made possible through the generous support of individuals, groups and organisations. It is not funded by the activities of Traidcraft plc.

Together, we share a vision of a world freed from the scandal of poverty – but we need your help to make it happen.

There are many ways for your church to get involved. See page 16 for more detail of the actions your church can take to help fight poverty through trade.
Producer Stories

Introduction
What do you think of when someone says the word ‘change’? For some people, it is exciting to think of transforming, developing and growing. For others it can be a frightening prospect, leading them out of familiar territory into the unknown.

Throughout Jesus’ ministry he challenged people to change – to change their hearts towards him, to change their attitudes towards others and to change their behaviour. As Christians, we need to allow God to change us to be more like him and to show his love to the world. One of the ways we can change is to support fair trade and make sure that we are investing in the lives of the people who grow the food we enjoy and make the clothes we wear.

The following case study shows how honey producers in Chile have benefited from people’s choice to ‘Change today and choose Fairtrade’. These producers themselves have also embraced change as they have begun to diversify into blueberry production so that more lives can be changed by the benefits that fair trade brings.

The Apicoop Story

Beekeepers of Apicoop talk freely about the huge difference fair trade benefits have made to their lives. They have access to low-interest loan schemes, and the opportunity to share resources and experience to develop their honey-producing capacity and improve their standard of living.

Apicoop began in 1980 and has become the biggest beekeeping co-operative in Chile with more than 40,000 hives. The co-operative has been supplying honey to Traidcraft for over 15 years, and it’s this honey that is used in Geobars.

However, relying on one product can be risky and so, in October 2007, Apicoop took an important step towards diversifying into blueberry production.

The Apicoop General Manager Chino Henriques said: “Two years ago we bought 21 hectares of land with a view to diversifying.”

Keen to encourage our producers to diversify, Traidcraft has gone the extra mile and made a grant to Apicoop to help them plant the bushes and assisted them in obtaining a loan from the ethical investment organisation Shared Interest. Traidcraft also launched Blueberry Geobar to provide a possible market for the blueberries when the first crop is harvested in three years’ time.
Juan and Marina’s Story

Chino Henriques with Juan and Marina Inostroza showing off one of the blueberry bushes. Photo: Richard Else.

The couple hope that by developing their farm they can provide a better future for their three children, Ivonne (17), and 11-year-old twins, Jonathan and Richard.

“I would be happy to see my children 100% developed and satisfied as people, doing what they love the best, and, if possible, one of them continuing the sort of work that we have been doing on our farm,” Marina said. “My hope is for them to grow up healthy and happy.”

Twins Richard and Jonathan proudly pointing at a picture of their dad on the Geobar packet. Photo: Richard Else.

Did you know...?

- Early American colonists made grey paint by boiling blueberries in milk.
- Blueberries are sometimes mistakenly called ‘huckleberries’, even though huckleberries are blacker and have larger seeds.
- The antioxidants in blueberries help neutralize harmful by-products called ‘free radicals’ that can lead to cancer and other age-related diseases.
- Blueberry Jelly Bellies were created especially for Ronald Reagan.
- Blueberries have been used to treat a wide range of medical disorders including coughs, blood diseases and high cholesterol.
- Blueberries are related to azaleas, camellias, heather and rhododendrons.
- The blueberry muffin is the official muffin of Minnesota.

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This passage tells of the woman caught in adultery whom the Pharisees (religious leaders of the day) brought to Jesus. They were trying to have reason to accuse him – either of usurping the office of a judge, if he condemned her, or of being an enemy to the law, if he acquitted her.

Jesus famously uttered the powerful words, “If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.” One by one the Pharisees and teachers of the law skulked away as they realised that they weren’t entitled to judge the poor woman. Jesus was never afraid to challenge the Pharisees to change their hypocritical attitudes. And this passage continues to be a wake up call to those who make a show of keeping to the letter of the law, but aren’t prepared to embrace the costly spirit of the law.

The way Jesus treats the woman is also very revealing of God’s character and of how he expects his followers to respond to him. Jesus showed extraordinary compassion towards the woman, refusing to judge her even though he was the one person who had the right to condemn. Instead, he chose to forgive. If we are to follow his example, we need to soften our hearts towards the hurting world around us.

It is important also to acknowledge the challenge to change that he issued to the woman: “Go now and leave your life of sin.” For this woman, meeting Jesus dramatically changed her life. Not only was she forgiven her sin and made clean, but she was expected to change her lifestyle. If we have truly met with the God of all compassion and forgiveness, then we should expect our lives to change.

So what does this mean for us? Are we sometimes like the Pharisees, overly critical of others and lacking in compassion? Do we need to change our attitudes towards others? Jesus shows that there is no place to sit in judgement of others. We need to follow Jesus’ example and have compassionate hearts towards others.

Have we had our lives transformed by meeting Jesus? There is no place for complacency in the face of forgiveness – meeting Jesus should not only change our eternal destiny but should also change the way we live our lives here and now.

This passage gives another example of someone whose life was radically changed by an encounter with Jesus. Zacchaeus was a rich tax collector who had obviously gained much of his wealth by exploiting others. Jesus has already taught (in Luke 18: 18 – 30) that it is hard for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God because following him means giving up everything and putting God first, even above material possessions.

However, Zacchaeus seems to have had a compulsion to see Jesus which shows that, with God’s help, even those who are wealthy can enter the kingdom of heaven. Zacchaeus cast all thoughts of dignity aside when he ran and climbed a tree to get a better look at Jesus, and it was while he was up the tree that Jesus called him to come down as he wished to stay at his house.

Zacchaeus’ response to Jesus shows the transformation that has happened in his life. He is eager to give everything he has over to the Lord and to pay back all those he has cheated – not just with the bare minimum, but four times what he cheated them out of. It is important to note that his commitment to ‘make amends’ didn’t earn Zaccheaus’ salvation but was a result of being accepted and forgiven by Jesus. Jesus’ statement in verse 9: “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham” confirms Zaccheaus’ status as a fully forgiven son of God.

This account shows that, however far we are from God, his power is enough to bring us into his kingdom. It also shows that, if we are truly followers of Jesus, then we must give up everything we have to serve him. We must allow him to change our hearts and attitudes, but also to change what we do with our money and our possessions. The challenge to us is to have the same heart for justice and for compassion towards the poor as Jesus has.

Other passages to look at:
- Matthew 19: 16 – 22
- Mark 2: 1 – 20
- James 2: 14 – 17
Children’s Talk

Ask the children how often they change their clothes? Hopefully they will say every day, or perhaps more often if they wear school uniform during the day and then change in the evenings.

Talk about the fact that people often use the clothes they wear to try to express their personality or say something about their identity.

You may have some items of fancy dress which you can dress up the children in.

Alternatively, hold up dolls or show pictures of different clothing styles – pretty, girly princess costumes, ‘Bratz’-style dolls or other clothing fads. Talk about hairstyles and hair colour too, as another example of how people express their identity.

Now, we all have to change our clothes every day – or even more often – to make sure we are clean and tidy. We might wear different styles of clothing at different times, depending on the activity or on how we are feeling. But even though people try to express themselves through clothes, we can’t really tell a lot about people from what they wear, can we? We can’t tell what food someone likes, what they are good at, what their dreams and hopes are for the future.

These things are not linked to how people look, but to something deeper inside of them.

Have you ever met someone who changed how you thought about something? Or someone who inspired you? Maybe you met a police officer or heard them talk in school about their job – and maybe it inspired you to work hard and try to become a police officer too!

Ask the children for examples of people who have inspired them.

Explain that today we are talking about people who met Jesus. Jesus was very inspiring and made people want to change the way they live.

Tell the story of Zaccheus or act it out (Luke 19:1-10). Props such as money bags, tree branches and even a teapot and cake to illustrate Zaccheus’ hospitality at the end, help add life to the story. Be sure to emphasise that at the start of the story Zaccheus was someone who acted very selfishly and meanly. He exploited the people from whom he collected taxes. Tax collectors in the Roman empire paid a fixed charge to the Romans, and were entitled to keep anything extra they managed to collect. Meeting Jesus made Zaccheus look at the world differently. He was inspired to pay back what he had cheated out of people and to behave differently in the future.

Think again about the person you met that inspired you and how motivated you felt to be like them. It’s the same with Jesus. The more we know of him and talk to him through prayer and learn about the things that he said and did, the more we can be inspired to be loving and generous like he was. We can pray for the Holy Spirit to help us be inspired by Jesus and to be more like him.

Children having fun in the cotton fields at Agrocel. Photo: Shailan Parker.

Children at the Sahyadri Tea Estate. Photo: Shailan Parker.

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Reflections and Prayers on ‘change’

Prayer

Change our hearts
That we might love your people

Change our minds
That we might know your truth

Change our lives
That we might live for you

Take our hands
That we might freely give

Take our time
That we might freely serve

Take our skills
That we might bless those around us

Be our strength
That we might not give up

Be our guide
That we might know the way

Be our Lord
That we might worship you

Amen

Prayer

Our Father, help us not to be frightened when you tell us to change.
Help us to be like those early disciples of Jesus who gave up everything to follow you.
Help us to trust that you are with us every step of the way, inspiring us by your Spirit to make a difference in our world.
Give us your compassion for those in need.
Help us to go the extra mile to make the right choices and live lives that really count for your kingdom.
Prick our consciences so that we will fight injustice, work for the greater good and seek to bring an end to global poverty.
Thank you, Lord, that you have blessed us and we pray that we will be a blessing to others.

Amen

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Prayer

Lord, disturb us that we may comfort others.
Lord, change us that we may do something that serves your kingdom.
Lord, provoke us that we may act for righteousness sake.
Lord, awaken us that we may do something to fight poverty.
Lord, ignite us that we may with passion love you and our neighbour.

Amen

Reflection: A boy is on a beach throwing starfish back into the sea as they will die in the roasting sun before the tide comes back in. A cynic sees him doing this and criticises him for wasting his time as there are too many starfish for him to possibly make a difference. The boy picks up a starfish and says, “I can make a difference to this one,” as he throws it back into the sea.

Doing nothing is not an option.
Making a difference to the life of only one individual is worthwhile.

Amen

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, eternal creator and ruler of all that is, we worship you and praise you for your majesty and your power.
Father God, whose love lifts and sustains us, we thank you for the mercy, love and grace on which we depend and which you lavish on us in abundance of joy.
Lord you call us to holiness, righteousness and justice. You ask us to serve and to forbear and to love. Help us to see the pain of Jesus in the need of others; to hear his cry in theirs, and to hunger for your righteousness and justice.

Lord, Jesus Christ, help us to put our faults and our failures behind us – not by denying them but acknowledging them so that we may find the commitment and the resolve to follow you more closely. Help us, by the power of your Spirit, to love you more and serve your world better.

Amen

Reflection: Rosa Parks didn’t set out to start the civil rights movement in America. One of those she inspired was a young, black, newly-qualified lawyer called Martin Luther King. Yet Rosa was unaware of what she was starting and remained very modest about her contribution. “I did not get on the bus to be arrested; I got on the bus to go home.”

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The Lords Prayer

Our Father who is in heaven
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory
are yours.
Now and forever.
Amen

The Lords Prayer (Spanish version)

Padre Nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Sea hecha tu voluntad, como en el cielo,
así también en la tierra.
Danos hoy nuestro pan cotidiano.
Y perdónanos nuestras deudas,
como también nosotros perdonamos á
nuestros deudores.
Y no nos metas en tentación,
as liberanos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el Reino, el Poder y la
Gloria por todos los siglos.
Amen

Numbers Change
(suitable for younger children)
The players are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 etc. and are seated in a circle. The
leader stands in the middle of the circle and calls out two
numbers. These players must change seats quickly, while
the leader tries to secure a seat. He
continues until he
succeeds. The one
left out becomes the
leader.

Balloon Change Race

Equipment: You’ll need two boxes, each containing
a jacket, shirt, and oversized pair of trousers.
You’ll also need two blown up balloons
(you can get balloons from Traidcraft).
This is a game for 6 or more players and should be played outside or in an open area.
Tape a start line and a finish line onto the floor.
Players divide up into teams of 3.
To play, players race down to the end of the course while keeping the balloon in the air.
At the end of the course, players have to grab an item and put it on while keeping the balloon in the air.
Players then run back to their team and pass the balloon to the next player. If the balloon hits the
ground, you have to go back behind the line and try again.
The first team to put on all the clothing while keeping the balloon airborne wins.

Activities for children and young people

Wordsearch
Find the following words in the wordsearch. They
can go in any direction – backwards, forwards,
up, down and diagonal!
(Answers on page 18)

Blueberry Plants
Apicoop Chino
Crop Fair
Geobar Trade
Chile Education
Field Healthy
Beekeepers

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Campaign

Campaigning is a key part of Traidcraft’s mission to fight poverty through trade. By taking simple actions like sending a postcard we really can help to change the structures of trade that keep millions of people poor.

Campaign with us: Unjust trade rules and practices are keeping millions trapped in poverty. Help us to change the way the world trades – order special Fairtrade Fortnight campaign cards to hand out in your Church. Visit www.traidcraft.co.uk/campaign or phone 0191 497 3981.

See The Flipside: Traidcraft’s lively youth group scheme that encourages young people to make a real difference through fair trade. For more information visit www.seetheflipside.co.uk or email seetheflipside@traidcraft.co.uk or phone 0870 4441543.

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Give

Traidcraft Exchange is the only UK development charity devoted exclusively to fighting poverty through trade. Giving to Traidcraft Exchange enables us to work with many more producers so that they can benefit from trade. Donations from the public account for more than half of our income, so your support really is vital.

To make a donation and to find out more about different ways you can give, visit www.traidcraft.org.uk/givingmatters or call 0191 497 6445.

Link your church to Traidcraft:

Approach your church leadership about establishing a direct giving relationship with Traidcraft Exchange. Contact our Church Relations Manager on 0191 497 6465.

Buy a ‘Gift for Life’: ‘Gifts for Life’ are alternative gifts that will bring joy to a friend or relative and transform the lives of people living in poverty who are working to build better lives through trade. Go to www.giftsforlife.org to find out how.

Use your event to fundraise: Check out the fundraising ideas below or visit www.traidcraft.org.uk/events to find out more about our fundraising events.

- Hold a collection - Take up a collection as part of a fair trade service. Ask people for a donation, leave out some collection boxes or suggest a donation for a cup of coffee.
- Fundraise online - Set up a justgiving page and ask people to donate online. To set up a justgiving page, visit www.justgiving.com/traidcraft/raisemoney
- Hold a quiz - Hold a quiz and collect a donation from everyone taking part. Download our quiz from our website.
- Hold a competition - Put some blueberries in jar and ask people to guess how many there are.
- Hold a wine and cheese evening - Download the wine tasting notes which accompany our wine range from our website.

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How your support helps

£8 could enable honey farmers in Tanzania to grow their business and increase their income.

£15 could help protect hardworking farmers in Africa from unfair international trading that could threaten them with ruin.

£25 could train cotton farmers in India in modern organic farming techniques so they increase their income and improve their environment.

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