

Caring for God's Creation

When God saw all he had created, he called it "very good". Our world is wonderful, but in lots of ways it's become spoilt and broken. Four years ago, Ruth Valerio came to speak at All Saints, encouraging us to make sustainable choices to help relieve poverty around the world. Inspired by Ruth's vision, a number of local Christians took up the cause of Fairtrade - an initiative which seeks trade justice, decent working conditions and fair terms for farmers and workers in the developing world. In the last two years, thanks to their efforts, Lindfield Village and All Saints Church have become accredited Fairtrade groups.

In April 2019, as the climate and ecological crisis prompted action in local councils, the Fairtrade Lindfield group, many of whom are members of All Saints, extended their remit to include climate action. This resulted in the establishment of Fairer World Lindfield which aims to raise awareness of the crisis and encourage individual as well as collective actions to mitigate the adverse impacts on the environment.

Fairer World Lindfield have been running events to raise awareness about climate change and sustainable living - this is the result of Christians putting their faith into action to love their neighbours: *"Love does no harm to a neighbour"* - Romans 13:10



And so, we come full circle; on 2nd April 2020, four years after her first talk, Dr Ruth Valerio is coming to speak at All Saints again as we, as Christians, continue to seek God's plan to care for His creation.

SIX STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY

- **Money** – use a bank that invests in sustainable projects
- **Energy** – change to a green electricity provider
- **Transport** – combine short trips and share journeys with others
- **Food** – consider a more plant-based diet and compost food waste
- **Clothing** – buy pre-loved clothes
- **Garden** – mow the lawn less and choose bee-friendly plants

