

The Faith and Work Page

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Britain's High Streets are increasingly populated by stores whose product ranges are dictated by ethical values. A whole host of "kitemarks" assure us that products are Fair-Traded, Organic, GM Free, Carbon Neutral, Against animal testing etc. etc. We live in a world where values are increasingly on display and even up for sale!

Are the Church's ethics and values always as evident? What opportunities does the workplace present for Christians to manifest their beliefs and faith identity, which might never exist in the context of church alone?

Is our response to such issues restricted to that of a consumer (e.g. using only fair-trade coffee) or can our faith also inspire us to be an entrepreneur (e.g. starting a business that produces it!) This is taking our faith to work!

A Faith and work moment

Match of the Day 2, the BBC's Sunday football roundup, recently included a "day in the life" feature of Everton Chairman Bill Kenwright, originally famed for his acting role in Coronation Street. The piece followed the charismatic celebrity around the Goodison Park stadium on a matchday, while he introduced viewers to various characters who are part of his beloved football club. He began the day outside the stadium and was quick to call the camera crew across to meet club chaplain Revd. Harry Ross whose role and significance he was keen to emphasise. Amidst the glitz and glamour of Premier League football, viewers were reminded that even here the unobtrusive presence of workplace chaplains is valued and vital.



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