



## Reverse Advent Calendar

### Christmas Socks

As you place each coin in your Christmas sock please pray for the producers of each product, or for the company listed, and for their families and their wider community.

Pray too that in these uncertain times, “A spirit of generosity should guide the UK’s new deals with developing countries.” (Dr John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York.)

1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>Tea</u> Traidcraft’s teas are blends from East Africa. (The British drink an oceanic 165 million cups of tea every day!)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>Walnuts</u> Traidcraft’s organic walnuts are nurtured and harvested by traditional growers at Mountain Fruits in Pakistan.-
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<u>Noah’s Ark</u> Noah’s Ark has been supporting and empowering talented artisans since the year 2000. They work with a multi-talented group of paper crafters, metal workers, skilled and dexterous painters. Their orders will fall dramatically with the downsizing of Traidcraft plc.
4 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Sugar</u> Traidcraft’s pure white granulated cane sugar is harvested by traditional growers in Mauritius.
5 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Aravali</u> Aravali was set up in 1979 against the rich cultural tapestry of Rajasthan, and the group strives to protect both the artisan and the skills they use to create their treasures. They supply Traidcraft with beautiful bedding.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Rice</u> Traidcraft’s rice is harvested in Malawi by smallholder farmers. Income from this fair trade rice means that these farming communities can invest in their businesses, educate their families, and plan for the future.
7 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Ngwenya Glass</u> Ngwenya Glass employs over 60 skilled glassblowers to create original pieces of art and train the apprentices. The products are all crafted from 100% recycled glass from waste soft drink bottles, gathered from every corner of Swaziland. They supply Traidcraft with many glass products including the Rocking Recycled Glass Tumblers.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Cocoa</u> Here in the UK we consume an estimated 660,900 tonnes of chocolate a year. This averages out at around 11kg per person per year, or around 3 chocolate bars a week!
9 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Dates</u> Traidcraft’s organic pitted dates are grown and harvested in Tunisia.
10 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Swajan</u> Provide Traidcraft with hand-embroidered cards and are based in Bangladesh employing over 750 people, many of them women. Traidcraft Exchange said the company faces a 65 per cent fall in orders due to Traidcraft plc’s reduction in capacity.
11 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Cashews</u> Traidcraft’s cashews are nurtured and harvested by traditional growers in Burkina Faso in West Africa.





12 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Bananas</u> One in three bananas bought in the UK is Fairtrade and it makes a huge difference to thousands of farmers, workers and their families. (In Britain, we eat over five billion bananas every year.)
13 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Sasha</u> Sasha has been working with artisans and craft communities in Kolkata since 1978. They supply Traidcraft with various handcrafted items from cushions and Christmas decorations to bowls and beard combs!
14 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Honey</u> Traidcraft's honeys come from Mexico, Chile and Guatemala.
15 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Almonds</u> Traidcraft's Fairtrade almonds are from the company Zaytoun in Palestine.
16 <sup>th</sup>	<u>CORR Jute Works</u> CORR in Bangladesh employ nearly 5000 people and provide women weavers with the training and skills needed to make locally-grown jute products in the safety and comfort of their own homes. They supply Traidcraft with bags, baskets and even a Posh Penguin Doorstop!
17 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Jam</u> Traidcraft's organic strawberry jam contains 40% organic strawberries and Fairtrade sugar from Paraguay.
18 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Herbs</u> Traidcraft sells Zaytoun's traditional Za'atar which is a herb mix that has been wild-harvested by women in Jenin, Palestine.
19 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Tara Projects</u> Tara Projects in Delhi supports artisans who supply Traidcraft with beautiful jewellery and jewellery boxes, and carved stone items from candleholders to garlic pots.
20 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Chutney</u> Fairtrade chutney from Eswatini in southern Africa is hand-prepared with apples, pears, and peaches from under the Swazi sun.
21 <sup>st</sup>	<u>Peanut Butter</u> From Liberation Nuts, with nuts sourced ethically from Malawi, Mozambique, and Nicaragua.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>SHAPII (Salay Handmade Products Industries Inc)</u> SHAPII was set up in 1987, and not only produce handmade paper and crafts, but supports a number of outreach projects - from the island's first internet cafe, to schooling and education bursaries, to training programmes for young artisans. Without Traidcraft plc's orders, they will suffer a significant loss of income - putting this amazing work at risk.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<u>Coffee</u> Here in the UK we drink around 55 million cups of coffee a day!
24 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Raisins</u> In mince pies, Christmas cake and Christmas pudding! Traidcraft's raisins are grown in Chile.

