

## **Use Your LOAF**

We may feel that much of the efforts needed to combat climate emergency and help build a sustainable and ethical society are beyond our control. However, we do have consumer power. As consumers we can do our bit to show priorities beyond the bottom line of market forces. However, it is not simple. A principle in our purchases promoted by Eco Church are the **LOAF** principles. When buying try to prioritise at least one of the following-**Local, Organic, Animal friendly or Fair Traded**. It's not always easy to say which is the most important, however any one is usually a better choice than none.

Putting this into practice collectively, over the last couple of weeks, the Benefice supported the Leicester Just Shop's Eco stall after each service outside. Thanks to both church congregations and local visitors who supported the stalls. The Just Shop were blown away with our whopping **£330** worth of Fair-trade and Eco sales! The Just Shop would love us to do this again-perhaps an occasional 4 times a year? Just are also keen to promote their home delivery and online ordering service ([www.justfairtrade.com](http://www.justfairtrade.com)). Interestingly, St Mary's bought up all the Divine chocolate bars and St Guthlac's bought up all the bamboo toothbrushes?!? Many thanks to the Eco Teams at both churches for running the stalls, **Eileen, Michal, Emily, Constance, Eleanor and Steve**. **If you would like to get involved in our Eco Church Teams, please contact Matthew or Fiona.**