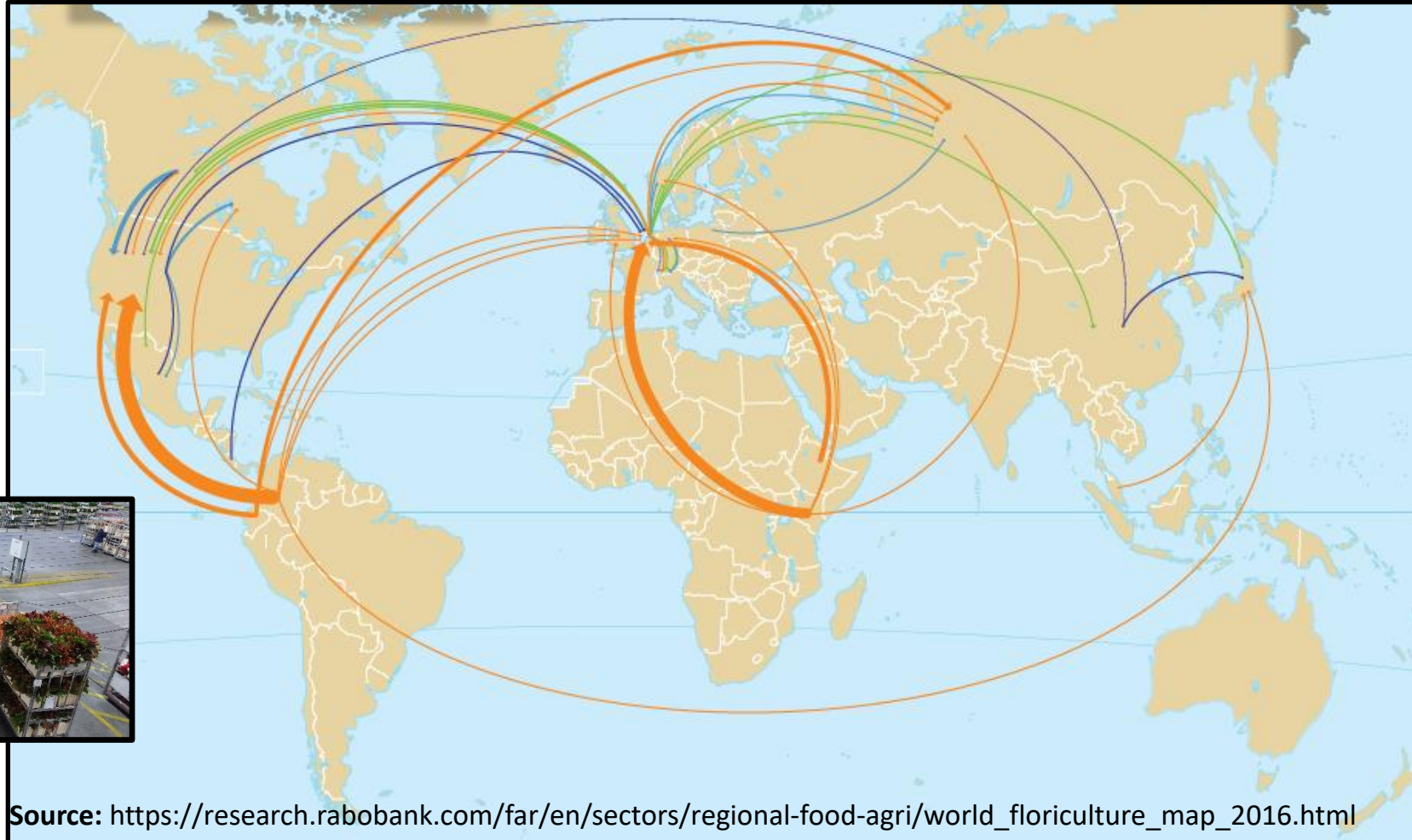




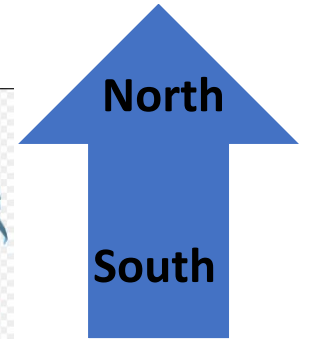
# Floriculture: Global production and trade patterns

Worth  
estimated \$72  
billion  
annually

Netherlands  
as 'global  
epicentre'.



Source: [https://research.rabobank.com/far/en/sectors/regional-food-agri/world\\_floriculture\\_map\\_2016.html](https://research.rabobank.com/far/en/sectors/regional-food-agri/world_floriculture_map_2016.html)





## Key sustainability issues in the industry

**Water footprint:** Flowers are thirsty, impact of chemicals on water quality

**Carbon footprint:** Distribution systems, greenhouse production

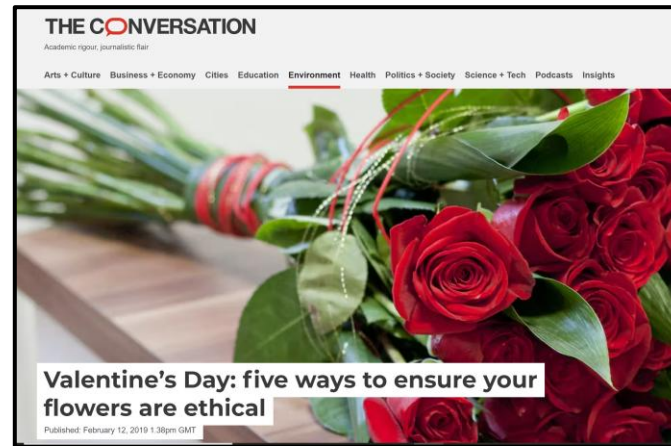
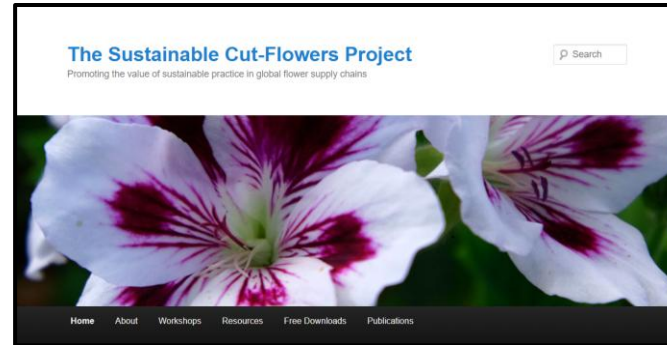
**Labour and social issues:** Precarious work, reports of H & S problems/discrimination, poor infrastructure and unreliable regulatory systems, wider regional instability e.g. Ethiopia – social unrest

**Floristry practice:** Lack of training for some in buying consideration and impact of some practices

## Lots of good things are happening too!

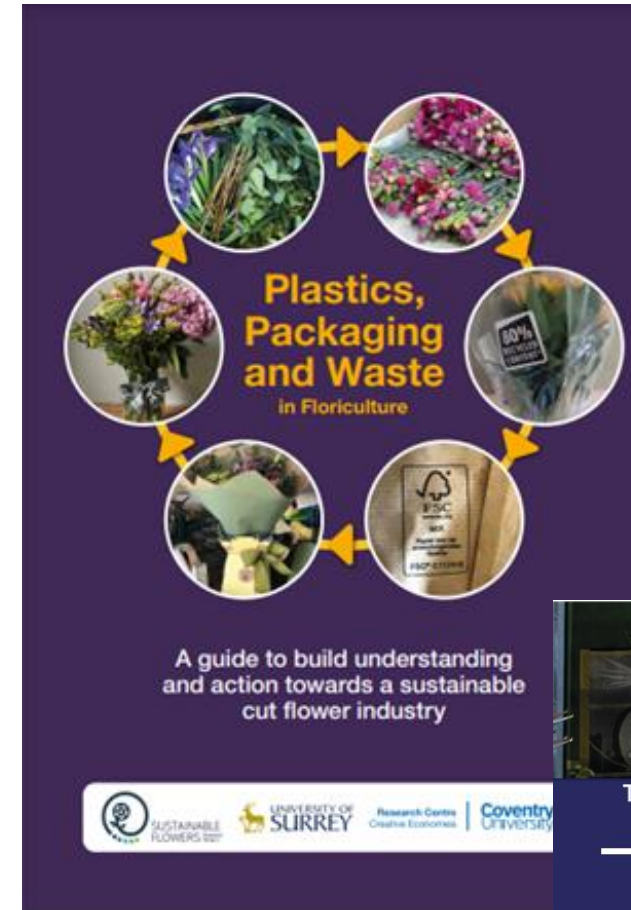
**Now is the time:** We know more, expect more and regulations start to require more

# The Sustainable Cut-flowers project – Working with the flower industry for solutions...



# Climate Change

Environmental	Social
<b>Carbon</b> - emissions and measuring	<b>Gender</b> - gender based violence and harassment
<b>Pesticides</b> – implementing Integrated Pest Management and reduction in use	<b>Living wage</b> – how to ensure all workers receive a fair wage
<b>Water</b> - reducing the amount of water used and water conservation	<b>Workers' rights</b> - poor realisation of the right to join a union and collective bargaining
<b>Plastics and packaging</b>	<b>Modern Slavery</b>





[www.sustainablefloristry.org](http://www.sustainablefloristry.org)

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## SFN Sustainable Floristry Network

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# Sustainable Church Flowers



A Sustainable Church Flowers PCC Resolution

We, the Team Parish of Tring  
in the Diocese of St Albans

are committed to the principles of the Sustainable Church Flowers movement, namely:

As floral foam is both a pollutant and a single use, non-compostable plastic, we will prioritise its complete elimination within our churches and our graveyards, encouraging our floral creators/decorators to use alternative methods and [techniques](#) for the display of creation and the glory of God.

We will use seasonal flowers and foliage grown locally or nationally where possible, being mindful of the liturgical seasons, adjusting church and graveyard decorations according to what is naturally and locally available.

We will be mindful of the environmental impact of our [actions](#) in accordance with the spirit of the Fifth Mark of Mission of the Church of England:

*'To strive to safeguard the integrity of [creation](#) and sustain and renew the life of the earth.'*

Presented to and passed by the PCC on 13 March 2024

## FLOWERS AT YOUR CHURCH EVENT

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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We are pleased that you have chosen to hold an event in this beautiful church. Flowers are an integral part of many life events; they have a language of their own and, if arranged sensitively, will enhance the overall event experience for everyone, whether they are noticed or not.

It is important to this parish and church community that we keep to a minimum the environmental impact of all our services and events, therefore we encourage a mindfulness towards that impact with everything that is used including all flowers and their design.

Increasingly, flower suppliers and floral creators are willing to have conversations about sustainability, including the provenance and attributes of their produce. In making these enquiries you play an important part in highlighting the environmental impact that the floral industry has and you help create a conversation open to positive change.

A good list of UK flower growers and florists can be found at [flowersfromthefarm.co.uk](http://flowersfromthefarm.co.uk)

N.B. The use of flowers in church during the seasons of Advent and Lent is discouraged.

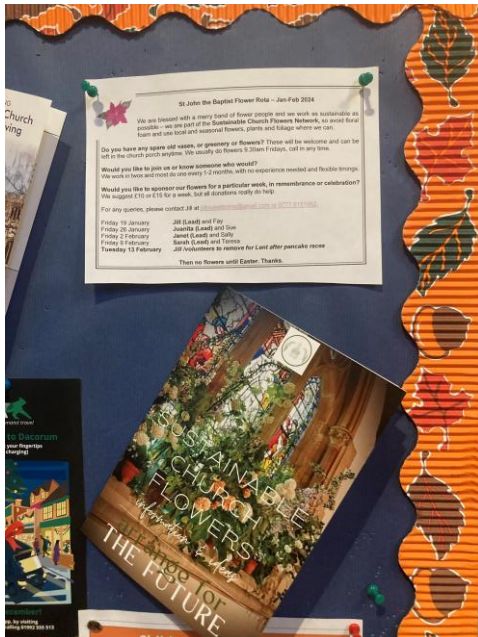





**Creating beauty, sustainably**

THIS PARISH EMBRACES SUSTAINABLE CHURCH FLOWERS, MEANING THAT FOR OUR REGULAR AND OCCASIONAL SERVICES WE ENCOURAGE THE SOURCING AND USE OF SEASONAL, LOCAL FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE, AND ELIMINATING THE USE OF FLORAL FOAM.

**To find out more, please contact your local minister or flowers team or take a look at [suschurchflowers.com](http://suschurchflowers.com)**



- Granny's old vases! Chicken wire, Frogs, Sticks, stones and sand
- Community newsletters and involvement
- Donations bucket by the door and the Aldbury Sharing Table
- Sunday Club and Muddy Church
- Sustainable Church Flowers Facebook and Insta support
- Getting brides, grooms, florists and funerals onboard... and the church yard....
- Lots still to do, always learning!

## The Sustainable Cut-flowers project – Future areas...

- Monitoring how **plastics guidance** being used, if helpful and how changes practices
- DEFRA (!) funding to pilot **Local Flower Hubs** in UK
- Sustainable Church Flowers **Certification scheme and church policies**
- Working with **Farewell Flowers** to develop simple advice for churches
- UK Flower Grower **Sustainability Standards**
- Global events management (AIPH) **sustainability guidance** for plants and flowers

