

Christian Aid is just one of the charities that Polmont Old Parish supports. Below are two of the articles from the latest issue of their Supporters' magazine. For more information on the charities we support, just ask.

David McIntosh



Diamond life

Anne Diamond, one of Britain's best-loved presenters, is lending her support to our Tea Time event in September. Here she takes time out for a quick cuppa and a chat

What would you save if your house was on fire?

The children. And then the photo albums of the children.

What makes you cry?

Practically everything nowadays! I'm very embarrassing to be around. Christmas carols, mainly. At carol services, one whiff of incense and I'm gone.

Who would you choose to be shipwrecked with?

If she were still alive, the Queen

Mum. She had one of the most interesting stories to tell and she never told it. She'd have been a hoot.

Which song or book do you wish you'd written?

Book: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. I'm a CS Lewis nut. Song: Here, There and Everywhere by the Beatles.

Have you ever met an angel?

No, but I'd like to. I think I've met one or two angelic people.

What miracle would you like to work?

Oooh ... that's dangerous. To be able to divide loaves and fishes - in other words to make sure everyone has enough food.



**Turn down.
Switch off.
Recycle.
Plant.**

Some 400 children from 50 schools in India took part in the launch of a Schools Climate Change Campaign in Chennai, India, in July. The event, organised by Christian Aid and its partner organisation SEEDS, kicks off a nationwide campaign to raise awareness among teachers and children in 10,000 schools across India about ways to reduce the impact of climate change.

Children and teachers are being asked to spread the message about conserving energy and learn about adaptation practices, such as better preparation for floods and cyclones.

'This campaign is focusing on children because we feel they are best-placed to spread the message on climate change to their family and community,' said Rajan Khosla, Christian Aid India programme officer.

The 400 pupils also took part in tree planting, poster painting and quizzes. Christian Aid staff and officials from the state government in Tamil Nadu also took part in the event.

India is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world at present, but is also a country feeling the current impacts of climate change such as desertification, more severe rainfall and flooding, stronger cyclones and glacier melt. Ironically, the country's development is being fuelled by increasing carbon emissions.