

### *Wigmore's Supported Charity for 2007-2008*

*WaterAid* was our main supported charity from October 2007 to September 2008. During this period we raised a total of £1062.47 towards their work and subsequently received a letter of thanks from them for the money we raised.

In our all-age worship service on 4th November 2007 Aileen Stewart gave us some facts about water - which you may like to be reminded about:

We often use water without much thought - because for us it's normally there on tap! For some people in other parts of the world, however, water is a precious commodity - it's in short supply and often takes much time and effort to obtain.

Here are some facts from Aileen to set us thinking about the way we each use water, about how scarce it is for many people, and how the money we will raise in the coming 12 months can be used to help other people through *WaterAid*.

- A child dies every 15 seconds from water-related diseases - this amounts to nearly 6,000 deaths each day, or the equivalent of 20 jumbo jets crashing every day.
- Over two and half billion people are without a toilet – roughly one sixth of the world's population.
- Over one billion people in the world are without safe water.
- Every year over two million people die from diarrhoea caused by a lack of safe drinking water and sanitation.
- The average person in the UK uses 135 litres of water every day. The average person in the developing world uses 10 litres of water every day for their drinking, washing and cooking. This is the same amount used in the average flush of a UK toilet.
- 40 billion working hours are spent carrying water each day in Africa - mainly done by women.
- £30 pays for one month's salary for a hygiene educator in Bangladesh, who can deliver hygiene education to 200 families.
- £125 pays for the construction of 6 hygienic latrines in Zambia.
- £350 supports a school sanitation block for 150 boys and girls in India.
- £1,500 pays to install a well in the south of Madagascar used by 500 people.

You can visit the *WaterAid* UK web site at

<http://www.wateraid.org/uk/>