

As I am writing we have Dudley behind us with anxiety of Eunice to come.

My telephone has unexpectedly told me about them and what we might expect, without request. We are all concerned about what might be coming.

Storms certainly bring anxiety. There is a bible reading appointed to be read each Sunday. The one for this Sunday is about a storm, a sudden unexpected storm on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus and his disciples are in a boat. The disciples are terrified, Jesus stays fast asleep.

When there is trouble at sea today, who helps with the rescue? The lifeboats go out and so do helicopters – and other nearby ships. Sometimes the helicopter sends a crew member down on a hoist to lift the casualty back into the lifeboat.

We often have the opportunity to support others, we thought particularly of that during the Pandemic. Folk will no doubt need others to help them if they are victims of Dudley or Eunice. They may need help because they are caught in a dangerous situation. They may need support and encouragement because everything that was normal in their lives has suddenly changed.

We meet Eunice in the Bible. She was the mother of Timothy; Paul writes to Timothy about her. He writes of the faith and positive view of life she held.

When we are confronted with what we might call the storms in our lives we can learn from them when we have come through. When the 'storm' is already coming to a helpful conclusion many people will feel God was with them. Just as Jesus calmed the storm for the disciples on the Sea of Galilee.