

A Stormy Crossing

We stand at a defining moment in our history that we sense will not leave us as it finds us. It feels as if we are embarking on a perilous voyage where we have every reason to be concerned at personal, community, national and global levels. The many crossings of the Sea of Galilee by the early disciples offer a faith rather than a fear focus at this time. They were usually evening crossings when Jesus said, 'Let us cross to the other side.' We too sense the Sun coming down on so much of what we have taken for granted up to this. Like the sudden storm that arose from them without warning, we now find ourselves on Perilous seas. Christ slept through the worst. He was in the eye of the storm with his inner centre undisturbed. When they woke him he reached out and calmed the raging sea. His inner peace radiated stillness even to the waves. Then he asked them a very important question, 'Where was your faith?' Yes, they had faith but it was not in him to keep them safe but the power of the wind and waves to swamp them. They have shown that they were more fearful than faithful disciples. Hopefully we too can cross to the other side of this Corona Virus with faith in our hearts without allowing our lives to be swamped by fear.