

Thought for the Day – Monday 19th July 2021

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Warmth and Water

We have been watching the news and picking up bulletins from Germany and Belgium.

We loved going up the Ahr Valley on a little train – visiting a vineyard and small towns including Ahrweiler. And now they are inundated and there are hundreds of people missing.

We saw the pictures of people in Liege with water up to their chests on streets I may have walked along. Thousands were evacuated.

The power of the flood is frightening and the response is full of courage.

A little while back Maggie saw the news of the heatwave in Canada and we discovered that in Fort Simpson they had suffered flooding – when the MacKenzie river was blocked by melting ice and flooded.

Fortunately our friends were ok and able to stay with friends and their home was safe – but they lost the woodpile.

The power of the water is amazing and can be frightening or terrifying and rightly so.

When we watch the flooding on the tv we need to remember all those places which are so much at risk.

Sometimes we don't know how to pray. Sometimes we don't know how to react.

The disciples called out to Jesus when he was sleeping in the boat and he calmed the storm.