

Thought for the day – Thursday 11th February 2021

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It is a good while since we have been to Lindisfarne, Holy Island. I can remember a good meal in a pub possibly a pie. We had to be sure we would cross the causeway and get back.

Maggie has fond memories from the Farne Islands when she took children from Sudbourne Primary School in Brixton to Northumberland on School Journey for 2 weeks in the Seventies when you were able to go out by boat and land there and walk around. I visited the Northumberland coast with my parents and brothers when visiting Ma and Da (Mum's mother and step-father) in Lanchester. When we go up to the North East, it is great to go to the sea and coast.

The sea and tide are important in Celtic Spirituality.

Journeying

I set my little ship to sea
Let thine eye Lord be over me
My little craft upon the brine
Keep me Lord for I am Thine.

This day dear Lord with me go
If life ebb or if life flow
This day dear Lord be with me
On firm ground or all at sea.

God ahead, God behind
God be in the path I wind
God above, God below
God be everywhere I go
God in the steep
God in the shade
God me safe keep
Come to my aid.

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Sea Tides

Let the love tide swelling

Surround me and my dwelling
Let the power of the mighty sea
Flow in Lord, and strengthen me.
Tide of Christ covering my shore
That I may live for evermore.

Whatever the tide
The Lord at my side
In storm or in calm
To keep me from harm
In good or in ill
He's with me still

Some things in life ebb as others flow
And some things flow as others ebb.
Lord, let my praises never reach an ebb tide.

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May God keep us safe and praising Him.