

## St James News: Thought for the day – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

### Saving lives at sea – Rev John Marshall

We have been watching Saving Lives at Sea – and have been so impressed by the courage and expertise of the Lifeboat women and men. It is humbling to watch, and I can think of circumstances in life when I may have needed their help.

The Fishermen’s Friends sing two songs “Lower lights” and “Throw out the lifeline” (on their album Home from the Sea), when they sing of saving lives at sea but also of saving souls.

On a great cliff beside the Souter lighthouse, in the North East the words of Psalm 93.4 are found.

“Mightier than the thunder of great waters mightier than the breakers of the sea. The Lord on high is mighty.”

These words of Psalm 107, could be an episode of Saving Lives at Sea.

Others went out on the sea in ships, they were merchants on the mighty waters.  
They saw the works of the Lord his wonderful deeds in the deep  
For he spoke and stirred up a tempest that lifted high the waves,  
They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths, in their peril their courage melted away.  
They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their wits end.  
Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble and he brought them out of their distress.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper, the waves of the sea were hushed.  
They were glad when it grew calm and he guided them to their desired haven.  
Let them give thanks to the Lord, for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.” (Psalm 107 23-31)

We remember well when Jesus came to the disciples walking on the water, and also when he stilled the storm.

Let us give thanks for our salvation through Jesus Christ, and for those in the RNLI who save so many lives.

Can we throw out a lifeline?