



First named storm of the season has hit this weekend – Storm Austen. The public are invited to suggest names for the storms and chosen from approx 40,000 sent in the first one is named after first director of Irish Met Service. Chloe was a popular choice, and one of those suggesting the name was the mum of a 5 year old Chloe who was not only fascinated by the weather but “can create a storm by herself”! What creates a storm for you? The gospels have the story of Jesus sleeping in the boat on Lake Galilee when a great storm kicked off. The frightened disciples woke Him up; ‘Don’t you care if we drown?’ He rebuked the wind and ordered the waves to be

quiet/ be still and they duly obeyed! “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

He calmed the storm; He can calm the storms of life. Different storms come our way as individuals, as communities and certainly on the world stage of great uncertainty at present. Jesus told His disciples; *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid* (John 14:27), and elsewhere Paul in Philippians 4:7 wrote of ‘*the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*’. Let Him in to help calm those inner storms. Last week, Ally in her newsletter reflection said how she felt something was missing as she wasn’t able to join with others in worship. I can relate to that - although being honest there have been a few times as a vicar I have felt the last thing I wanted to do was ‘go to church’ and lead others in that time together before God! However once there I felt much better – there is something calming and stabilising about that regular meeting together to worship God – a good discipline along with regular praying and reading scripture.

And yet what was interesting was once the storm on Galilee had calmed down, the disciples were no longer frightened; they were terrified! Jesus not only calmed the storm; He stormed their calm; ‘Who is this?’! A good reminder that Jesus is over all in control and yes, He is able to calm the storms and give us peace.

Diary Dates

Sun 25th October – Clocks go back one hour at 2am!

26th Oct – 2nd Nov: Rev Ally on annual leave

Mon -Fri: Morning prayer, 8am @ Bishop’s Tawton

Evening Prayer, 5pm @ Newport (Note change to time)

Tues 27th Oct Cuppa and Chat at the hospice restaurant 1.45 for 2 pm

Wed 28th Oct Pop up cafe at BT

Christmas Fair craft Newport 10am – 12noon

Wed 4th Nov Coffee morning at Newport 10am – 12 noon

Sat 7th Nov monthly coffee morning at BT 10.30 - 12 noon

SUNDAY SERVICES

25th October

**9:30am Holy Communion,
Newport**

**11am Morning Worship, Bishops
Tawton**

Psalm 1 and Matthew 22.34-end

Online service of Morning Prayer:

https://youtu.be/Ck_03Jnd9eQ

The Collect:

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for...

Sunday 25th: the rain we need to fill our rivers and reservoirs

Monday 26th: everyone on half term this week

Tuesday 27th: the maternity unit at the NDDH

Wednesday 28th: the Devon Air Ambulance and its budget deficit

Thursday 29th: the NHS, carers and key workers

Friday 30th: local shops and businesses