

Be Humble

There is a causeway from the Northumberland coast to Holy Island. When there is an incoming tide the causeway floods and Holy Island is truly an island. It is a popular destination and when the causeway is open visitors flock there in great numbers. There is a mass exodus as the tide closes.

All over the Island there are warning notices about when to leave with pictures of submerged cars with only their roofs visible above the water. Despite this many motorists with great confidence drive their cars straight into the North Sea and have to be rescued by helicopter or lifeboat.

We were discussing together whatever makes drivers so irresponsible. There were a number of suggestions and you may have your own. There is impatience, a refusal to admit defeat and self-will (nothing is going to stop me!). At root there is pride, a lack of humility in the face of the power of the sea.

We are very small specks in a vast universe. God who Christians know as their heavenly Father and Creator is at the centre of that universe not us. When we are in the centre there is no respect for nature; in our little world we are all powerful.

Perhaps, all those wrecked cars removed from the causeway at low tide are a gentle reminder from the Lord that we are not omniscient; he is and to travel safely through life we need humility.



***I** can make it!
Lord make me
humble.*