

Sermon Summary
Sea Sunday
21st July 2013

- Sea Sunday is a time when we traditionally reflect on the role of the Mission to seafarers and pray for their welfare.
- The imagery of the sea is, however, something which is relevant to all of us.
- The Sea, in scripture represents the potential for disorder and chaos.
- Perhaps, there is a historical foundation.
- The huge volcanic explosion at Santorini, several times the size of Krakatoa, somewhere between 1600-1500 BCE might well have caused a tsunami which became the basis for the flood stories found in the bulk of Mediterranean cultures.
- Some have suggested that its data may even have added details to the plagues of Egypt outlined in Exodus.
- At any rate, water, and sea represent chaos.
- The miracle stories of the NT thus present Jesus as the one who has the power to tame chaos and the potential for destruction which exist within our world.
- This chaos is ultimately to be removed by God in the renewal of creation. That is why the scenes of heavenly worship in revelation take place on top of a crystal sea.
- Seas are only like crystal when they pose no threat.
- Chris often reminds us that there are no atheists in a storm at sea.
- Its good universal advice: there should be no place for atheists amidst the storms of life, when the one who has power over such forces is at hand.

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