Sermon: **I have let you see it, but I will not let you go there** (Deuteronomy 34.4)

Who are the most famous people in the Old Testament? Abraham, David, Moses?

Moses, brought up in Pharaoh’s court, rescued Israelites from Egypt, gave Torah at Sinai, led them to faith, and through the wilderness for forty years.

After all he had done, why TEXT? So unfair.

Today we recall some who laid the physical and spiritual foundations for this place; they are not where we are today – so unfair. TEXT.

What was it Moses saw? The land promised to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob & their descendants. TEXT everyone else got to the Promised Land, just not Moses. For us, I am not sure Lindisfarne is a Promised Land, but it is pretty good!

There was an explanation for Moses (Numbers 20.8-12: he *struck* the rock not just speak to it!), which he thus knew forty years earlier he would not get to the Promised Land, yet he carried on his work. Did those before us strike a rock too? Did they know *they* would not see Lindisfarne? Did it stop them carrying on their work?

For the future, what are we going to miss out on? Perhaps we can glimpse something good just out there. TEXT. How do we feel about this?

Annoyed maybe? But does this stop us? No! Maybe we will not get there, but we will continue to strive, not for ourselves but for those who follow.

In the meantime we celebrate what they have done, what we are doing and what God will do in and through us in the years to come.