

Thought for the day – Wednesday 20th October 2021

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Bible Sunday and Books

We celebrated Bible Sunday and Kit asked us a question which had a tremendous response.

We were to think of a book that got us excited about reading – and each person who answered, potentially, could write a thought for the day.

I went with some children's stories that I read or were read to me, often with pictures. Stories of pets and anthropomorphic animals which I enjoyed. We named our cat Nicholas Thomas after one character (he was a naughty black (and white cat) our Nick was all black (and a great hunter.)

But I loved the Sam Pig stories by Alison Uttley. Sam lived in a family with his brothers, Tom and Bill and their sister Ann. They were looked after by Brock the Badger.

I used to have a sort of green clad yellow faced cuddly toy – rather like a teddy -- but he wasn't, he was Brock the Badger. The stories had obviously gone deep.

The stories tell of family and adventures and naughtiness in the countryside. But what comes over is a sense of love and care and looking out for each other – with a little bit of magic.

Reading stories got me into reading, sometimes slowly – sometimes quickly – for pleasure and education and work and to learn the news. I was able to read such a variety of things.

There is a very telling verse in John. "Jesus did many other things as well, if every one of them was written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." John 21. 25-26.