

Thought for the day – Wednesday 11th August 2021

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The thorn bush at Tavistock Parish Church of St. Eustacius

There is a thorn bush in the churchyard just opposite the hotel, where we often stay in Tavistock. It is said to have come from the Glastonbury thorn, which Joseph of Arimathea planted; this legend also suggests that Jesus may have travelled to Britain or Cornwall with his uncle who may have been trading in tin.

I don't know about this; but what I do know is that the people of St Eustacius are very faithful. They support the community of Brentor, there at the top of the tor is St Michael's church. This year they could not climb the tor and tell the story of Jesus on Good Friday – however they put together a presentation using the photographs from last year.

Towards the end of the whole story of the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus they remember the bravery and kindness of Joseph of Arimathea.

It is good to tell these stories and find our own place within them.

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