

## **Thought for the day – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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### **Trees give shade**

Every time I look towards Elm Green School I remember the trees which surrounded the old Thurlow Park School – later The Michael Tippett Annex and the PRU and of course Elm Park school. But the trees were a glory – I remember watching a young squirrel climbing too high. But mostly I remember the deep shade offered by the great trees and how we could have lessons under the trees – as well as relaxing, and they kept the classrooms cool.

I remember walking in woods with our dog Julie, the Beech Woods and Wandlebury. There she would run down and up the ring to retrieve a stick or stone. (Wandlebury Ring – is an ancient earthworks, we got there along the Roman road, coming via the Beech Woods. When we got to the trees we were glad of the shade.

In Psalm 121. 5,6 we are told “The Lord is your keeper, the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day or the moon by night.

We are reminded in Psalm 1 “Blessed is the man (or woman) whose delight is in the law of the Lord. They are like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in season, and its leaf does not wither, in all they do they prosper.”

I used to love the willows along the River Cam.