

Thought for the day – Tuesday 26th July 2022

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Gardens (Cambridge Botanical)

Yesterday Cambridge University Botanical Garden featured on the news and weather forecast. The record temperature had been achieved there in 2021 and they were visiting to see what happened this year.

I have happy memories of the Botanical Gardens – wandering around it as a child – or using it as a cut through.

But in 1972 Maggie and I were engaged there -- which was lovely. I met her at the station and we walked to the garden where she gave her answer. (I then had to ask Maggie's Father's permission.)

We value our gardens whether they are large or small – and I am amazed by the results some people achieve in tiny gardens with thoughtful planting and care.

Our church garden continues to be a blessing to us and our neighbours.

I am looking forward to our reading of the Song of Songs. There is lots of imagery from the garden.

“Awake, O north wind, and come O south wind! Blow upon my garden, let its fragrance be wafted abroad. Let my beloved come to his garden and eat its choicest fruits.

Song of Songs 4.14

I am looking forward to the scent of roses in the church gardens. I am looking forward to more years with Maggie.