

## St James News: Thought for the day – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### I like Trees- Rev John Marshall

I like trees, I am fascinated by their looks and powers. There is a tree which has been felled on Streatham Common that has been cut from its roots and is sprouting determined sprigs and leaves.

As a child I was enchanted by our flowering cherry, it was also excellent for cricket. I could go for walks to the Beech Woods and play in the Spinney. Along the Backs, by the Cam, the willows wept.

At the start of the Bible we read of the tree of life and the tree of knowledge. Abraham met three men, angels or God or under the oak at Mambre. The cedars of Lebanon were the material for the construction of the Temple.

Jesus would go to the Mount of Olives. He taught about vines and was annoyed with fig trees. He teaches of the mustard tree.

However Peter tells us in 1 Peter 2.24 “Christ also suffered for us who Himself bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we having died to sin, might live for righteousness.”

That is an amazing tree, truly a tree of life.

You might like to find more trees in the Bible.