

## St James News: Thought for the day – Tuesday 14th July 2020

### John and Val's dragons – by Revd John Marshall

Did you know that John and Val have dragons in their front garden? At least they have one beautiful, deep red, snapdragon flower growing out of their block paving, up against the wall.

As a child I used to like to play with the snap dragons, opening their mouths – almost as much fun as throwing wild barley darts, which would stick to clothes and hair.

I love the symbolism of the plant which pushes its way through the ground (and bricks) and seeks the sun (a phototropic response). In it I see a sign of the resurrection; and with the deep red colour the symbolism is increased.

In the Song of Solomon 2.12, it says, “Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.”

Jesus told Martha in John 11.25 “I am the resurrection and the life”

In communion we remember the blood of Christ shed for us.

Let's give thanks for flowers that can teach us.

PS what signs of resurrection do you see?

Prayer:

Let the door of our heart be open to receive, O Christ; the soul of our being unlocked, to welcome you; and the gate of our life flung wide, for your entering in. Amen.

*Ambrose of Milan (c.340-397)*

