

## St James News: Thought for the Day – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Rivers, lakes, canals, seas....

- Revd John Marshall

When I was small I was pushed out by my Mum alongside the River Cam. I learnt to say “In out, in out, make it more elastic” in response to the rowing coaches by the river.

I have enjoyed rivers, lakes, canals and seas in different ways. Once at Clacton, I rushed down to the sea and gathered some water in my bucket and threw it over my Mum.

I have enjoyed rivers by walking along them – the Thames was a great attraction and I would take students along by the river – there is so much to see. I particularly liked the dolphins and dragons built into the seats and lamp posts.

Just down the road from where I lived in Cambridge, in Cherry Hinton, there was a pond with springs, sometimes we would go and drink from these as the water bubbled out at the foot of Lime Kiln Hill.

We have been delighted by Rivers, particularly one holiday we had where we were following the course of the Danube (and associated rivers) in flood. It was amazing to see the boughs of trees rushing in the swollen river through Saltzburg. It was sad to see on the news the places which had been flooded as we passed through.

This thought is long and getting complicated, I found some verses to share.

Psalm 46.4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.

Jesus said “But whoever drinks the water I give him, it will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4.14

May God bless you all with the living water.

Song: All who are thirsty – you can listen to it here –  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ajb6irO0S9o>

All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep  
(We sing)

Come Lord Jesus come  
Come Lord Jesus come  
Come Lord Jesus come  
Come Lord Jesus come

Holy Spirit come  
Holy Spirit come  
Holy Spirit come  
Holy Spirit come