

St James News: Thought for the day – Friday 16th October 2020

Praying the Way 5 – Maggie Marshall

During Lockdown John and I started using a book by Revd Terry Hinks called 'Praying the Way'.

'Through raw and authentic prayers, Terry Hinks leads us into the heart of the gospels to see more clearly the needs and joys of today's world. This highly original book helps us to pray out of, and with, the words of Jesus and to discover the joy of prayer as a two – way conversation – listening as much as speaking to God.'

The book consists of 40 prayers to go with readings in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

I have chosen 5 prayers which go with readings:

Praying with Luke: A woman and a coin

'What woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?' Luke 15: 8

Holy Spirit, sweep through the dust of my life:

Come down, O Love Divine,
seek thou this soul of mine.

Lighten the darkness which surrounds me
and the darkness within me;
expose my false ways and foolish pride:

Come down, O Love Divine,
seek thou this soul of mine.

Sweep through the dust and debris,
the accumulation of knowledge and memory and possessions;
expose my childhood vulnerability:

Come down, O Love Divine,
seek thou this soul of mine.

Find me, lift me up, restore me
to wholeness and hope
to the purpose you have for me:

Come down, O Love Divine,
seek thou this soul of mine.

The search is over!

Celebrate your find, your victory!

I am yours and you are mine:

Come down, O Love Divine,
seek thou this soul of mine.
Dwell within me, Holy Spirit, my love and my joy