

## St James News: Thought for the day – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

### Praying the Way 4 – 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. We are currently on number 22 in Luke and have yet to read the 40 in John, which should bring us nicely to the start of Advent.

I have chosen 5 prayers which go with readings:

#### **Praying with Luke: Martha and Mary**

*..... A woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet .....*

**Luke 10: 38 – 39**

Lord Jesus,

We thank you for Martha, the hospitable one,  
and we thank you for Mary, who listened and learn your way.

We honour them and all women of love and faith,  
and we seek to be open to your coming,  
your word to us and your way for our lives.

Lord Jesus,

we invite you into our homes,  
the places of our being.

We have much to do:

show us what we must do and what we must set aside.

We have many things:

show us how to share what we have and to let go of that which  
possesses us.

We are surrounded by events and voices and noise:

help us to listen for your voice, your word, your silence.

Lord Jesus,

we are anxious about our lives, worried and distracted over many things:

help us to centre our hearts on the way of your kingdom,  
to carry your peace in our being  
and to make peace in our word.

Reading: [Luke 10:38-42](#)