

Spirited Poetry

- Revd John Marshall

I found the book 'Spirited Poetry' which came out of a competition for school children; reflections about God, Life and Truth. Maggie used to encourage her children at Holy Trinity to enter.

I started to look through it and I would like to share some of the poems. The poems are grouped in themes
Life's like Faith I wonder Where is God?

Where is God?

Lauren Hart, Age 9

Where is God?

He is in our lives

Everywhere we go

Rain forests and nature

Even in our words

In church

Souls and thoughts

God is in heaven

Our prayers

Deep, deep in us.

Lost my faith

Angela Conway Age 16

I'm sure you'll identify with my account,
When there's something you want it can never be found
Of course when you don't need it, it's always right there,
It's when you need it most that finding it's rare.

When I found it was gone, I was rather distraught
And so I sat for a while, and thought
Where did I last see it? It can't have gone far,
Down the back of the sofa? In the car?

No, not there ... but think, they're bound
To have it at the 'lost and found'
But when I asked if they'd seen it, to no avail,
My hopes of finding it were starting to fail.

I searched through the shadows and retracing steps,
From the highest highs to the deepest depths.
I asked my family, I phoned round my friends
But they hadn't seen it, so I searched again.

When I went home I searched under my bed,
It wasn't there, but I found something else instead,
Covered with dust, on the front was a cross,
On the side, the words 'Holy Bible' embossed.

I opened it up, and to my surprise,
It jumped off the pages, right before my eyes,
And I thought to myself, as I read through the book,
"Funny, faith's always in the last place you look."

Song: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet – you can listen to it here -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ycs23FQDRI>

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
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When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

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I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end