

Thought for the Day – Tuesday 17th May 2022

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Parable and Paradox I am the Good Shepherd

I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. -
John 10.11

Malcolm Guite writes

When so much shepherding has gone so wrong,

So many pastors hopelessly astray,

The weak so often prayed on by the strong.

So many bruised and broken on the way

The very name of shepherd seems besmeared,

The fold and flock themselves are torn in half.

The lambs we left to face all we have feared

Are caught between the wasters and the wolf.

Good Shepherd, now your flock has need of you,

One finds the fold and ninety-nine are lost

Out in the darkness and the icy dew,

And no one knows how long the night will last.

Restore us, call us back to you by name.

And by your life laid down, redeem our shame.

- Canterbury Press

Watching programmes about sheep farming is very popular, we have just seen the Owens caring for their flocks herds and children.

We are fascinated by the care that goes into rearing of sheep and the independence of the sheep.

Let us pray for our shepherds, our leaders and politicians and the leaders of our churches.

Let us give thanks that Jesus is the Good Shepherd.