

Thought for the day: Tuesday 9th May 2023

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Parable and Paradox World's End Malcolm Guite

Based on Mark 13 24-29

So we begin to contemplate the end,
With shadowed glimpses of apocalypse.
How can we even start to understand?
The heavens shaken, and the vast eclipse
Of everything that we have ever known,
Then, suddenly revealed, the power and glory,
Once veiled in symbols of the lamb and throne,
The all-revealing climax of our story.
About that day, you tell us, no one knows,
But we must wake and watch for you, look up.
Yet hidden in this warning you disclose
A tender yearning, a deep stirring hope,
And bid us, in the visions that you bring
To see the world's end as a sign of spring.

- Canterbury Press

Curiously I did my major interview for the Church of England at the World's End a retreat house in Northamptonshire. I took some puppets who had been bought on Northampton Market.

Opposite the market was a very fine church with sheep grazing in the churchyard.