

St Thomas Church, 19 May 2024

Pentecost

Can you identify any event, moment, prompting or shift which had an influential but unexpected consequence for your way of life?



Jeff Wall: A Sudden Gust of Wind
(after Hokusai)

Read Acts 2. 1-21

In verse 1 “they all” were in fact how many? See Acts 1. 13-14 and 26

In verses 9-11 How many different languages are listed?

Is it a good thing to try to rationalise Scripture into twentyfirst century terms?

If it is, how can we account for the translation into so many languages?

The Holy Spirit is an (often unrealised) Communicator. The Holy Spirit is called “The Go-Between God” in the book of that name by John Taylor II. *

As well as being a Communicator, the Holy Spirit also produces fruit.

See Galatians 5. 22-26

The Holy Spirit also distributes gifts.

See I Corinthians 12. 4-13. In passing, also glance at Ephesians 4.8

Ask yourself again, can you identify any event, moment, prompting or shift which had an influential but unexpected consequence for your way of life?

“Thou hast made us for thyself, and our hearts know no rest until they may repose in thee.” (St. Augustine, about A.D. 400 in his “Confessions.”)

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* Believe it or not, in the mid-twentieth century there were in the Church of England three bishops all with the name “John Taylor.” John Taylor I was bishop of Sheffield; John Taylor II was bishop of Winchester; John Taylor III was bishop of St Alban’s.