

Gateway

October 2021



St Michael's, Alnwick

The magazine for the people of the Church and the Town



WEEKLY WORSHIP

SUNDAYS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

8.30am HOLY COMMUNION (Said)

A quiet celebration of Holy Communion with a sermon. Using Common Worship except for the third Sunday of the month when the Book of Common Prayer is used.

10.00am THE PARISH COMMUNION

Usually sung with hymns and a sermon and using Common Worship. The main service of the day followed by tea/coffee and the chance to meet up with others. On the first Sunday of the month the worship will be more informal, using a variety of resources and 'thinking outside the box'.

This service will be live-streamed on YouTube each week.

4.00pm 'SUNDAY PLUS'

Monthly. An informal time of worship and reflection with a particular theme each month. Usually available to watch live on Zoom.

6.00pm EVENING WORSHIP

On the first Sunday of the month a traditional Sung Evensong according to the Book of Common Prayer with sermon.

On other Sundays a variety of worship including Compline and worship in the style of the Iona Community.

WEDNESDAYS ST. MICHAEL'S

10.15am HOLY COMMUNION

A said service followed by tea/coffee and the opportunity for fellowship. Once a month, in term time, we are joined by a class from St. Michael's Church of England Primary School and once a term the service takes place in the school.

DENWICK CHAPEL

A small chapel-of-ease built by the Duke of Northumberland in 1872. Usually a service of matins or Holy Communion once a month. Following the pandemic the provision of services is under review.

From the Vicar

St Michael's Vicarage
Alnwick

Dear People of Alnwick,

Have you noticed how the evenings are already getting darker? We've not yet put the clocks back and yet dusk is with us by late afternoon.

Turning out in the dark for meetings or activities is something we have got out of the habit of doing since the first lockdown began but it is heartening to know that social activities in the evening are slowly beginning to take off once again. It's lovely, for instance, to know that our indoor bowlers at St Michael's are back in the Parish Hall each Tuesday evening.

Of course, for some, it's equally good to be able to draw the curtains, put another log on the fire and enjoy the cosiness of an evening at home as the weather turns darker and colder.

In church on Sunday evenings we've revised our pattern of worship. We hope that, before too long, we might be able to reform our choir but, at least until then, it is quite a challenge to have a weekly sung Evensong without the lead of our choristers.

Our new pattern leaves Evensong on the first Sunday of the month but this is followed by an Iona-style service, the lovely evening office of Compline and then a Taizé-style service on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month respectively.

So far this pattern has met with the approval of our Sunday evening congregation and, indeed, we have found that it has attracted others who might not otherwise have been evening worshippers.

Each of these lovely forms of worship have particularly engaging and memorable prayers within them. At Evensong the comforting 'Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord ...' and, from Compline, 'Visit, Lord, we pray, this place and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy. Let your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace ...'

By the time you read this we will have celebrated once again St Michael, chief of the angels and the co-patron of our parish along with St Paul.

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Principal Readings for October

Sunday	Holy Communion	Evensong
3rd	Genesis 2.18-24	Joshua 3.7-17
Trinity 18	Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12 Mark 10.2-16	Matthew 10.1-22
10th	Amos 5.6-7,10-15	Joshua 5.13-6.20
Trinity 19	Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-31	Matthew 11.20-30
17th	Isaiah 53.4-12	Joshua 14.6-14
Trinity 20	Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45	Matthew 12.1-21
24th	Jeremiah 31.7-9	Ecclesiastes 11, 12
Last after Trinity	Hebrews 7.23-28 Mark 10.46-52	2 Timothy 2.1-17
Or Bible Sunday	Isaiah 55.1-11 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 John 5.36b-end	2 Kings 22 Colossians 3.12-17
31st		
All Saints	Isaiah 25.6-9 Revelation 21.1-6a John 11.32-44	Isaiah 65.40-27-end Hebrews 11.32-12.2

Perhaps we should have greater regard for the angels not only as messengers but also as protectors. I, for one, particularly bring them to mind as evening draws on. Perhaps that is from training in a theological college which sung Compline every evening – or maybe it comes from even further back ...

I suspect I was not the only child of earlier years who regularly sang at the end of the school day:

*'Lord, keep us safe this night,
secure from all our fears.
May angels guard us while we sleep,
'til morning light appears.'*

May you know Michael and all the angels watching over you both day and night.

With every blessing,

Paul

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a Memorial Service for Canon Tony Meakin (Vicar of St Paul's, Alnwick 1960-71) on Saturday 6th November at St Mary's Parish Church, Wickham at 10.30am.

From the Registers

Baptisms

29 August 2021
12 Sept. 2021

Joey Thomas Mattison
Ezra Oliver Gale Patten

Funerals

1 Sept 2021
8 Sept 2021
13 Sept 2021

Alexander James Owen (Alex)
Douglas Elliot (Doug) Brown
Geoffrey Edward (Geoff) Brown

Thought for the Month

I WAS LOOKING out of the window last week and saw a small leaf falling from the crab apple tree. It reminded me of walking down the Denwick road earlier that week with our grandchildren and swishing our feet through fallen leaves on the pavement. The seasons are a-changing and autumn is upon us.

I thought as I watched that leaf falling in the garden that there is always a sense of hope even as the summer passes away, that come the spring things will come to life again after the days of winter. Then a pessimistic thought took hold of me and I began to question whether this will be so in not too many years time. It is not only the seasons that are changing, but the natural world is changing too.

Every day when saying morning prayer, the church reminds us of people in years and centuries past who have made a real impact upon our world and lives, the great and lesser saints. One who is not included in this list is Rachel Carson. Her book *Silent Spring*, published in 1962 has been described by Richard Attenborough as the book that changed the scientific world the most, after *The Origin of Species* by Charles Darwin. Quite a claim!

I read a biography of her many years ago. It told of the steadily increasing awareness she had of the environmental disaster that was coming upon the world through the indiscriminate use of pesticides, and in particular DDT. She became so alarmed that she embarked upon a campaign to get these things banned, which led to the book *Silent Spring*. In the book she sets out the consequences for wild life, the natural world and indeed our own survival if we continued to use them. Thankfully her arguments prevailed and banns were put in place, but not after a very hard fight and great personal distress.

She had to fight against large industrial corporations which feared loss of income. She had to fight against politicians at the very highest levels who succumbed to the pressures put on them by industrialists and others. She had to fight against a public which feared its living standards would suffer if her teaching prevailed.

I wonder if some of that sounds familiar to us in today's world? Next month sees the great environmental meeting in Glasgow, at which political leaders and industrialists and scientists will meet to work out a viable strategy

to help us maintain an eco system which will sustain and support the world in the years to come.

I suspect that there will be many struggles to be had in coming years as we seek to combat personal, national, political and industrial greed and self interests for the sake of our planet. Perhaps it is little wonder that so many young people are out there protesting and urging governments to do better, and each one of us to change our behaviour and attitudes for the sake of the future. That future belongs not to the older ones among us, but to the young and we have a solemn duty to do all we can to protect our world. To do all we can to urge politicians, and governments to grapple whole heartedly with the problems and opportunities which surround us. To churches and voluntary organisations to lead by example, out of compassion for the natural world and concern for its future and indeed our future too.

A silent spring is no longer something far into the future but a possible reality in our children's and grandchildren's lives. May God bless and direct that meeting in Glasgow early in November and encourage us all to do what we can as quickly as we can. Otherwise a Silent Spring beckons.

Alan Craig



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

A SERIES on the Commandments
but in the reverse order.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY

JESUS MADE it clear that the Sabbath was given to man as a weekly day of rest, not for God's benefit. And it is a day set apart for doing good: for worshipping God, having fellowship with other Christians and doing kindness to others.

Now I want to consider the place of the Sabbath in a modern society.

First, this modern world.

The point is, as our civilisation is organised, it is just not possible for everything to close down on Sunday. There are what we call the essential services which must be continued: electricity, water, gas, sewerage; there are the continuous processes in industry where it is not practicable to close down the plant because it takes too long to get it going again after a shut-down. Ships at sea cannot drop anchor on Saturday night until Monday morning and we need transport services to be maintained for emergency travel as well as for convenience. And the service industries and emergency services like police and fire services and hospitals must keep going on Sunday. And there is a quite large

number of people who are concerned with keeping churches going on Sunday: not only clergy, but vergers and bell ringers, choristers, organists, Sunday-school teachers, Readers and leaders, all of whom to a greater or lesser extent have to work on Sunday.

And there are housewives and farmers who have hungry mouths to feed and bodies to look after on Sunday as well as on every other day.

So that whereas at one time almost everyone could have his Sunday off, except of course for housewives and dairy farmers and clergy, today an ever-growing proportion of people have to work on Sundays, or at least on some Sundays.

And at the same time, an ever growing number of workers have Saturday off, or less than a six-day week and we hear about the problems of increasing leisure time, and the possibilities of four day-a-week working.

It really seems as if the old pattern of six days work and one day of rest is breaking up.

On top of those who must work on Sunday are all those who choose to do so for economic reasons: The keepers of small shops and newsagents and workers who can do

overtime on Sunday at higher rates of pay.

And women, particularly, who go out to work during the week and have to catch up with the housework on Sundays.

To all people who are in this position, the fourth commandment has something to say. It says to us all, we need a day off a week. It is not good to try to work for seven days a week every week.

In some countries, and during the last war in this country, people tried to work every day to increase output. But they soon found that actually output goes down, instead of up. People work most efficiently when they keep this weekly rhythm of six days work and one day off.

And this is what we as Christians would expect: that six days work offered to God, with one day of rest in obedience to his commandment provides a better return in terms of health, satisfaction and happiness, than seven days spent money-grubbing.

But obviously, not everyone can have Sunday off. Very well, let them make sure they take some other day off each week. There is nothing magical about Sunday. The Vicar takes Friday off instead. Power station workers who work shifts must take their day off according to their rota. What we should not do is to take a second job or regularly work

overtime on our rest day. That is most shortsighted and while it may provide needed extra money, it also pays a dividend of dissatisfaction, poor health and spiritual deadness, and a bad effect on family life.

But still there are a few who really cannot count on having a day off from their usual jobs: the housewife, the livestock owner, the newsagent.

They would be wise to organise their time so as to give themselves as light a day as possible on one day a week. They may have to do the essential work, but there is no need to start inessential work on that day. This is something for each person affected to think out for himself.

Secondly, why Sunday? This may seem a silly question, because we are used to the idea of Sunday being a special day, but the Jews of course kept the seventh day as their Sabbath not the first day of the week. The Jews still keep their Sabbath from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset, but we keep Sunday, and apply the fourth commandment to Sunday. Why?

The first Christians were Jews of course. They had always kept the Sabbath and continued to do so for a while. But at a very early stage the Christians started to call Sunday 'The Lord's Day'. It started with Easter. Jesus rose from death on a Sunday. He appeared to the disciples on the

evening of that day, to all the disciples except Thomas.

He appeared again the following Sunday when Thomas was there. And a few weeks later, it was again on a Sunday that the Holy Spirit came upon the Church, at Pentecost. The early Christians met each week on Sunday, the Lord's Day, to have their fellowship meal which developed into the Holy Communion service.

So each Sunday is really a commemoration of Easter (and it is never a fasting day). It is the first day of the week to symbolise the new start that the Resurrection brings.

So the early church soon started to observe Sunday as their holy day.

No doubt many of them still kept up their Sabbath observance on Saturdays as well: we know that for a while the Christians continued to attend the synagogue. But persecution from the Jews increased and they had to stop. Soon non-Jews were becoming converted and they had no tradition of the Sabbath. Many of them were employees or slaves and they couldn't take a day off anyway. The Church spread to areas of the Roman Empire where there was no custom of a day off each week. The members of the Church still met on Sundays, but it had to be either before work or after it. So, you can imagine the groups of Christians, freemen and slaves, meeting together in the evening after

work, bringing their sandwiches with them to save time to eat their fellowship meal together, and to break bread and drink wine in remembrance of their risen Lord.

The Jewish Christians in Jerusalem were a bit worried about these large numbers of Gentiles who were turning to Christ and they were divided about whether they ought first to become Jews and be circumcised and obedient to the Law of Moses before they could become followers of Christ. There was a lot of argument for a time.

An important Council was summoned in Jerusalem. All the Apostles and prominent people of the Christian Church were there.

Paul and Barnabas told them about the way God was working among the pagan Gentiles, and Peter related how he had found Gentiles receiving the Holy Spirit too. Peter went on to say that the Jews had not found it possible to keep the law, so why try to impose it on the Gentiles when the important thing was that they should believe in Jesus Christ. The head of the Jerusalem Church was James and he summed up: his judgement was that the Gentiles should be welcomed, and that they should not be burdened with the details of the law. The only rules they would lay down were these: that they should keep away from idol worship; from eating unclean food, and from sexual immorality.

Now this is interesting because what they did not say was, 'Make sure you have one day off a week' or anything about Sunday.

The New Testament nowhere transfers to the Lord's Day, Sunday, the rules about the Jewish Sabbath. It was 300 years before the Roman Emperor Constantine became a Christian and decreed that Sunday should be a holiday.

So we keep Sunday special because it is the Lord's Day, and we have it as a day off following Constantine's decree.

Now, thirdly, what do we do with it?

I have already said, it is a day of rest from our usual occupation. So

do something different: a change is as good as a rest.

Then because it is a rest, we should not oblige other people to work for us. I would personally prefer not to go shopping on Sunday.

It is of course, a day for worship. It is particularly the day for gathering together for Christian fellowship and for the service of Holy Communion.

And it is a day for loving service. Not a day for doing strenuous work for people that would better be done on Saturday, but a day for visiting the sick and the lonely; for writing letters; for playing with the children.

Most of all, it is a day offered to God: our tithe of all our time so that God may bless every day.

Colin Perkins

Christmas Greetings

IF YOU would like to give Christmas and New Year greetings to readers of this magazine, under a general heading, please let me know by the middle of November for inclusion in our December issue.

Email to colinbperkins@aol.com

A NEW CRIB FOR ST MICHAEL'S

Continued

NOW FOR the figures, most had minor damage which required a little filling and repainting. They must be about a hundred years old and opinion is that they came from St Paul's, now Roman Catholic Church. But the Shepherds! Disastrous damage, we must have had a disgruntled farmer's wife who took out her frustration on two of them. It seems like attempted decapitation plus considerable damage to the hands on one. As I write there is still one poor fellow needing new hands and major surgery to his neck. Just to compensate he will probably acquire a crook and with luck a Border Collie, but what else up here in farming country?

Matching the colours on the figures is fairly easy but of course modern materials are being used. Acrylic paint had not been invented a hundred or more years ago. But it

will last and is fairly resistant to handling.

Baby Jesus is obviously too big and the animals too small so the Bairn has been laid on a beer crate and the animals penned in to one side. There will be a few more details to add. A barn owl for the roof would be appropriate – one idea copied from Beadnell.

The crib was first erected at Pentecost and was there for the following Sunday. Thank you to all of you who commented favourably on it. It was a pleasure to make many new acquaintances. It has given me a lot of work but also a huge amount of pleasure. I have been more than happy to use my talents for the creation of a crib which should last many years, St Michael's has at last a crib worthy of the lovely building in which we all worship.

To repeat the last line of my opening quotation:

“And everything you do must be done with Love”

I hope that is evident each time we celebrate Christmas.

George Ives



Gerard Rundell's Licensing and Installation as Team Rector of Christ the King at St Aidan's Church, Brunton Park



DEDICATION OF CHOLERA MEMORIAL see page 15

PHILIP BOURNE - AN INTRODUCTION

I BEGAN ATTENDING St Michael's Church earlier this year and have been helping out by playing the organ since Colin Perkins went into hospital for a hip operation. It's great that Colin continues to edit the 'Gateway' magazine, for which I have been invited to write this short introduction to myself.

I was born in West London and grew up in Gloucestershire, where I was fairly well known as a teenage Punch & Judy performer and cinema organist! After undergraduate studies in Brighton, I worked part-time as a music teacher in a Quaker school in West Yorkshire while studying for a research degree at Aberdeen University. From there I moved to Durham where I trained for the ordained ministry before returning to Wakefield Diocese for my first ministry post as a curate. This was followed by four years on the chaplaincy team at Exeter University, then thirteen years in The Netherlands serving a large expatriate community within the Diocese in Europe. In January 2007, I returned to the UK where I lived in Brighton and served the Diocese of Chichester as Diocesan Director of Ordinands, overseeing a discernment process for the ordained ministry. In March 2014 I went to the Diocese of Exeter to be Rector of Sidmouth Parish Church and Team Rector of a group of six churches. My last full-time post was as chaplain in Porto, Portugal, again in the Diocese in Europe.



I initially trained as a secondary school religious studies and drama teacher. I hold post-graduate degrees in primary education and moral philosophy, and a doctorate in professional ministry, and I am a Canon of Gibraltar Cathedral in the Diocese in Europe. I enjoy walking, watching movies, playing the piano and organ, and socialising with family and friends. I was previously married and have three adult sons and three grandchildren. In recent years I have shared my life with my priest colleague, Robert Chavner, with whom I have recently entered into a civil partnership.

I have very much appreciated being part of the St Michael's worshipping community and hope to get to know more of you better and offer support in any way that I am able to.

The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne.

DEDICATION OF CHOLERA MEMORIAL IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD

ON THE evening of 31st August (St Aidan's Day) a short and long-delayed service was held on the north side of the churchyard to bless the new memorial to the 136 Alnwick citizens who died of cholera within one short month of each other during September and October 1849.

The stone has been jointly sponsored by the Australian descendants of Henry Ferguson, one of those who died in the epidemic, and Alnwick Town Council.

The Mayor of Alnwick, Councillor Lynda Wearn, was in attendance and said how pleased the Town Council was to be associated with this initiative. She drew a parallel between the three terrible weeks of the outbreak over 170 years ago and our recent Covid experience. In both instances, she said, it had been those most disadvantaged in society who had suffered the greatest.

Most of the 136 victims had been buried hurriedly in unmarked mass graves to the rear of the church without any lasting memorial so this was a long-awaited, but very fitting, way of honouring those who had died.

Biographies of all 136 victims can now be found on the Family History section of the Bailiffgate Collections website: bailiffgatecollections.co.uk

The Vicar conducted the service which included elements from the Book of Common Prayer Burial Service which his predecessor of the time, the Rev'd Court Granville, would have used for the great number of funerals in that devastating month.

Paul Scott

Picture on page 13

Answers to the Angel Tree Quiz 2021

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| 1. | Red Indian's greeting to candle part. | LOWICK |
| 2. | Sea mammal on fire. | OTTERBURN |
| 3. | I took an oath+ ground. | SWARLAND |
| 4. | Have an oriental need to drink. | EAST THIRSTON |
| 5. | Felon's meat. | CROOKHAM |
| 6. | Tannish flank. | BROWNIESIDE |
| 7. | Jane Eyre's fella. | ROCHESTER |
| 8. | Cliff Edge. (8 Letters sorry) | CRAGSIDE |
| 9. | Does fate hesitate? | LUCKER |
| 10. | Debt over. | LOANEND |
| 11. | Necklace part for Charles II's gal. | BEADNELL |
| 12. | Heavy kind of swan. | WOOPERTON |
| 13. | Neither cold meat. | NORHAM |
| 14. | Sister and Spanish worship place. | NUNNYKIRK |
| 15. | Doesn't work! Act. | DUDDO |
| 16. | Sacred pebble. | HOLYSTONE |
| 17. | Down fresh weight. | LOW NEWTON |
| 18. | Beaches copse. | SHORESWOOD |
| 19. | Look after the grog. | MINDRUM |
| 20. | Part of an old bob on heath. | SHILLMOOR |
| 21. | Have an occidental need to drink. | WEST THIRSTON |
| 22. | Craggy cornucopia. | HORNCLIFFE |
| 23. | Scots long sheltered water-crossing. | LANGLEEFORD |
| 24. | Place hot iron. | BRANDON |
| 25. | French ball and sea. | BOULMER |

Thank you for taking part. Donations to Angel Tree, a charity of Prison Fellowship, enables prisoners to send a personal message and gift to their children at Christmas.

It helps, very much, keeping in touch with and consolidating family relationships, especially during this time of Covid regulations. So far we have raised £666 for HMP Northumberland.

Donations may be sent to Rachel Robinson 14 Chapel Lands. Alnwick.

NE66 1EL until October 22nd 2021. Cheques should be made out to Prison Fellowship. Thank you.

Rachel Robinson



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Colegio Español del Año

Getting Arty in Sapphire Class

17th September 2021

Art and Design is our focus subject this half term. The teachers have been working hard to plan exciting and stimulating learning for the children across the school. The Sapphire class have been creating miniature clay figures in response to some abstract art. They practised their own responses to the art first and used their shared ideas to make their figures. They learned how to quickly join pieces of clay by smoothing quickly, rolling, scraping and marking to create detail and expression.

They had a great time - you could have heard a pin drop because they were so absorbed!



Bowls

The St Michael and St Paul's Indoor Bowls club has restarted after the long break due to COVID-19. We meet in the Church Hall every Tuesday from 7.0 p.m. to 9.0 p.m.

It is run in an informal way, but each person usually has between 3 and 4 games during the evening. We pause for light refreshments at about 8.0 p.m.

If you have never tried indoor bowls before you would be very welcome to come and give it a try! The costs are not huge! We pay £15 for the period September to December, and a further £15 for the period January to April, and also £1 each Tuesday night we attend. If you would like further information please contact either Alan Craig (01665 602806) or Sheila Brown, or just come along on a Tuesday night and see what goes on! You will be most welcome.

Smile

One man, so many changes.

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world with only 11% of the population having access to electricity but for the friends of Colrerd Nkosi an extraordinarily wonderful thing has happened. Using just the power of running water from a nearby river and the motor from an old compressor machine he has brought electricity to his village.

Colrerd began by experimenting with an old bike. Using the fast flowing water to turn the pedals he powered a dynamo to light up his own home. He then moved on to re-purposing parts of an old refrigerator and lit up six of his neighbours houses. Eventually, the compressor motor allowed him to bring power to all his neighbours. In total 2,000 people have benefited.

The results of Colrerd's ingenuity are many – students no longer have to study by candlelight. After normal school hours, when dusk has fallen, they are happy to return to the primary school building in the village for evening study sessions (it is the only school out of 17 in the area which has power). Another spin-off is that nearby forests are no longer depleted for charcoal.

Village life has changed forever. As Colrerd's cousin Satiel says, 'I cannot ably explain in words how this has changed my life, I am now able to do so many things'.

Sue Wiltshire

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be glad to be spared all but the most
urgent matters on that day.*

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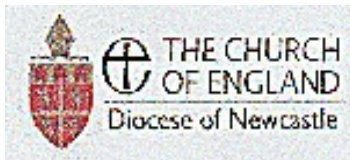
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Staying connected during this pandemic

At the Cathedral

<https://www.newcastle.anglican.org/coronavirus/live.streaming>

Newcastle Cathedral ministry team

<https://www.facebook.com/NewcastleCathedral>. Facebook live stream of morning prayer led from home by one of the ministry team daily Monday to Friday at 8.30 am <https://tinyurl.com/NclCathedral>

Subscribe to their channel on YouTube for notifications of the Daily Reflections (also Monday to Friday).

At St Michael's Alnwick

The Church is now open for private prayer from 9 am to 4 pm. Entry through the Duke's Door.

On Sundays at 8.30 am, 10 am and 6 pm, we are able to worship in person in church. The 10 am Eucharist will still be live-streamed for all those joining us from home. On Wednesdays there is a celebration of the Eucharist at 10.15 am.

Do join us if you feel comfortable, as we once again gather together in the flesh!

Copies of **The Gateway** can be obtained from St Michael's Church or ordered for delivery in **small** or **large print**

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