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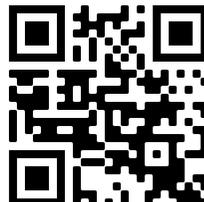
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Services for March



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Sunday 8am - Said Eucharist

Sunday 9.45am - Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 11am — Said Eucharist

Coffee hosted by Mothers' Union after the first Wednesday service of the month (except August).

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Vicar's Letter

We could start by having a check-in with everyone reading this and ask “how you are getting on with your Lent?” We are barely a fortnight in, and some of us have already fallen off the wagon with our giving up or taking on. We may even have decided to skip the lot, knowing full well that giving up chocolate or biscuits is just setting ourselves up for failure. You could even ask “what’s the point anyway?”.

Lent didn't really come with “instructions” when I was a teenager. I was vaguely aware that some people gave up treats and things, but I don't remember anyone telling me what it was if they actually did. It was only when I went to vicar school in Mirfield with the monks that I hit the brick wall of expectations. Friday through the year was kept as a fast day at College, which meant fish every Friday; fish pie (which I cannot stomach) and every other week delicious fish and chips cooked by the dinner ladies to perfection. One week a joy and the other back to my room for a peanut butter sandwich to keep body and soul together until breakfast. In Lent lunch was always “frugal”, meaning bread and cheese with the money saved given to charity. I can't recall any of us giving up going to the pub on a Friday night in Lent! Such are the joys of Anglicanism, that flexible approach that makes allowances for our individual humanity. Thanks to this legacy of College, I have only been able to make it all the way through these forty days without chocolate or cake these past four or five years. I don't like being told what to do, and chocolate is more of a necessity than an extravagance in my book. So why does anyone bother?

The reasoning goes that if we can learn to handle the little temptations in life, then we can develop our will power to withstand even greater ones. Putting away the sweets helps us lose weight, putting down the cigarettes helps us quit them for good. As an American I can honestly say that we aren't good at saying no to temptation, which is why I feel quite slim when I visit home. It's all “too much of a good thing” as my grandmother used to say. So while giving up little treats isn't difficult now for me, any kind of fasting is hard work even if only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Try as I might I don't quite make it, but cutting back has made me appreciate the simple things like good bread and plain cheese. Teaching me to be thankful for whatever it is I have to eat, instead of grazing my way through the fridge without thinking. Giving up is not for everyone.

Some people will take on something new for Lent, often in the hopes of getting into a new good habit that will last well beyond Easter. I can say these often bear even more fruit than giving up, as they often can impact other people through our loving service, or improve our own wellbeing that has a knock on effect for those around us. Someone once asked me what I thought would be a good thing to “take up” for Lent? I said prayer, regular time and space for a little prayer time talking to God. It doesn't have to be much, just consistent much like exercise. Start a routine and keep at it and then you have a new habit. Lent is just long enough to make that happen. And when we look at prayer, we may find that we really just save that for Sunday morning when we are in Church. We hear a list of names

and places, some we may know and others we don't. They can wash over us, make little impact. But routine prayer draws us deeper into a relationship with God, it opens our eyes to the needs around us as well as our own. We cast our net of care and concern more widely with practice and soon begin to see the world that bit differently. We care more, love more, and begin to do more, trying to do what we can for those in need around us. I think prayer makes us more sensitive and attuned to where God is already at work, to step up and work with him.

I don't believe for one minute that God doesn't help those who no one remembers in prayer. I don't think prayer works that way at all. If it did, we'd pray the phone book week after week. Instead, I see how through prayer God shapes me and speaks to me about what I can offer, the difference I can make. Remember how disheartening it was all those years praying all the time during the Troubles in Northern Ireland, peace feeling so far away? The same is true of the situation in the Holy Land, intractable as it all seems, we keep praying until eventually an opening appears and peace has a chance. Then too there are the disappointments, we don't always get for we ask for, even for those we love. How many lose their faith, not when natural disaster wreaks havoc somewhere the other side of the world, but when a loved one suffers and dies? It is what is closest to us that touches our hearts, while prayer teaches us to love much more widely and deeply.

So, I encourage us all, especially if you don't have a regular prayer life, to start talking to God and listening to what he has to say to you. It needn't be formal or overly structure, simply speaking as one does with a friend works a treat. As I tell the children in school, if a new kid appears in school and you never talk to them, how can you really know them? You may get an impression watching from a distance, but you'll never get close and become true friends. God is the same, longing for a personal relationship with each one of us. Listening to our cares and concerns, helping us find our way through the challenges we all face. And that relationship starts with a simple "Hi God, it's me." Start the conversation and keep talking, then you will begin to hear God's "still small voice" that gets drowned out by everyday life. That's what Lent is really about, so make it count.

All the best for Lent,

Michael

Sharing a prayer – for Passiontide

Chris Benson

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you

*for all the benefits you have won for us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.*

Most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,

*may we know you more clearly
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.*

There is no question that the sufferings of Jesus that we commemorate during Holy Week are horrific and harrowing in the extreme. And yet, human history is all too crowded with tortures and deaths inflicted by human beings on other human beings that are too awful even to contemplate. The sufferings of Jesus are terrible, but, tragically, not unique.

What *is* unique is that Jesus went through them all for all humanity – for us. It's one of the hardest things to accept about the Christian faith. If we were to have a conversation with him before the event, and he were to say, "I'm going to do this for you," surely we would all say, "Please don't – I'm not worth it!" But in his eyes – extraordinarily – we are, in spite of all our shortcomings, our lukewarm faith, our patchy commitment, our mistakes and foibles.

Why? Because he is not a distant historical figure: he is our 'friend and brother'. But nevertheless his presence all too often elusive; like those two disciples on the road to Emmaus, our eyes are often 'kept from recognising him' [Luke 24.16]. So, in this prayer, our first request is that we may know him 'more clearly' – that our eyes may be opened, and we may see him in his risen life, meet him week by week, at his table as we share in the

Eucharist, and, as we go about our daily lives, find him in people and situations. For he is, as the 14th century mystic Julian of Norwich put it, “the ground of our life and existence” [78*].

Secondly, we pray that a spirit of love may be kindled and kept alight in us. For (Julian again) Jesus “is our clothing that out of love enwraps and enfolds us, embraces us and wholly encloses us, surrounding us for tender love, so that he can never leave us” [5].

Love like that simply has to be returned, ‘dearly’ – but how? By responding to Our Lord’s call: “Follow me” [Matthew 4.19], as best we can. We won’t always get it right; sometimes we’ll stray off the path. Of course, from time to time we will sin – we’re human, and that’s what humans do. Julian says that sin is ‘behovely’ [27], a Middle English word meaning necessary or useful – it is part of God’s plan, but it’s transcended by his all-embracing, unconditional love. The best we can do is to follow Jesus ‘more nearly’, getting as close to him as our imperfect nature allows, trusting always in his unconditional, unlimited love for us, demonstrated as he suffered the worst that human beings are capable of in dying on the cross, and won for us the ‘benefit’ (what an understatement!) of a relationship with God which will never end.

* References are to chapters in Julian of Norwich’s great work, known today as *Revelations of Divine Love*.



Cacti: a lifelong passion

On Saturday 7th March, Richard Barrett will give a talk at St John-the-Baptist Church about cacti.

He has grown these prickly plants as a hobby since his teenage years in the mid-1970s.

In telling the personal story of his lifelong interest in cacti, he will touch on their appeal, history, diversity and natural habitat, in addition to where some notable collections can be seen in the UK today.

His talk will conclude with some tips on growing and caring for them in the British climate - from just a few kept indoors on a windowsill to a larger collection cultivated in a greenhouse.

All are welcome. The roughly hour-long talk will start at 10.30am. Refreshments will be available.



How well do you know characters in the Bible?

F&G

This month, we reach the letters F & G and here are a few names which you may recognise...

You may think of others.....

Felix - Roman governor of Judea who imprisoned Paul for 2 years

Festus- Successor to Felix who consulted King Agrippa II regarding charges against Paul

Fortunatus - a Christian who along with Stephanos & Achaicus brought a letter and maybe financial support from the Corinthian Church to Paul.

Gabriel - the Archangel & Messenger who visited Mary, the mother of Jesus

Gad - the first of two sons of Jacob & Zilpah

Goliath - the Philistine who fought with David

Gideon - a judge, military leader & prophet who led a victory over the Midianites

Gershon- eldest of the sons of Levi

It is interesting to note that there are quite a number of place names beginning with G but not so many characters.



Living Lent Generously

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all that responded to our emergency Stewardship campaign last Autumn. Whilst we did not achieve our target increase of £5,000 for 2026 plus the Gift aid, we did see an increase in regular giving of £3,432 plus Gift Aid, along with some one off donations totalling £1,600. Your financial support for St. John's enables our ministry, mission, and outreach to our community and is very much appreciated.

During Lent, we often first consider what we might give up – habits, comforts, distractions. However, at its heart, Lent is not only a season of sacrifice, but a season of return and recognising again that God moves towards us with extraordinary generosity.

Lent invites us to slow down and notice how God is already close to us: in grace given when we felt we did not deserve it and in those small moments of kindness that arrive just when we need them. These are the quiet ways that God tells us that he is present. When we recognise God's generous heart, Lent becomes less about giving things up and more about transformation.

As God has given generously to us, so we are asked to consider giving generously in response. Help St John's financially to meet the challenges ahead by joining the Parish Giving scheme (PGS). To find out more about : parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/malden-st-john-the-baptist-kingston-upon-thames Sign-up is easy through the PGS website or telephone service, on 0333 002 1271 .

Your giving will help share the responsibility for funding all we do. Each new giver makes it possible to do more of what we do best, and also makes possible new outreach initiatives that otherwise we simply can't afford to do. Thank you for making it happen!

Stewardship: J Bransgrove & R Burkett : stewardship@stjohnsoldmalden.org.uk



Thank you Marilyn for your long list of anniversaries: may another one be added please.

In a small village in Hampshire 150 years ago, Mary Sumner held her first meeting of Mothers' Union. From those seemingly insignificant beginnings where members were encouraged to help each other within the community, the organisation quickly grew and spread throughout the world. Today there are over 4,000,000



members in 84 countries, all of whom fight poverty and challenge injustice: everything they do being underpinned by prayer. "To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God." *Micah 6:8*.

Membership is open to all who have been baptised in the name of the Trinity, of whatever gender, and whether or not they are parents. On 4 February, the Southwark Diocesan President, Penny Lohead, attended the Wednesday morning Holy Communion service to admit three new members into the MU. Fr Michael, John Eggitt and Tony Pullen had all been inspired to join the St John's branch of Mothers' Union as they realised that though fellowship was important, the work of the MU extended far beyond the monthly meetings, and that there were MU workers in prisons, hospitals, running parenting groups and teaching English to refugees. Our own parish Red Chair is a case in point, raising critical awareness and taking action against domestic abuse.

The trio were presented with their membership certificates and their badges which they wore with pride during the welcoming celebration following the service.

Liz Pullen

St John's Knitting & Crochet Group



In January, St John's Knitting & Crochet Group celebrated its 18th Birthday with bunting, balloon, card and a special celebration cake made by Monica. Difficult to believe that we have been meeting once a month for such a long time!

Our group members bring in other crafts too: tapestry, embroidery, quilting. We are also experts in chatting and drinking tea – our thanks to John Williams who ensures that the kettle is on the boil...

So if you would like to learn to knit, crochet or just bring along your own masterpiece – do come and join us. Our March meeting will be on Thursday 26th March from 2pm in the Church Coffee Lounge.

You will be in good company – why not bring a friend?

Marilyn

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Revision of the Electoral Roll 2026

A formal notice of a revision of the Electoral Roll will be placed in the Church on Sunday, 22nd March 2026. Preparation of the Roll will commence on 28th March and be completed by 18th April 2026.

Those wishing to be placed on the Electoral Roll should collect an application form from the porch or from Steven Clark by email. Please note that an emailed form will need a physical signature. Please return completed forms to Father Michael Roper in the Parish Office no later than 18 th April 2026.

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TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH ~ JANUARY

I joined in the celebrations of Tamil Heritage and Harvest Festival last month. As always, there was a warm, welcoming atmosphere and spectacular costumes and singing and dancing.

The costumes were beautiful and the singers and dancers, from youngsters to elders, were so graceful. I couldn't understand the language of course, but I have now learnt a second word in Tamil! I did catch one word however in the last performance. I may have got the story wrong, but to a backing of music and singing with the performers using gestures to indicate who was singing what, it seems an important gentleman (he may have been a prince) with two attendants arrived – I think by boat! He met a lady and they sang together. Then some youngsters bounced on to the stage and sang and danced very energetically, in the middle of the dance getting out their mobile phones and punching numbers! They left and the prince and his lady had another conversation before the youngsters came back. This time they had an older singer with them who sang rap! Yes, it definitely appeared to be a rapper, and the one word I caught? – “Instagram”. They then froze and the prince and the lady had a final duet. What impressed me in particular was that the costumes and the music were totally traditional, from two thousand years of tradition, but the story included something totally up-to-date. Proof that we don't have to leave our traditions and familiar habits behind when we embrace the future.

There are Tamil communities in more than 50 other countries, and here in Kingston we are privileged to have a community of 12,000 with Tamil being the second most spoken language in the Borough. Unfortunately, at my age and at the rate of one word a year, I'm not going to get very fluent! Look out for it next year and go if you can, it's an amazing experience.

Bobby Child



True Origin.....

.....Is one of the companies that I buy from to stock our Fair Trade/ethical stall. They work directly with producers across Africa , helping to support farming communities with steady incomes, access to education, tools and the means to care for their land for the future.

I was asked to join a zoom group to sample some of their new products. I received a box of samples and was told we would all be sampling together on zoom! So Chris and I joined in with our plates, knives and over 100 other fair traders.

We were given orange juice and oat biscuits. We started with new products from Black Mamba in Eswatinti (Swaziland) apple jam, marmalade with cinnamon. Then moved on to the chutneys spicy mango, and spicy pineapple, pesto basil and cayenne, beetroot and ginger.

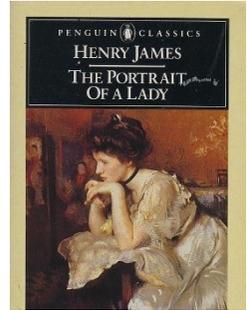
Then we heard from Sunshine Nuts in Mozambique, telling us how the cashew nuts are harvested. As soon as they are picked they are shelled, roasted and blended to perfection. We sampled garlic and herb cashews as well as sweetly spiced cashews, then cashew butter.

What treats! We are now selling these goodies as well as other items from Black Mamba and Sunshine Nuts. Together, these products showcase the best in fair-trade and ethical food.

Needless to say we didn't need any supper after that feast!

Anne Beales

After much discussion, we selected our 'classic' for February. This was **'The Portrait of a Lady'** by Henry James. It was an interesting read in the end, but rather slow to get started. There were many long conversations and all very wordy. This was of course a 19th century novel published as a book in 1881, having been serialised in 1880-1881.



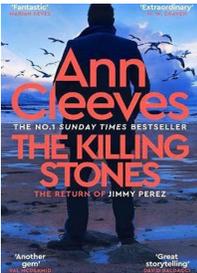
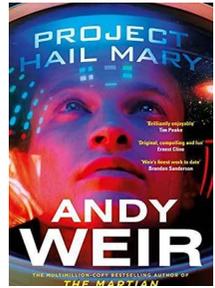
The young woman in question is Isabel Archer, a beautiful spirited American, who is brought to Europe by her wealthy aunt with the expectation that she will soon marry. Instead of opting for one of the two suitable suitors, Isabel chooses Gilbert Osmond, who turns out to be domineering and emotionally abusive. For the American reader, it provided insight into life in England and Italy – rather like The Grand Tour and must have been quite a contrast with the New World 19th century America. Although Isabel is in search of her own personal freedom, she is manipulated into making a marriage choice which stifles her as a character. She becomes a victim of tradition and is unable to make her own decisions – except that at the end of the novel, she does make her own decision, against the wishes of her husband, to return to England to see her dying cousin, Ralph. She is faced with the dilemma – will she return to her husband, return to Italy to pursue her own life or remain in England? This novel was a challenging read – due to its style and length, but interesting to see how the characters evolve. A 7/10 from those who had finished the novel in time for the meeting.



Our choice for March is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. A very different novel and a very straightforward read. It is the story of two sisters set in WWII occupied France – one remains at home with her child. Her husband has been taken to a labour camp and two Nazi officers are billeted in her house. The everyday struggle for food, heat and clothing is exacerbated by the terrible winters of the 40s. The other sister joins the

Resistance and is part of the escape route for downed airman over the Pyrenees. It is a very gripping read, well researched and one of those novels you regret having finished when you reach the final page.

For April – a complete departure from our normal pattern, for it is a science fiction novel, ‘Project Hail Mary’ by Andy Weir. Not a map at the beginning, but the dissection of a rocket. As the back cover describes: ‘A lone astronaut, an impossible mission, an ally he never imagined. Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission, and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish. I am intrigued even though this is not my usual genre. Why not discover something new for Spring?’



For May – The Killing Stones by Anne Cleeves (out in paperback on April 23rd)

Set on Orkney, it heralds the return of Jimmy Perez who becomes involved in a multiple murder mystery. Orkney is an amazing island and the author explores the brilliant setting for this new novel.

With the recent film release of Hamnet based on Maggie O’Farrell’s novel, you may wish to re-read this great novel which we read in the Reading Group last year. An excellent and moving read.

Our March meeting will be on Thursday 5th March at 8.00pm in the Church Coffee Lounge. You are very welcome to join us.

Marilyn

Nearly Tulip Time.....

If you are an admirer of tulips, then you may have visited Hampton Court in Spring when the gardens display a wonderful colour tapestry. For the past few years, Hampton Court has hosted its own tulip festival, which begins on April 11th this year.



Tulips have a particular connection with Hampton Court as Queen Mary II had a passion for this relatively new plant. The years 1634-37 saw what came to be known as Dutch Tulip Mania when bulb prices soared and the bulbs became so valuable that they were used like currency. Tulips had been introduced into Europe around 1550 from Turkey and resulted in great speculation and a 'Tulip Bubble'. Although the height of the craze had subsided by Mary's reign (1689-94), she still created a passion for the blue and white Delft porcelain tulip



vases, known as Tulipières. There are several examples at Hampton Court and at Chatsworth. The Tulip Pyramids were filled with cut flowers – they were basically 'vases with spouts'. The Delft potteries flourished with these new commissions and Queen Mary II developed a passion for these beautiful vases.

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When not in use as flower vases, they were used as hearth decorations. They are very collectible items and can be sold for up to 5,000\$.

St John's Word Search puzzle No.8 Summer Flowers

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Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.



THE RESTORE PROJECT IS NOT OVER YET!

Phase 1, the buttress repair may be over but there is still a need to complete repairs to;

- The tower brickwork
- The broken tower roofing & parapet
- The leaking nave roof & dormer window
- The leaking vestry roof
- Internal damp.



The overall cost of repairs remains about £450,000, although this sum has been reduced by our ability to fund the buttress repairs from grants from Marshall's Charity and the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust.

Nevertheless, to make the overall project financially feasible it is being undertaken in stages (Phases).

Repairs apart, we want to expand our community support by

- Opening our building to wider community use as a hub for use by heritage, nature, and environmental organisations.
- Building on our current social care activities, such as supporting carers' of family members and friends with dementia, and offering ways of helping people prepare for the death of loved ones (Dying Matters/ GraveTalk).
- A greater involvement with our local schools by hosting school groups exploring our rich historical and natural heritage.

These are dependent on having structurally safe and sound buildings.

The next stage is PHASE 2, which will;

- Complete the repairs to the tower and tower parapet
- Repair the pitched nave roofs
- Start at least one new activity benefiting our local community – a dementia carers support group is most timely as is the hub.

Estimated cost for the tower repair is £227,000 (ex VAT), the roofs £60,500 (ex VAT), totalling £287,500 plus VAT £57,500. Costs for the social care and hub activities will be on top. Final tenders will up-date these estimates.

To fund Phase 2, our grants committee is putting together applications to a number of external funding organisations. It is a time-consuming

complex process, requiring explaining who we are, what we do, what we want to do, the need for urgent building repairs, how our social activities will benefit the community, our partnerships (what our hub users will do), and providing detailed costs and other financial details.

All grant giving organisations have strict rules stipulating;

- what they fund
- how much they will give
- how much the applicant (**us**) must raise themselves prior to making an application.

While we have so far been successful in raising our own funds, we have also had to employ architectural and advisory professionals and fund Phase 1.

It is critical we continue fundraising to meet the grant giving organisations rules. However, the success of the Restore Project is not only dependent on monies from grant giving organisations, but on us too.

We acknowledge and thank everyone who has donated to the Restore Project – well done!



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Collective Worship Round Up

Reflecting the Kingdom of God by Enriching and Transforming Lives

In collective worship at Malden Parochial we have been reminded that MPS can stand for

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So we hold doors open for people, say please and thank you and we answer questions in full sentences. We smile at people so they feel they are welcome and that we all belong to the Malden Parochial family.

We learned about

St Agnes

Martin Luther King Jnr Memorial Day

St Hilary of Poitiers

Naaman healed of leprosy in 2 Kings 5

Conversion of St Paul

St Thomas Aquinas

How solving puzzles is a metaphor for life

We practiced using our hands to help us to pray

Thumb think of people close to you.



Index finger think of going on the right path and making good choices.

Middle finger think of people who make decisions for us like our families and our teachers.

Ring finger for those who are unwell or who need extra help.

Pinky finger for yourself, ask God for what you need.

Educational Excellence at Malden Parochial

What is happening in schools these days?

"What do you notice?"

Starting a lesson with "What do you notice?" is one of the most effective ways to hook pupils' attention and ensure full participation. It shifts the focus from "finding the right answer" to "making observations," reducing performance anxiety and positively acknowledging all contributions.

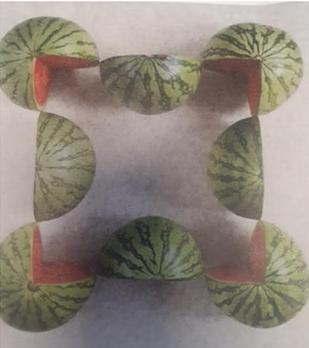
Why "What Do You Notice?" Works

Anyone can notice something (the colour, a shape, a word), as well as more complex patterns or anomalies.

It creates a safe environment as there are no "wrong" answers, imagine being in school and never getting an answer wrong!

What do you notice? Allows teachers to see what children already know (prior knowledge) and what misconceptions they might have,

What do you notice?





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March 7th - A talk by Richard Barrett :- Cacti, a lifelong passion.

April 11th- A talk by Elliot Newton– Re-wilding Director from Citizen Zoo.

May 9th- A talk by Alan Matthews - Football World Cup – A passion.



Bereavement Café

In partnership with Princess Alice Hospice , St John's runs an informal support group for all those experiencing the loss of a loved one. The next meeting will be in the coffee lounge at St. John's on Tuesday 17th March 2:00- 3:30pm.



With things opening up again please help raise much-needed donations for St John's Old Malden - Repairs Fund when you plan ahead and arrange things to do! From booking staycations and getaways to tickets for concerts or other fun activities, remember to use #easyfundraising to raise FREE donations for us. Book now: <http://efraising.org/fx3w1QPP7u>

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