

Voice



St Bartholomew's
Crewkerne



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Celebrate the Resurrection

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

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Services at St Bartholomew's:

- April 3 Passion Sunday
10.00 am Holy Communion
- April 10 Palm Sunday
9.55 am Meet outside Church Hall for Procession into church for
10.00 am Holy Communion
- April 11, 12, 13 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week
6.00 pm Holy Communion
- April 14 Maundy Thursday
7.00 pm Holy Communion
- April 15 GOOD FRIDAY
10.30 am Procession of Witness (meet at Henhayes), followed at
11.00 am by a short service at St Bartholomew's.
2.00 pm An Hour at the Cross
- April 17 **EASTER DAY**
11.00 am Holy Communion
- April 24 2nd Sunday of Easter
11.00 am Holy Communion

Holy Communion (BCP) on Wednesday mornings at 10.30 am.

Services at Wayford:

- April 3 Passion Sunday 10.00 am Holy Communion
- April 17 EASTER DAY 10.00 am Holy Communion

Services at Hewish:

- April 3 Passion Sunday 11.45 am Holy Communion
- April 17 EASTER DAY 11.45 am Holy Communion

FROM THE RECTOR

“And not a God has wounds, but thou alone.”

So wrote Edward Shillito shortly after the appalling carnage of the First World War.

They are good words to reflect on as we come towards Good Friday. Just a short distance away, men, women and children have been suffering terribly – and, as I write, it is so difficult to see how the war in Ukraine will end.



We must ask – why? What Christ has to say about it? For many of us, this is one of the great reasons not to believe. There are no easy answers that simply package up the problem and make it go away. There is so much we do not understand.

Yet Christ brings something different from other religions and philosophies – all of which struggle with this problem. In Christ, we meet the God who did not stay safe in heavenly splendour but came down into the darkest misery of human suffering – a member of an oppressed race, rejected even by his own people, ending up tortured and dying on the Cross.

Why “Good” Friday? Because it is good that God identifies with us, sympathises with us, cares for us and came to show it with actions, not just words.

But sympathy alone is not enough. We need help – and that too comes on Good Friday, where Jesus did not only sympathise - he was our substitute. We’ve contributed to the evil of this world (even if only in small, mean ways) and on the Cross, Jesus took the blame so that we might be forgiven – fit for a new creation where there will be no war and no wounds.

Why “Good” Friday? It was unimaginably terrible for him, so that it could be unimaginably good for us.

Then in our tiny way, we are to learn to do the same – to stand in deep sympathy with those suffering in Ukraine and elsewhere – and to give our help, even when it’s costly. There is so much we don’t understand about suffering. But we do know this. Christians are called to be Good Friday people.

With my prayers and best wishes

CJ

Christopher (CJ) Davis



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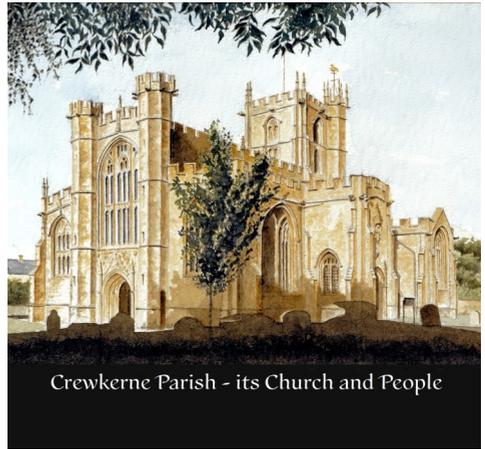
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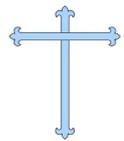
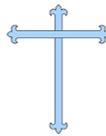
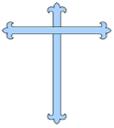
FROM OUR REGISTERS

Baptisms

Clementine Mollie Cox

Funerals

We extend our sincere condolences to the
family and friends of
Penelope May Smallridge
Sylvia Bartlett





St Michael & All Angels, Wayford

We were delighted to welcome CJ and Mary to his first service in Wayford at the beginning of the month and look forward to their next visit at the beginning of April.

With the snowdrops being replaced by crocuses and daffodils, our thoughts are looking towards Easter. As usual, we will be inviting the children of the parish to come and create an Easter Garden. Further details from the church wardens.

The ACPM will be held in the Church on Monday 28th March at 7pm.

Looking forward, Wayford Manor will be opening its gardens as part of the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday, May 15th.

Mike Kimber



Church of The Good Shepherd, Hewish

Please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 11th April. This will take place at 7.30pm in the Church; all welcome, especially if you are new to the area.

Mary Wilson (Church Secretary)



**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S
SERVICE TIMES
Sunday Morning Service at 10am
(11am from 17th April)**

Wednesday Communion Service 10.30am

DEFIBRILLATOR

There is now a defibrillator (orange in a clear plastic cover) in the Church which is located in the first cupboard underneath the servery near the North Door. There are signs up in the Church, in the South Door porch and in the Church Hall with details and contact information. Please speak to the church warden, Pippa Smith for more information.

WANTED: 'BUNDLERS'

Just in case you were wondering what a bundler is, they are the volunteers who put VOICE PARISH MAGAZINE into, for want of a better word, bundles ready for the distributors to collect and deliver.

Bundling takes place in church on the last Thursday before the last Sunday of the month at 9.30a.m

If you are willing to help please contact Adrian Taylor on 07729695916

*Thank you,
June ed.*

**WE ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND VISITORS
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AND**

**WEDNESDAYS 9.00AM UNTIL 5.00PM
(Unless there is a funeral)**

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as you enter.**

MOTHERS' UNION



The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on April 19th in the Church Hall at 2.30pm when Elizabeth Longshaw will talk about the Resurrection.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month



THE BISHOP'S LETTER



Hope in a turbulent world

I write this on Ash Wednesday, a day when we begin a period of reflection and penitence, and remember our mortality. Those of us receiving the ash crosses on our foreheads today will hear these words: 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return...'

Faced with our death we consider how we might live. Are there things we need to change? What might we need to seek forgiveness for and from whom? '...Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ' are the words which follow the ash.

Our Archbishops and the Pope have invited us to set this particular Ash Wednesday aside to pray for peace in Ukraine. It would be easy for us to point the finger at those we hold responsible for such atrocity against brothers and sisters. And yet we need to recognise that all of us carry responsibility for our own failures to live as peacemakers and reconcilers. Not one of us is perfect and Lent offers us an opportunity for honest realism and a chance to repent and seek forgiveness.

As you read this letter we will be approaching the end of Lent, and Easter will be in sight. Much will have happened in the world since I wrote it. Two years ago, I was praying for the world caught up in the early throes of a pandemic and lockdown. Who could have known that we would still be living with the virus and how much life would have changed for us? Today I am joining in the prayer and fasting for countries at war. Where will we be as we enter Holy week and approach Easter? What might be the outcome for Ukraine, Russia, ourselves?

And yet that is the very heart of faith. We do not know what the future holds but we do know the One who holds us. The fact is that God so loved the world that when He sees us in our greatest need, at our most threatened, fragile, He comes to be with us. To share the pain and give Himself fully, even to the point of death. And the story of Easter tells us that death is not the end. That life is found through the death of the Saviour.

The Bishop's letter continued

I don't know what your experience of these last couple of years has been. What deaths you might have faced. I expect many of us carry the scars and wounds of loss. Pain and death are not things we can avoid. And neither did Christ. The hope He offers us is that they are not the end of the story but rather the beginning. Hope can be ignited and life restored through the faithful following in the footsteps of the One who loves us.

It does not mean that all will be wonderful and our journey smooth. It won't stop wars from taking place or people from hurting one another. But it does mean that hope, forgiveness and new starts can be found as we look to follow Christ's example.

With thankfulness for you, and His love

+Ruth

***The Right Revd Ruth Worsley,
Bishop of Taunton***



**We share this prayer for Ukraine
by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York**

*God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen*

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

'When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it and some bread'

John21:9



HONEY GLAZED SALMON

Ingredients

- 100g Honey
- 60ml Soy Sauce
- 2 tbsp Lemon Juice
- 1 tsp Chilli flakes
- 3 tbsp Olive Oil
- 4 Salmon Fillets patted dry with paper towel
- Salt and Black Pepper
- 3 Cloves Garlic crushed
- 1 lemon cut into thin slices to garnish
- Chopped Parsley for garnish

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together honey, soy sauce, lemon juice and chilli flakes.
2. In a large frying pan over medium-high heat, heat two tablespoons oil. When oil is hot but not smoking, add salmon skin-side up and season with salt and pepper. Cook salmon until deeply golden, about 6 minutes, then flip over and add remaining tablespoon of oil.
3. Add garlic to the pan and cook until fragrant, 1 minute. Add the honey mixture and sliced lemons and cook until sauce is reduced by about 1/3. Baste salmon with the sauce.
4. Garnish with sliced lemon and parsley to serve.



.A Sunday School teacher asked her class, "Does anyone here know what we mean by sins of omission?" A small girl replied: "Aren't those the sins we should have committed, but didn't?"

We Never Closed.....

During all the Covid restrictions members of the U3A Photography Group kept in touch with each other on line by sharing a weekly challenge – either current or occasionally diving back into their archives for appropriate photographs. As a result they are presenting an exhibition in the Museum depicting an amazing collection of photographs. Please come and enjoy.

Exhibition runs from 9th – 30th April in the Crewkerne & District Museum.

Opening times:

Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am-4pm

Open usual hours on Easter weekend.

Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Jumble Sale – Saturday 2nd April at 2pm. Contributions may be brought to the hall between 10am & mid-day. Tombola & refreshments. Details from Jackie (01460 72324)

Sew, Knit & Natter – Wednesday 6th April at 10.30am; details from Julia (01460 72769)

Clapton & Wayford Film Society – Thursday 7th April, showing 1985 ‘Vagabond’, telling the story of a young woman wandering through the Languedoc-Roussillon wine country one winter. (15), 101 mins. Doors open & refreshments on sale from 7pm; film starts at 7.30pm prompt. Ample parking, disabled facilities, level access. New members very welcome; membership subscriptions taken any time; guest tickets, £4. Details from Mick (01460 74849) or Di (01460 30508)

Community Coffee Morning – Wednesday 20th April, 10.30am – mid-day, with bacon rolls, croissants, cakes etc. All welcome; please come along to meet friends, neighbours & visitors for a social morning in a warm and friendly hall with disabled facilities, ample parking and a lovely view. Details from Julia (01460 72769)

Mary Wilson (hall secretary)

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
May we reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for the world.

Amen.

A Mothers' Union Prayer

We worship our Loving Saviour who chose the way of sacrifice to make known to us the path of life.

We praise our Risen Lord who fills us with hope and joy as we journey along the path of life.

Amen



CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like to get involved or sponsor a special arrangement, please contact Jean Strong for more details on
01460 77632



Peter Singleton

Pippa and I felt we wanted to record our appreciation of all Peter's help and support during the last few years when we have been churchwardens here at St Bartholomew's.

We already knew of his great love for the church and his dedication and commitment in working to serve it and its people. He was involved in the life of the church for very many years and served as a churchwarden from 1997 until 2002. During his churchwardenship he very rarely missed a Sunday service. He continued to serve on the PCC after 2002 until his retirement in 2020.

He was involved with the Friends of St Barts helping in one way or another with all the concerts and events over the years. He worked as Lindi's "batman" in organizing the Son et Lumiere in 2000.

He took over from Robin Wyatt after his retirement as the buildings adviser for the PCC. In that role Pippa and I found him so very knowledgeable and helpful when we, as churchwardens, needed help and advice. Even after his retirement from the PCC he was always ready and willing to help in any way he could. His experience as an engineer in being able to fix things was invaluable. An example of this was that last spring, shortly before his illness was diagnosed, he was up on the tower roof repairing the leak around the base of the flagpole.

In 2016 he undertook the task of investigating, along with Robin Wyatt, John Clotworthy, and Merv Clark, how the re-ordering of various different churches had been done. The architect had recommended, as good examples of re-ordering, Holy Trinity, Frome, St Cuthbert's, Wells, and St Michael's Somerton, so Peter and the team visited them. Later, separately, in 2018 Peter and Merv investigated the Minster, Ilminster, St James', Preston Road and St Michael's Without, Bath. Peter and the team well knew that the interior arrangement of the church had undergone many different changes since its construction in the 15th Century. Pews and an organ are, after all, comparatively modern inventions! Another of the more recent changes was the introduction of the galleries at the west end of the church.

In 2016 Peter and the team worked with the architect to arrive at several different ideas for the reordering here which included glass doors at the south entrance, a ramp for easier wheelchair access, and the provision of toilets and a kitchen. The idea was to make the church more welcoming and accessible to all. The architect produced the plans for all to see in 2019/2020 and these were then discussed at a meeting in St Barts with the Archdeacon and the DAC. Following this, however, the plans were put on hold!

Peter remained a faithful member of the congregation, generously giving lifts to people who would not otherwise have been able to attend until ill health stopped him. His illness, cancer, worsened rapidly and he died in January 2022.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Christine Newman.

*Before the Throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart*

*When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me*

*Behold Him there! The risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Saviour and my God*

Charitie Bancroft 1841-1923

THE BEATIFUL GATE



The Eastern Gate ,Solomons Colonnade, Jerusalem

The old city of Jerusalem has eight major gates. The Eastern Gate, also called the **Beautiful Gate** in the Bible, is where Jesus entered Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. The present gate dates from the 6th or 7th century AD, the Romans having caused the destruction of the original gate in 70 AD. The Beautiful Gate mentioned in the Bible was in the same location as the current one.

It is also the gate where Peter healed the lame man. Acts 3: 1-10.



EMPATHY AND SYMPATHY

As I write in early March, Ukraine is being bombarded by Russia and fighting for its existence. Already two million have fled the country, mainly women and children, into camps, or, if fortunate, to family and friends close by or further afield, and even into stranger's homes. Money and goods are being donated from around the world to assist with their settlement for as long as is needed. It is seventy five years since Europe has experienced involuntary movement of people on this scale and the world has mainly turned against the aggressor.

'Syrians empathise'. Russia intervened in their civil war in 2015, an ally of its president, using air strikes, special forces on the ground to retake areas lost to the rebels, even chemical weapons. Russia is there still, having established many spheres of interest in the area while testing its latest weapon systems on the population, all with impunity. War crimes are alleged but civilians and children are still being killed in Syria. There are almost seven million displaced persons in the state with nearly seven million more as refugees and asylum seekers. A huge number are children who may spend their whole lives in camps along with other nationalities fleeing other continuous conflict.

Raft (refugeeaidfromtaunton.org.uk) had to close its premises, rent free from Taunton Council since 2015, as the site is being developed. The trustees hope to open new premises in Taunton in mid April which will cost 18,000pa in rent and will be smaller, making logistics more difficult. At first only spring and summer clothing for men, women and children and boots and shoes for all (not wellingtons) are requested as they learn to manage the new space. If you can, please hold on to other items, eg blankets until required; if unable please contact me. In addition, if anyone knows of a large spacious building in the Taunton area, which could be available to rent more cheaply (or for free), indefinitely or for a long period, please contact me or Raft directly.

Refugee Support Group (RSG) is once again organising fundraising events for Raft and for refugee charities working on the ground in Europe and the Middle East.

There will be a **coffee morning in ILMINSTER on THURSDAY 7TH APRIL from 10.30 to 12.30**, at 20, SILVER STREET, the house just before the Minster. There will be books and home-made cakes to buy. Perhaps meet friends that spring morning in Ilminster, supporting refugees while enjoying coffees.

On SUNDAY MAY 22ND our popular afternoon event **MUSIC IN THE MEADOW** will take place in the Secret Garden at the end of West Street in **HINTON ST GEORGE** from 2PM. Very talented musicians **RICKY ROMAIN** and **TEASING THE CAT** will perform. here will be stalls and a raffle. Look out for our poster and direction signs in the village. Please bring your own drinks and chairs. Tickets are £10 at the gate or in advance from Amanda: 01460 72553. A donation is suggested for children.

Our grateful thanks go to all who offer support for those surviving in camps for years.

Geraldine Downey RSG 01460 271358

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The Friends' 2022 fundraising events start soon...



On Palm Sunday afternoon, we welcome two superb choirs to launch our 2022 events. Then we look forward to a busy week celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

SUNDAY 10th APRIL 3.30pm. An afternoon choral concert for Eastertide at St. Bart's with the very popular New Elizabethan Singers and The Broadoak Choir singing *Three Trees* and *Requiem*, two beautiful and moving pieces written by very talented local composers.

Admission is free – so arrive early to guarantee your place. There will be a collection to benefit St. Bart's as you leave the concert.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE dates for your diary: We kick off the four-days of celebration with the return of **OPEN GARDENS** on the first day of the holiday, **THURSDAY 2nd JUNE**. If you would like to show off your garden to help raise funds for St. Bart's, find out more from Ian on 01460 271440 or email iantribe@gmail.com (We're particularly looking for venues a short walk from the Town Hall.) On **FRIDAY 3rd JUNE** there will be tours of the church and on **SATURDAY 4th JUNE** a concert with a royal flavour in the magnificent setting of St. Bart's.

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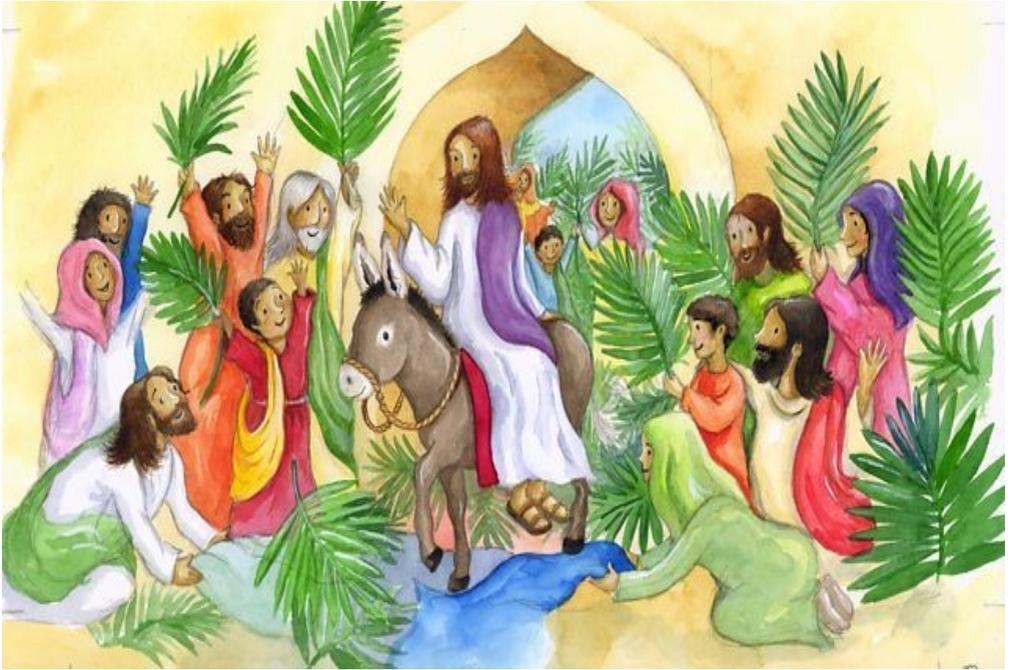
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Palm Sunday: Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey

PALM SUNDAY



This is the Sunday before Easter Sunday.

It is the first day of Holy Week and celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Crowds of people came out of the city to greet him, throwing down palm branches on the road.

Anglican and Roman Catholic churches give out small crosses made from palm leaves, as a reminder of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and his death on the cross. Some Christians keep these in their homes all year as a symbol of their faith.



Easter eggs

An egg is a symbol of new life. For Christians, Easter eggs are used as a symbol for the resurrection of Jesus.

Services

Details of services at our churches will be found inside the front cover.

We will post the new service schedule on our website and Facebook page. If you wish to receive regular parish emails please email the office.

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MOTHERS' UNION

Regular monthly meeting 3rd Tuesday in the
month in the Church Hall

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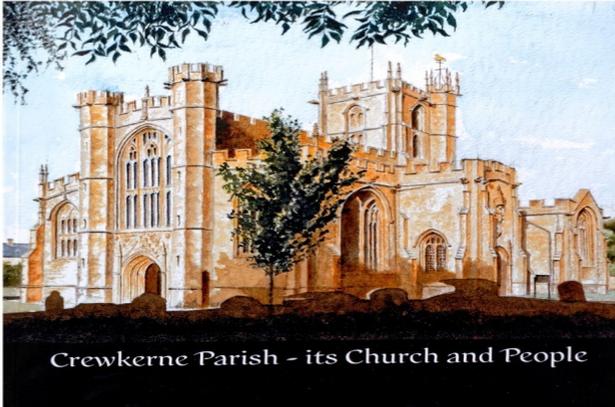
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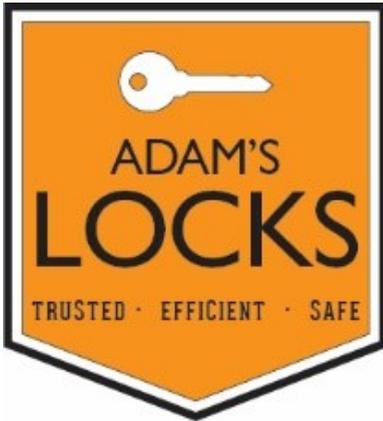
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