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Parish Mission Statement

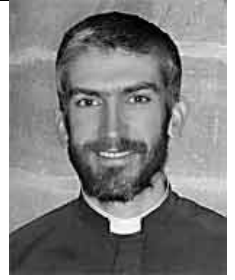
Called to be the body of Christ,
we are here to share God's love with all people,
through outreach and service,
in our community and in the world,
through the power of the Holy Spirit

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Dear friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the song of the Christian Church as we rejoice in the good news of the resurrection of Jesus. Christians are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song. On Easter Day the darkness of the Passion is transformed into the light of the Resurrection; our tears of sorrow are transformed into tears of joy.



The Easter story of Resurrection is the greatest story ever told. But it is a complex story that continues to challenge and confuse. It is a story that demands constant unpacking and exploration if we are to get the most from it. It is a story that invites us to let go of, to rethink, much of our inherited assumptions about the way the world works – about the way we work individually and collectively.

The story of the death and resurrection of Jesus challenges our human propensity to violence as a means of resolving our conflicts and disputes with one another. During his public ministry Jesus spoke clearly and passionately against the injustices and weaknesses of the political (= empire) and religious (= temple) systems of his day. This brought him into conflict with those in authority who sought in the end to have Jesus killed as a way of saving their own face.

From the very beginning of human culture, humankind has resorted to sacrifice as a means of maintaining, or restoring, order in society. Still today the weak, the vulnerable and the innocent are too readily sacrificed (literally or metaphorically) by the strong and powerful in the name of justice and stability.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks wrote recently: "Far from speaking to an age long gone and forgotten, the laws of sacrifice tell us three things as important now as then: first, violence is still part of human nature, never more dangerous than when combined with an ethic of revenge; second, rather than denying its existence, we must find ways of redirecting it so that it does not claim yet more human sacrifices; third, that the only ultimate alternative to sacrifices, animal or human, is the one first propounded millennia ago by the prophets and ancient Israel".

The Cross is the ultimate judgement on the world, revealing the truth of our human violence. The Resurrection is then the ultimate revelation of the truth of God's love and forgiveness.

The theologian Scott Cowdell, in the book *Violence, Desire and the Sacred*, wrote: "The Gospels represent the completion of this revelation, with the innocent one sacrificed to the angry, boundary-preserving false sacred of temple and empire – to the mob, and to the satanic show that could not tolerate exposure. Jesus' death need not be understood as appeasing an offended heavenly Father but, rather, in terms of a loving God beginning to liberate our world when the time was right. The resurrection of Jesus begins a new creation beyond the violent sacred, offering human life new foundations."

One of the best summaries of the Easter message comes from Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, was once asked to sum up who Jesus is and what Jesus' message is. He said, "Trust me, says Jesus, when I tell you that God loves you. Believe the good news. Trust me, says Jesus, when I tell you that God wants to be where you are. And know that even when we push Jesus off the edge and kill him, he comes back and says, it is still true; God still loves you and God still wants to be where you are".

That is, after his Resurrection, Jesus practiced what he preached in the Sermon on the Mount: return evil with good, hatred with love. The fullness of Jesus shows that

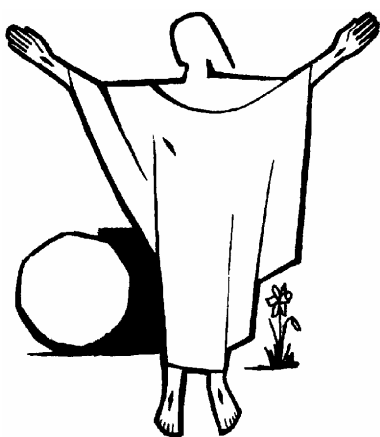
forgiving love can be as earth-shattering as an earthquake or as gentle as stepping through a wall.

As we prepare for the General Election early next month let us keep in mind the message of Easter, the message of Love and Forgiveness, of Mercy and Compassion, not just for the few, but for all. Let us seek to build a society where none are left feeling marginalised, victimised or excluded. For True Love desires mercy, not sacrifice. Hear the words of Jesus, the risen, forgiving victim, who comes amongst us and says, 'Peace be with you'.

May the risen Lord bless you.

P. S. J.

The Season of Easter – An Introduction



Easter Day begins a period of unparalleled joy and celebration in the Christian year which extends through fifty days until the Day of Pentecost. These days of Eastertide form a single festival period, in which this tone of joy is sustained. Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which Tertullian calls "this most joyful period".

On the fortieth day, there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's Ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The Ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission.

The days between Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost are days of prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

The Paschal candle is lit for all services during this season.

'Peace and Justice through Easter Eyes'

An Away Day at Parcevall Hall, Saturday 9th May



Join us for an away day at Parcevall Hall, the diocesan retreat house near Appletreewick in Wharfedale. The speaker will be Canon Graham Bettridge who is a retired parish priest and part of the chaplaincy team at Parcevall Hall. He is an experience leader of church quiet days and weekends; he has been with us on two previous weekends.

The day will start at 9.30am and finish at 4.00pm. The day will include 4 talks from Graham with time for reflection and discussion after each talk.

The cost will be £12 including refreshments; lunch will be a bring & share meal. To book pick up a flyer in the church or parish rooms or contact the Vicar.

Graham will also preach at the 10am Eucharist on Sunday 10th May.

News from the PCC

Reordering of the central area of the church

Since last month's magazine was published the Petitioners have submitted their response to the letters of objection and this has been forwarded to the Chancellor. In mid March the Chancellor came to visit the church to familiarise himself with the details of the proposed reordering.

At the time of writing we are waiting to receive the Chancellor's decision whether to grant the faculty or not. Once news of the decision is received this will be publicised through our weekly notice sheet and on our church Facebook page.



New choir desks

Following the closure of Malsis School in December the contents of the school were auction in the New Year. We were successful in our bid for four choir desks from the school chapel for use by our church choir in the space at the east end of the north aisle.



We have been granted a Temporary Reordering Certificate to permit the introduction of the choir desks into the church whilst a full faculty is applied for. This process has begun and the necessary public notices will be published in due course.

Church ceiling

Since the last report, the PCC has been granted an Interim Faculty to permit the installation of debris netting beneath the nave and chancel ceilings. This work will be carried by Building Conservation Solutions Ltd (the same firm that carried out the inspection of the ceiling in February) and will be done during the week commencing 18th May. Having the debris netting in place, together with a monthly tactile inspection of the north and south aisle ceilings, will allow the whole church to continue to be available for services and other activities.

Discussions continue with the church architects, the Diocesan Advisory Committee and English Heritage regarding a re-plastering of the whole church ceiling. We will also be discussing applying for grant funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Annual Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

Each year we revise our Electoral Roll. Those on the Roll are signifying, firstly, a commitment to the Church of England. Secondly, they signify an undertaking to the Parish of St Andrew, Kildwick. This undertaking should indicate a willingness to make a contribution to the life of the Church. Such a contribution does not just mean 'giving money', although our church does need such a resource, but ideally giving of yourself, for the sake of God's Kingdom. Application forms for the Electoral Roll are available in church.

Any persons whose name is not on the present roll and who wish to have their names entered must apply for enrolment not later than Saturday 11th April 2014. The new Roll will come into operation on Sunday 12th April 2014. Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from the church or from the electoral roll officer, Christine Anderton, 6 Airedale View, Cross Hills.

Only those persons on the electoral roll will be able to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 26th April.

Annual Church Meetings – Sunday 26th April

The Annual Meetings which take place next month following the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday 26th April are important occasions in the life of a parish. At the meetings we elect those who will share in the leadership of the parish for the coming year and we have the opportunity to reflect together on the past year and to help think about the future life of God's church in this parish.

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (open to everyone resident in the parish and those on the church electoral roll) we will elect our two churchwardens for the coming year.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (open to those on the church electoral roll) we will elect up to 2 persons to serve on the Deanery Synod (to serve for a period of 2 years), up to 2 persons to serve on the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches Council (to serve for a period of 1 year), and up to 5 persons to serve on the Parochial Church Council (3 to serve for a period of 3 years, 1 to serve for a period of 2 years, 1 to serve for a period of 1 year). To share in the leadership of the parish is an important function and everyone is encouraged to prayerfully consider if they are being called by God to serve in this way.

We hope as many members of our church community as possible will come to our Annual Church Meetings. Please book the date in your diary.

Tour de Yorkshire - Stage 3 Sunday 3rd May

Before the professionals come through hundreds of amateur cyclists will enjoy the chance to ride the route, so the villages will be full of cyclists and spectators during the day.

Why not watch the race from the churchyard and then visit the church and enjoy Sunday afternoon Tea & Scones.

BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber

THE GOSPEL STORY: THE EMPTY TOMB



According to St Mark Joseph of Arimathea bought some linen cloth, took down Jesus' body from the cross, wrapped it in linen and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.' The next day was the Sabbath so it was on the following day that the women brought spices to anoint the body. They found the stone rolled away and a man in a white robe sitting in the tomb who told them that 'He (Jesus) was not there' and that he had risen from the dead. The women were so frightened that they went out and fled from the tomb and said nothing to anyone.'

Luke's account follows the same lines but has significant differences. According to him there were two men in white not one, that the women told the eleven other disciples and Peter came to look and confirmed their account. I cannot accept this modification because the motive is obvious. It may seem strange to us but Greek courts of law would not accept evidence from a woman that was unsupported by a man.

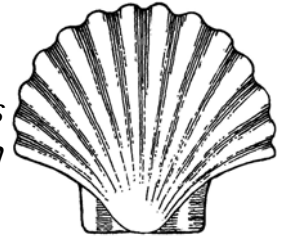
Matthew adds more details. According to him, guards had been set over the tomb but there was a great earthquake after which an angel in white had appeared and the guards had fallen back like dead men. We have the same two women but though they are afraid they are also filled with joy and hurry off to tell the eleven what they have seen after which the resurrected Jesus himself appeared to them all. The motive for these additions is also transparent. By the time he wrote the Christian community was well established and the Jewish authorities were openly voicing their scepticism of the Empty Tomb story. This is hardly surprising because the Sadducees did not believe in resurrection at all. Again the motive for them is plain to see so I find it difficult to accept these embroideries on Mark's simple tale either.

John appears to live in a different world from the other three. According to him Joseph of Arimathea, accompanied by Nicodemus, carried the body by night to a tomb which was in a garden and they anointed the body immediately with a pint of nard brought by Nicodemus. Now it is Peter and John who visit the tomb and find it empty. Mary, the mother of Joses has been dropped from the tale, poor woman, leaving only Mary Magdalene to encounter the gardener, whom she alleges was Jesus himself. I presume the point of the story is to involve a respected member of the Sanhedrin as a witness to the burial alongside a sinner, a tax gatherer. As for the gardener story it makes me feel quite Greek and sceptical of a hearsay story vouched for only by a woman.

So what did happen? In my next article I will consider the alternatives put forward by the sceptics.

“O happy band of pilgrims’ – visiting the ‘thin places’ of the world

In this new occasional series, the Revd Canon Michael Burgess considers all that a pilgrimage can mean to a Christian's walk with God.



Christians in the Celtic Church lived with the strong belief that the material and spiritual worlds, the visible and the invisible were one. There was a connecting thread that linked the two, and certain places manifested that reality. They were called ‘thin places,’ and there is a story of a monastery at Landevennec in Brittany, an area of great beauty which was protected from the Atlantic storms. But in that blessed place none of the monks could die: they were weighed down by old age, longing to leave this world, but never able to do so. The abbot had a dream where he was shown that the monastery on earth was out of line with the monastery in heaven. He exhorted his fellow monks to pull down the buildings and move them a little nearer to the shore. When that was done, the alignment in that ‘thin place’ of heaven and earth was put right, and it was now possible from the monks to embrace death and leave this world.

We could also call such places ‘touching places’, and a few years ago the Radio 4 programme ‘Sunday’ asked its listeners to choose their top ten touching places. It included the pilgrim sites of Lindisfarne, Iona, and Walsingham. We might extend that list of places blessed by God and hallowed by prayer to include the Holy Land, Rome, Compostela and the shrines of our Lady. In the first of these articles we looked at why we go on pilgrimage. This month we focus not on the why, but on the where: the pilgrim sites around the world, those thin places that draw hundreds and thousands of people to find healing and holiness, faith and fellowship.

Charles Péguy wrote that although the pilgrim may well come alone to such a place, he or she ‘nonetheless participates in a flux which has elected that holy place.’ That flux might include a particular saint who lived there or a vision or the tomb of a holy one: all in their own ways witnessing to the fact that holiness dwells there. As tangible as the air we breathe, such holiness links heaven and earth and infuses those places with grace and goodness. It is those qualities and that history that draw the pilgrim to tread where the saints of old have trod. John Martin wrote of the Holy Land, ‘Often the pilgrim is aware that he is standing where the Lord once actually stood or walks where His feet have actually trod. Such is our experience when we walk by the hill road from Bethany over the top of the Mount of Olives and down the other side to Gethsemane and the Kedron Valley.’

For the pilgrim these places are ‘thin places’ – we sense the thread linking the earth beneath to heaven above. They are ‘touching places’ for there we also sense and feel the blessing of God in our lives. Just as the story of our redemption begins with that thin place of Nazareth, where a girl in her early teens was called by God’s messenger for a special purpose. From that willing response of Mary a child was born: time and eternity met, the visible and the invisible, the material and the spiritual. We journey today to such hallowed places of pilgrimage that God may touch our lives. And we journey with the prayer that all places may be the touching places of God’s love in human life.

pilgrim

A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

Life is a journey. It begins when you are born. It ends when you die. You don't need to be a Christian to know this. But as we get older we do know that there is probably more road behind us than ahead of us.

So what difference does being a Christian make? Well, the journey of life that ends in death becomes a holy pilgrimage that ends in life. Christians believe that in Jesus, God has walked this earth before us, and that with Jesus as our companion and guide we can travel through life differently.

We can live and travel as pilgrims. We set our sights on God's kingdom of justice and peace; and as we journey deeper into God, the pathway of our life becomes more meaningful and joyful, and the world a better place.

Pilgrim is designed to help you discover this Christian way of life. It unpacks the basic message and teaching of the Christian faith, and also shows you how to pray and how to live like Jesus. It does this in a way that is reflective and conversational. **Pilgrim** will change the perspective of your life; it might also change its direction.

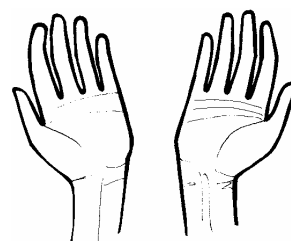
Pilgrim takes a different approach to other Christian programmes. It approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion, but participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow travellers.

The **Pilgrim** programme consists of eight short six-session modules which explore the major themes of the Christian life: What do Christians believe? How do Christians know and worship God? How do Christians behave? What is the Christian vision for the world?

We will begin to use **Pilgrim** in September, offering an evening and a daytime group. In July we will hold a couple of introductory sessions to tell you more about this exciting opportunity. Look out for details. For more information please contact Sandie Walton, 636501 or Robin Figg, 633307 or vicar@kildwick.org.uk

Prayers for the Parish & Word Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Monday 27th April in the parish rooms from 7.00pm until 8.00pm. For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.



From the registers

Baptisms

Sunday 1st March

Poppy Clark, daughter of Thomas & Natalie of Silsden

Burial of cremated remains

Monday 16th March

Hilda Eddison

A Weekend with Margaret Barker, Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th April



The Revelation of Jesus Christ to John

Following last year's successful visit, we are looking forward to a return visit by bible scholar Margaret Barker. Margaret will lead a seminar on Saturday looking at the last book of the bible, 'The Revelation to John'. Margaret will also preach at the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday.

The seminar will begin at 9.30am and Margaret will give 4 talks during the day titled:

1. What is the Book of Revelation?
2. The Vision of the Seven Letters
3. The Vision of the Seven Seals
4. The Harlot and the Heavenly City.



Margaret's commentary on Revelation was published in 2000 and received the following reviews:

"This is a very exciting and suggestive book. Margaret Barker strips off the varnish applied to the portrait of Jesus Christ by generations of desk-bound scholars. She reveals a fresh and startling Christ, but one who is entirely believable in the diversity of first-century Judaism which she has so dramatically illuminated." *The Rt Revd and Rt Hon. Richard Chartres, Bishop of London*

"Margaret Barker makes the Book of Revelation make sense. It no longer stands apart at the edge of the Christian Bible, but appears as a key New Testament text, showing us the world of images in which the early Christians thought their religion. Margaret Barker has written a compelling book. It reshapes our understanding of early Christianity, its literature and its liturgy." *Professor David Melling, Manchester University*

Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, has written the following in praise of Margaret Barker's other books:

"In *Temple Themes in Christian Worship*, Margaret Barker, as always, deploys a great range of scholarly equipment to invite us to rethink quite radically some of the conventional readings of the New Testament...This book is full of insight and challenge".

"[*Temple Mysticism*] is another original, challenging and deeply learned book, in which Margaret Barker further consolidates her revolutionary rereading of the background to the New Testament. A welcome study, enlarging the mind and the imagination."

Margaret lectures and teaches widely in this country and in the United States. Her visit here is a wonderful opportunity to hear a renowned teacher of Christian texts.

The cost of the Saturday seminar will be £10 (drinks provided, bring your own lunch). To book pick up a leaflet in the church or parish rooms or contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307.

Maggie Tookey is a resident of Farnhill and works for Edinburgh Direct Aid, a charity delivering humanitarian aid in areas of conflict and disaster.

In February she was on the Syria/Lebanon border.

It's been a tricky day today; good in some ways but upsetting in others.

Out here, I'm so often faced by what I can't do rather than what I can. This day was to be no exception.

My assessment started early this morning with a journey up to our border town, Arsal. The militants are not far outside the town's perimeter and to all intents and purposes this is the new Lebanon/Syrian border line.

My base in Baalbeck is Hezbollah heartland and as the sectarian divisions become ever more tense in Lebanon, more and more checkpoints seem to appear.

My very considerate taxi driver decided not to risk one of these random Hezbollah checks this morning and to get out of Baalbeck we had to squish along some muddy tracks eventually reaching the main Bekaa road going north.

From here I took the public bus, a 40 minute journey to the Shia town of Labweh where I start the climb up to the border. I hate getting out of the bus at Labweh.

I can't hide the fact that I'm a western woman - even with my headscarf, and I feel so many eyes on me. They know where I'm going. They probably know why I'm going. They don't approve because most of the border refugees are not Shia but Sunni.

I've been questioned by groups of hostile men here in the past and I'd prefer not to repeat the experience. I travel this way because it's cheap. A proper taxi costs a fortune and it's money we need for the refugee project. So, unnerved by unfriendly eyes, I stick close to my female Syrian fellow passengers as we get into a bashed up old Mercedes for the 20 minute ride up the hill to Arsal.

They keep pointing to the sky and trying to explain something. I'm lost until I recognise the words 'strong snow'. 'Strong snow' is really not what I need. We have 10 tons of aid to move up here tomorrow.

The first army checkpoint stops us and they take my ID documents away for inspection. A soldier questions me in Arabic and by now I feel like bashing him round the head with the bag of potatoes lying at my feet. I'm here to help. Doesn't he realise that it's British taxes that are paying for the new line of fortified outposts just outside Arsal which are helping to defend Lebanon against the Islamic State?

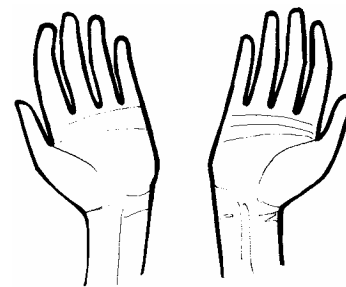
Documents are returned and we continue on to Arsal.

My Syrian team of humanitarian workers are waiting and I just know that they're going to zoom me off to some awful new crisis emerging in the camps. They do.

They take me to what I can only describe as a living nightmare. 55 extended Syrian families from Homs living in a long low building covered by rusted metal sheeting. The floor space is a labyrinth of narrow dark passages off which small rooms are partitioned with thin plywood sheets. Each room is windowless, airless and utterly depressing. Into each of these small spaces are packed anything from 6 to 10 people – young children and elderly adults many of whom have been bereaved by the Syrian war.

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Prayer page



Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a little child
One of us, flesh and blood to share in our humanity
For God so loved the world
That all might have eternal life.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a carpenter
And yet in whose creative hands a world was fashioned
For God so loved the world
That all might have eternal life.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a fisherman
And yet pointed to a harvest that was yet to come
For God so loved the world
That all might have eternal life.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a teacher
And opened eyes to truths that only
The poor could understand
For God so loved the world
That all might have eternal life

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a healer
And opened hearts to the reality of wholeness
For God so loved the world.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a prophet, priest and king
And yet humbled himself
To take our place upon the cross
For God so loved the world
That all might have eternal life.

Blest are you Lord Jesus who came to us as a servant
And revealed to us the extent of the Father's love
For humankind.
For God so loved the world
That all might have eternal life.


Blest are you Lord Jesus, who rose from the ignominy of a sinner's death
To the triumph of a Saviour's resurrection
For God so loved the world
That all might have eternal life.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son
For the sake of me
And you
And other sinners too
God so loved the world

Blest are you Lord Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer

Church Rotas

Date	Sidespersons	Intercessor	Communion
2 April Maundy Thursday		Di Halliday	Christine
3 April Good Friday		Sue Hargreaves	
5 April Easter Day		Peter Bannister	Sandie and Tim
12 April Second Sunday of Easter	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Marie Stinson	Christine and Michael
19 April Third Sunday of Easter	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Michael Baumber	Christine and Peter
26 April Fourth Sunday of Easter	John Mitchell Michael Baxter Sandie Walton	Shirley Hoskins	Sandie and Sue

Brass Cleaning April	Rosie Hargreaves and Elaine Carter								
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Readers Rota

2 April Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12.1-14 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-17, 31b-35	Glyn Evans Lesley Bannister Christine Anderton
3 April Good Friday	Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12 Hebrews 10.16-25 John 18.1 - 19.42	Lesley Hudson John Mitchell Robin Figg
5 April Easter Day	Acts 10.34-43 <i>1 Corinthians 15.1-11</i> Mark 16.1-8	Tim Littler/Kathryn Taylor <i>Reading not used</i> Katharine Calvert
12 April Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 4.32-35 1 John 1.1 - 2.2 John 20.19-31	Kathryn Morris Sylvia Clark Marie Stinson
19 April Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 3.12-19 1 John 3.1-7 Luke 24.36b-48	Glyn Evans Katharine Calvert Christine Anderton
26 April Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 4.5-12 <i>1 John 3.16-24</i> John 10.11-18	Michael Baumber <i>Reading not used</i> Lesley Bannister

Church Spring Clean & Churchyard Tidy Up

We will again be giving our churchyard a grand spring clean and tidy up during **Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd May**. Please help if you can; the more helpers the easier the work will be. Refreshments will be provided.

Please look out for the list in church to indicate if you are able to help at any time during the two days.

For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307 or Lesley Hudson, 523291.



Regular Events at Kildwick

Monday 2.00pm	5 Beanlands Drive	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome.
Tuesday 10.00-11.30am	Chuffs (not in school holidays) in the Parish Rooms	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30-8.30 pm	Choir practice in the parish rooms	
Wednesday 10.15 am-12.30pm	NottheKnot Group in the Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 7.30 pm	Bell ringing	

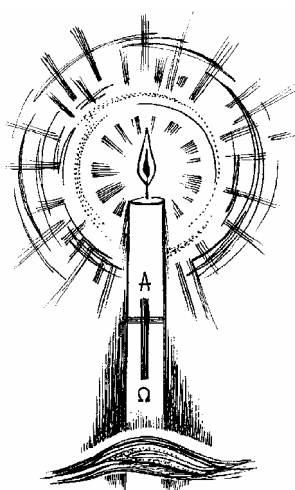


Thu 2 nd Apr	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
	7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper
Fri 3 rd Apr	GOOD FRIDAY	
	2.00pm	The Liturgy of the Cross
Sat 4 th Apr	EASTER EVE	
	a.m.	Decorating the church for Easter
	8.45pm	The Easter Liturgy & First Communion of Easter
Sun 5 th Apr	EASTER DAY	
	10.00am	Family Easter Communion
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise
Mon 13 th Apr	7.30pm	Summer Fair planning meeting (Parish Rooms)
Sat 18 th Apr	9.30am	Margaret Barker seminar on 'The Revelation to John'
Tue 21 st Apr	7.30pm	Deanery open meeting with Bishop Toby (Bishop of Bradford) (Keighley Shared Church)
Sun 26 th Apr	11.10am	Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Meeting
	Church	
Sun 3 rd May	6.00pm	Easter Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family & Friends
Sat 9 th May	9.30am	'Peace & Justice through Easter Eyes' with Graham Bettridge (Parcevall Hall)
Fri 22 nd May and Sat 23 rd May		Churchyard tidy up.

Sunday Services at Kildwick

Morning Prayer will be said in church at 7.30am Monday to Wednesday & Friday
Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 9.30am (in the Parish Rooms)

2 April Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper
3 April Good Friday	10.10 am 10.30 am 12 noon until 2.00pm	Procession of Witness to Cross Hills Watch of silent prayer The Liturgy of the Cross
4 April Easter Eve	8.45 pm	The Easter Liturgy and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
5 April Easter Day	8.15 am 10.00am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Communion Festival Songs of Praise
12 April Second Sunday of Easter	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
19 April Third Sunday of Easter	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
26 April Fourth Sunday of Easter	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion



An Easter Service of Thanksgiving & Commemoration of Departed Family and Friends Sunday 3rd May at 6.00pm

*A service to remember
those we love but see no longer*

Airedale Hospital Chaplaincy

As a voluntary chaplains' assistant at Airedale Hospital, I can never be certain what to expect when I visit patients on Monday mornings.

"Is he safe?" one patient asked a nearby nurse as I approached his bed. "Yes, he's safe," she answered, though she didn't sound entirely convinced herself.

I laughed. "There are some who wouldn't say I'm safe," I told them. Safe or not, I had a lovely chat with that elderly gent.

I'm not a psychiatrist, a psychologist or even a counsellor. All I have to offer is my Christian love and concern, a smile, a kind word or two, and a sympathetic ear if that's what they want. Above all, I'm learning to trust that God will use me in some small way in his healing or comforting process.

Which is why I'm so encouraged by the following story. One day, in the early 1940s, a young boy was with his mother in one of South Africa's black townships when a white man wearing a cassock and a huge hat came along. As he passed, he raised his hat to the mother in greeting.

In itself, it was unremarkable, merely a polite gesture. Yet the boy was overwhelmed. He simply couldn't believe it – a white man raising his hat to a black labouring woman! He never forgot that moment.

In fact, the priest was to become the greatest single influence in that boy's life. His name was Trevor Huddleston, a legendary figure among South Africa's black people. And the boy was none other than Desmond Tutu who has been such a great force for God in the Church, and in the life of South Africa and indeed the world.

And so I call Monday my "raising my hat" day. We never know what God will achieve with our little acts of love and kindness.

Could God be calling you to a volunteering role in the hospital's chaplaincy team? If you feel that's a possibility and would like to know more, give Rev Ron Mulligan a ring on 01535 294088 or e-mail him at ron.mulligan@anhst.nhs.uk

Allan Robinson

Hospital gardens project seeks funding



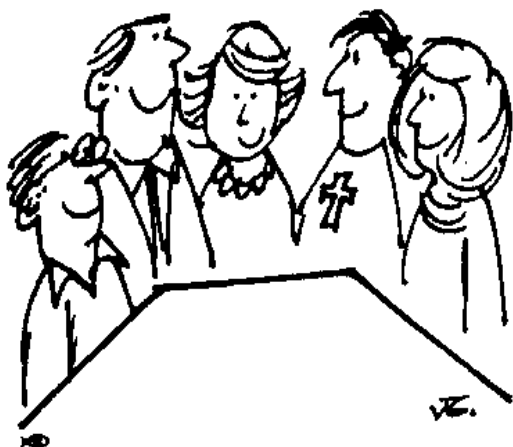
A funding campaign to establish a new volunteer gardening project at Airedale hospital has been launched by Those Plant People. Professional horticulturalists, Andrew and Pippa Chapman of Steeton are working in partnership with Friends of

Airedale to set up the scheme which needs to raise a minimum of £3000 to start the project to revamp the many garden areas at the hospital.

Pippa's idea began during a short stay at Airedale, "I was looking out on a bare gravel filled courtyard and tried distracting myself with all the possibilities of creating beautiful healing gardens.

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St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



Want someone
to talk to?

Lonely?

Need some
help?

Call June on
01535 655320

Need a
listening ear?

Scientific research shows that even just looking at beautiful green spaces can improve recovery and wellbeing, so it just seemed such a tragedy that because of the decreased NHS funds available to maintain them, the outdoor areas at the hospital gardens are no longer developed.

The University of Minnesota has conducted extensive research into healing environments. Their findings conclusively indicate that 'viewing scenes of nature reduces anger, fear, and stress and increases pleasant feelings. Exposure to nature not only makes you feel better emotionally, it contributes to your physical wellbeing, reducing blood pressure, heart rate, muscle tension, and the production of stress hormones. It may even reduce mortality, according to scientists such as public health researchers Stamatakis and Mitchell. Meanwhile Robert Ulrich found that in a study of gall bladder patients, those with a view of nature tolerated pain better, had fewer negative effects and spent less time in hospital.

In order to raise the funds which will enable the project at Airedale Hospital to be set up and gain some grant support, Pippa and the team will be utilising a crowd-funding facility on Google which allows people to donate as much or as little as they are able at the click of a button online. Totally secure, Crowdfunder is the UK's largest rewards based crowdfunding network, having launched more than 4000 projects and raised over £2m to help turn great ideas like this one into a reality.

Pippa and Andrew have been involved in many community gardening projects in their local area and are excited that the project will enable them to manage a volunteer gardening group, 'Let's Grow Airedale' to design and create new planting schemes at Airedale hospital. Subject to raising the funds from now, starting in May they aim to create beautiful, healing landscapes for patients, staff, visitors and volunteers to enjoy and to put in place a long term solution for sustaining them and helping them to flourish.

Pippa explains "We want to transform the courtyards overlooked by the corridors of the hospital and create flower filled meadows, mini orchards, year round colour, fun outdoor sculptures and herb garden beds around the grounds. There are so many possibilities. We need to raise a minimum of £3000 to set up the volunteer group but we want to raise as much as possible as we have big plans to ensure the success of the project and its long term sustainability." It's an opportunity to anyone who enjoys gardening to channel their enthusiasm into a project that benefits the whole community, as everyone spends time at the hospital at some time in their lives, usually during difficult times when a cheerful and attractive environment is even more important in helping to maintain a healthy spirit."

To help by donating for the scheme to reach its launch target by 27th April you can give online at: <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/lets-grow-airedale> or in an envelope marked 'Let's Grow Airedale project' handed in to the Friends of Airedale cafe at the hospital.

If you would like to volunteer to help with gardening, with no experience necessary, please call Pippa Chapman on 07704 178585 or email thatplantgirl@hotmail.co.uk

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 3rd March 2015 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. G Harling. Four members of the council were present plus the Clerk. No members of the public were present. The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd February were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Darren Griffiths from NYCC responded to the Parish Council regarding the traffic island at Cononley Lane Ends stating that he thinks a refuge will be a significant improvement for pedestrians. However they will not be introducing warning signs to warn of pedestrians crossings because they can only introduce them when there is no provision for pedestrians ie. no refuge. Clerk to ask what the reason is why they cannot put up a sign to make people aware of the traffic island in the road.

Highways have responded to a request for better signage at the Kildwick roundabout by saying they do not see how it can be improved. Clerk to request that a sign be put on the Skipton approach to the roundabout warning of traffic turning to their immediate left. Also to ask if they have considered opening up the entrance into Kildwick from the A629 one way for traffic exiting to Kildwick.

A request was put forward regarding having a grit bin at the bottom of the Arbour Track at Main Street to use for the top of Main Street, clerk to ask highways if it would be possible.

No district representatives present, but CDC Rep Counc P Fairbank informed the Council that the select committee are still opposing the closing of the police cells in Skipton and are making every effort to keep them open. She also gave an update on the garden waste collection service and stated that the scheme had excelled their expectations and was paying for itself as well as providing revenue towards other areas of waste & re-cycling services. She informed the Parish Council that CDC were going ahead with plans to introduce wheelie bin collection points and they are about to start trialing the operation in Cowling and Ingleton. They are currently consulting with residents about the changes before anything is decided.

The residents of No 36 Main Street have now agreed to and signed the rental agreement for the area of land behind their property (as shown in the plan with the rental agreement) at 36 Main Street.

Peter Ball has provided two estimates for a light near Parson's bridge on the Bucklar Hill side of the bridge. One estimate for a standard 5 metre raise & lower steel column at £1306.00 + VAT & the second estimate for a decorative heritage style lantern to match the others in the area for £2006.00 +VAT. The Parish Council need to get permission to place a light there from Kildwick Parish Meeting as the site for the light is within the Kildwick Boundary . If they approve then the Parish Council resolved to purchase the decorative style lantern.

Following the Parish Council's response to the Street Lighting Energy Reduction Programme the 3 lights (1-3) at Lang Kirk Close have been removed from the programme.

The Parish Council finalized the date for the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on Tuesday 28th April 2015. Guests to be invited are CDC Representative Counc P

Fairbank & CDC & NYCC Representative Counc P Mulligan and the Police Commissioner J Mulligan. It was agreed that each Councillor cover a topic regarding issues in the village and give a brief explanation on the Council's progress.

No further updates have been received regarding the license for the feeder pillar for the Christmas Tree. Clerk to ask the Canal & River's Trust if they can prioritise the documentation for the license agreement otherwise it will not be completed in time for next Christmas.

Counc R Bramley reported that the sneck for the gate at the Play Area had dropped off the wall and disappeared. David Waring is making a new one that will comply with ROSPA recommendations regarding the gap when closed. Counc R Bramley has filled the gaps in between the wet pour surfacing (due to shrinkage) and the concrete kerbs with kiln sand.

Andrew from Gardenmakers sent a letter to the Parish Council following the request for a planting plan for the Arbour and states it is unrealistic to do any planting plan on a 2 dimensional drawing when the site is so up and down but to undertake any 3 dimensional plan would be expensive. Instead he has outlined where he saw what going where and states any variation on this would not be disastrous. If he has the time, when delivering the plants, he could walk round and do a quick on site planting plan. Counc M Scarffe was still of the opinion that there were too many trees and it would be too much to maintain. He offered to go to Gardenmakers to discuss things with Andrew and arrange delivery. This was agreed by the Parish Council.

Counc M Scarffe supplied a specification for the work on the path and steps at the Arbour and the Council have received two quotes for the work. Counc D Atkinson declared an interest and left the room while discussions took place. There was a considerable difference in the price of the two quotes but on looking closer at the quotes it was presumed that one of the quotes was misleading as it stated the price per metre and not the total price. A decision was deferred till a new quote was received. Clerk to send in an application to CDC to try and get a Community Grant towards the cost.

Councillor R Bramley provided a report on the web site stating that the web site has had 4278 hits in total, 440 since last meeting. He has added articles about footpath diversion at Barn End; Street lights going out; and a new page entitled Current Affairs since the last meeting and will be adding Councillor J Waring's article on school.

The Parish Council reviewed the Financial Risk Assessment and the Financial Regulations and resolved that they were adequate and did not require any changes. It was agreed that the Grant Awarding Policy needed amending. Clerk to provide a draft for the next meeting.

Clerk to remind the Canal & River Trust about the gate being broken at Redman's Bridge.

Clerk to report that the dog bin at the entrance to Farnhill Moor is broken and in need of attention.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 14TH APRIL 2015 IN KILDWICK/
FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend



The Birds in Your Garden

The Wren



Wrens are tiny birds with a characteristic cocked tail. Although drably coloured they are full of character and can be quite bold, though most of their time is spent in dense undergrowth where their small rounded wings make them highly manoeuvrable.

There is a great deal of mainly modern folklore associated with the Wren. One legend has it that all the birds of the earth agreed to choose as king the one who should soar highest. This honour was bestowed upon the Wren because it remained on the back of the Eagle, the latter having soared to the limit of its power above the earth. The Eagle's revenge for this subterfuge resulted in the Wren's stumpy tail.

The Irish tradition of 'Hunting the Wren' involves groups of boys going out into the countryside to capture or kill a Wren. This is then paraded around the village where the boys demand rewards for their actions.

The farthing coin bore the image of a wren such that "the smallest British coin showed the smallest British bird". In fact, the Goldcrest is half its weight.

The nest of the wren is built by the male, and has a dome of grass, moss, twigs, bark, rootlets and hair, lined with feathers and with an entrance hole at the side.

Each male constructs several different nests, and the female then selects one to use for breeding. It is the female that adds the nest lining.

But how can such a small bird have such a loud song? Birds have an organ known as a syrinx just above where the windpipe forks into the lungs which is far more efficient at producing sound than our larynx and can produce two different sounds simultaneously (one from each half) which goes some way to explaining the complexity of sounds that they can make.

Singing is most important at dawn, since this is when other males may attempt to steal territory. Defending males meet their challenger with song and females listen to the vocal contests.

Male Wrens establish their breeding territories in early spring, proclaiming ownership through their powerful song. They are highly aggressive towards other males and use both song and posture to see off their rivals. The European Wren is polygamous and will court any female that enters his territory, tempting her to use one of the nests that he has built there.

They typically forage on the ground or in low vegetation, moving in short hops and fly only short distances, using very rapid wing beats. Their small size and agility mean that Wrens are able to access holes and crevices too small for other birds, many of which remain available under snow, providing shelter and food. The diet of the Wren consists mainly of invertebrates, such as insects, larvae, spiders, millipedes and small snails, but they will also take small fish, tadpoles and young frogs, as well as berries, seeds and even seaweed.

Wrens are Britain's most numerous breeding bird but their small size and reliance on insects mean they perish easily during prolonged cold periods. They rarely visit feeders, but we can help them by providing a regularly turned compost heap.

The establishment of communal roosts helps Wrens reduce heat loss during winter nights usually in small numbers. Inside such confined spaces they may squat on top of one another, heads in and tails out towards the entrance.



**Photograph by
Jill Pakenham**

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw).

If you know of a local organisation who would like a talk on garden birds call: Mike Gray 07596 366342 or mikegbw@btinternet.com.

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In these rooms families eat, cook, sleep wash and barely exist in any meaningful way. There is an open, festering pond just outside and diseases amongst the children are common. But this is not the crisis the team have brought me to see.

These families have suddenly been told they must leave in 9 days. Leave to where? God knows. The benefactor who pays the rent for this large hovel has stopped paying so they have to go.

My team are on the case but it's a huge task. Some of these adults had lives as teachers, electricians, plumbers, nurses. Good lives before it all fell apart. Now they just need a roof. How can EDA help? We don't have that sort of funding. What can I do except show sympathy? Not a lot of use.

Next we go to 3 schools – voluntary Syrian schools staffed by lovely former Syrian teachers who are desperate to get children into school, into a routine, into a kind of normality long denied them by the war. There are around 11,000 school age children in Aarsal but only 4,000 getting any education according to figures from our Lebanese humanitarian partners. That's a major problem for the next generation growing up and a problem maybe for all of us one day.

The teachers in these schools work for nothing. They need text books, pens, paper, school bags, rulers – all the stuff of school life. This we can help with but they also need more classrooms, another building to give more children the chance to get out of crowded tents and possibly away from militant influences in the camps. This we can't do, but we'll try for funding to build an extension which would put another 700 or so children into education. We can only try.

It's getting late and the road back to Baalbeck can be dangerous after 4pm. Gangs patrol and sometimes stop the traffic to rob drivers and passengers - or worse.

We sort out the arrangements for the aid lift tomorrow and I leave. I'll be back in the morning and shall stay for the next week or so overseeing the distributions.

I'm going to stay upbeat because I have to.



JESUS IS ALIVE!

Early on the first Easter morning Mary Magdalene and some other women went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. When they reached the tomb it was open, the big stone that had sealed the entrance was rolled away - and it was empty! They thought that someone had stolen Jesus' body but an angel told Mary what had really happened, that Jesus was alive!

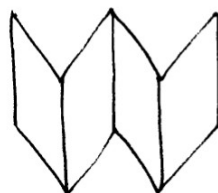
The disciples were all together when Mary arrived back with her news and told them what had happened, but they wouldn't believe her. They were confused and afraid. Sometimes we say 'I can't believe it' if someone tells us really good news. We say 'I'll believe it when I see it with my own eyes' and that is what the disciples said. And when they saw the risen Jesus they believed. Read about what happened that first Easter Day in the four Gospels. And what is the next thing that you do when you hear good news? You want to share it with someone else.

Share the Good News with someone this Easter!

SPREAD THE NEWS

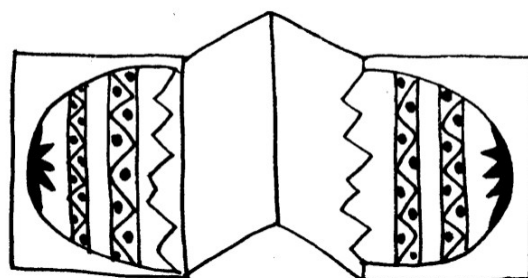
One way you can pass the good news on is to send Easter cards. You could make some of these easy Easter egg cards (the egg is a symbol of new life so that's why we have eggs at Easter). You will need

- a strip of thin card about 10cm by 30cm
- another piece of coloured card for the egg about 9cm by 12cm
- felt tip pens
- a ruler, scissors and a glue stick.



Fold the long strip of card in half and then each half back on itself to make a W shape.

Draw an egg shape on the coloured card and cut round it. Cut the egg in half with a jagged edge and stick it onto the folded card as shown. Decorate it and write your message inside - you could even draw a fluffy yellow chick inside the egg.

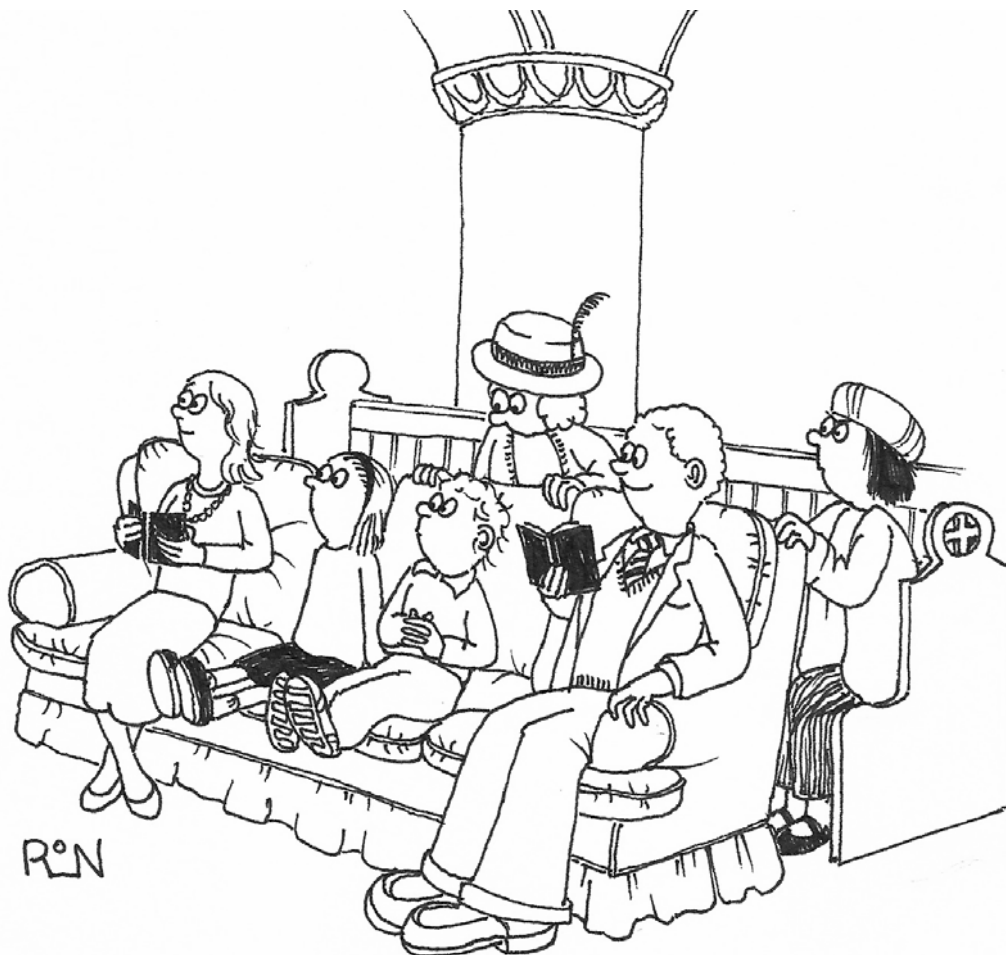


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What is smooth, oval and very rich?

An eggstravaganza.

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Regular worshippers were upgraded to first class

Farnhill Methodist Church holds a Coffee Morning

from 10—11.30 am on the second
Saturday of each month.

There is a cake stall, greetings
cards, bric-a-brac and paintings
on sale. It is a regular date for
many villagers and for visitors
from around the area.

All are welcome.

The Village Pump

*A meeting Place for over
50's
Every Wednesday 2.00-3.30
pm*

*Farnhill Methodist Church
(in the foyer)*

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