

# *The churches of St Modwen, St Aidan and St Paul Burton upon Trent*



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NEWSLETTER**

*Services and Church Opening - Please check website for confirmation*

<b>ST MODWEN</b>	WEDNESDAY	10.45am	Holy Communion
	SATURDAY	10.00am – 12 noon	Church open for personal prayer
	SUNDAY	11.00am	Service
<b>ST PAUL'S</b>	FRIDAY	12.30pm	Holy Communion
	SUNDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>ST AIDAN'S</b>	SUNDAY	11.00am	Holy Communion

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOPS**

**Worshippers are reminded to arrive quietly, without unnecessary conversation, and to disperse quickly after services, without remaining to mingle with one another.**

### **The EPIPHANY – THE BISHOP OF WOLVERHAMPTON'S SERMON**

I remember from my childhood how taking a photo used to be 'an event' in our family. My father had rather a nice camera but he wasn't really an enthusiast for photography, so when a family occasion came round and photos needed to be taken, there was a great hiatus as the camera's little blue book of instructions was sought, scrutinised and then re-scrutinised to try and identify the right settings. This approach was not ideal for spontaneous moments that needed to be captured, so as a result, our family history is sparsely recorded on film, with whole years' missing from the record.

How my father would have appreciated the camera on an iphone. No book of instructions required. Just point and click! Better still, crystal clear images. And because most of us carry our phones with us wherever we go, there is no excuse for missing out on any special moment or occasion. Every year Jenny goes through our photos and compiles a family 'year book' – a digital photo album which records our most special times. And because of the quality of the photos, the magic of those moments and experiences is recreated.

I am sure that many of us will have our own albums, whether digital or not, which help us to relive those most special occasions in our lives, enabling us to remember how we felt, how our lives were touched by a particular occasion – whether it be a birth, wedding, graduation or confirmation ...

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. It's good to remind ourselves of what we understand by 'an Epiphany'. It's an occasion when God reveals himself to us in a particular way – when he touches our life through the power of a particular experience.

In Ephesians 3: 2-3, St Paul makes reference to his great personal Epiphany, when God revealed Himself to Paul in dramatic fashion on the road to Damascus – not only bringing about Paul's conversion to Christianity, but also resulting in him being assigned a particular vocation, described here as a 'commission of God's grace'; namely to bring the gospel to the non-Jewish peoples.

But when the Church refers to 'The Epiphany' we are of course remembering and celebrating the visit of the wise men from the East to the infant Jesus. And in this instance too we are recalling how God touched those wise men through the power of their experience. They wouldn't have been able to capture a photographic image of the Holy Family but we can be sure that they carried with them a mental image of that scene for the rest of their lives, and we can imagine what a source of inspiration that would have been. When Matthew speaks of

them returning to their country 'by another road' he may indeed be suggesting that their lives had fundamentally changed course as a result of the encountering the Christ child.

So what might it mean for us to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany? Surely it has to be a second-hand experience, because we can't see the Holy family in the same way as the wise men, we can't channel the power of their experience...

Perhaps not, but today we can celebrate our own Epiphanies, our own moments, times of revelation. Today is a day for flicking through the album of our own faith journey. Whose are the faces we see, the people who, as we recall them, speak to us of God? Who have been our guiding stars? And what are the situations, events, conversations, that remain imprinted on our memory, because, through them, we felt that God had come close to us?

The 'album' of our faith is the most precious possession that we have because it is uniquely personal to us, a series of pictures, wither mental 'snapshots' or those in physical form, which represent key points in our journey of faith.

When I was a parish priest, one of the most privileged experiences was to visit the bereaved and to hear their accounts of the life of their loved one. Sometimes a photo album would be produced and then, as we flicked through it together, I would feel a deeper sense of connection with that person, a greater closeness, a greater depth of understanding of them and their life.

An Epiphany resolution that we might do well to consider, is to find opportunities, initially perhaps within our church families, to share with one another snapshots from our faith journeys. It might bring us closer together, deepening our understanding of one another. But it might also serve as a dry run for our own version of Paul's mission to the Gentiles, because talking about the power of God in our lives is the most effective form of evangelism. I often wonder why I need to preach at Confirmation services, because the most powerful form of evangelistic witness has already been given by those candidates who have given their testimony – speaking directly and powerfully of their experience of God's revelation in their lives and the life changing difference it has made. But it isn't for everyone to be able to give public testimony ....

Last year we gave a pocket version of our Year Book to my mother for Christmas, for her own enjoyment but also because we knew that she would want to share it with her friends. Not for nothing are small photo albums called 'Granny's boasting books' !

The challenge for us all is to find ways of 'boasting' (to use a word favoured by St Paul) of our faith, to those who have not yet experienced God's revelation in their lives. The challenge of finding a simple way of incorporating evangelism into our discipleship is not one that we can duck. For while St Paul may have had a very particular evangelistic commission from God, all baptised Christians are called to be faith super spreaders, finding ways to talk as naturally about our faith as my mother might do about her family.

We do not know how the wise men bore witness to their Epiphany though we certainly know how St Paul bore witness to his. The question for us, is how to bear witness to ours?

+Clive Wulfrun



### **WENCESLAS KING**

The Right Honourable Sir Wenceslas King, PC MP OM, was sitting in the lounge of his Club, near a window which overlooked a smallish piece of wooded parkland. It was one of those December days which never seemed fully to grow light, and now the dark was returning well before tea-time. There was even a hint of snow in the air. The Minister, a family man, was looking forward to a few quiet days after the hectic pre-Christmas season in the House.

A movement outside caught his eye. A man was there collecting the wood which had been brought down from the trees in the recent winds. The Minister mused whether this sort of thing was not now forbidden in the latest regulations from Brussels. Suddenly he wanted to know more about this man. Poorly dressed, he was short in stature and very thin, and was getting ready to carry home his wood on an ancient wheelbarrow.

The Minister called his Parliamentary Private Seaman, Mr Page MP "Here Page," he said, "stand here by me. Yonder man - who is he? Where does he live, and what is the place like?". Mr Page sought out the source of all information, namely the secretary of their Club, and swiftly returned with the required information.

"Sir," he said, "he is well-known local character called wood-gathering William. He lives rather more than three miles away, at the bottom of the hill where the town adjoins some Forestry Commission land - by the Water Works in St Agnes Road".

"I've been thinking, Page," said Sir Wenceslas. "Suppose we put together a hamper - a fresh cooked chicken from the supermarket perhaps, with a bottle of their offer-of-the-week wine, some vegetables, of course, and some tinned pudding and custard. And a large bag of smokeless coal. You could alert the television news people, and they could surprise us as we follow him through the snow. What do you say to that?"

"My shoes are unsuitable for such a journey," parried the unenthusiastic minion. He knew who would be carrying the hamper "You could borrow my galoshes," said the Minister.

"But do you think this is wise, sir" answered the long-suffering PPS "It would appear very contrived, and could backfire".

"Oh, Page - you are such a wet blanket. "The Minister went silent for a moment or two. "Yes, I know what you are going to say. We would be responding to the problem which can be seen and ignoring all the urban poverty hidden from view. What do you suggest then?"

"Well, Minister," said Mr Page, "a Royal Commission would be the most thorough approach. It could take evidence in all the large conurbations -- the south-east, the Midlands, Cardiff and Glasgow, Lancashire, the

north-east and so on, and find out the size of the problem. Their Report would indeed be a ground-breaking one, sir. It might even be called the Wenceslas King Report".

"How long would all this take?" asked the Minister.

"Well sir," he replied, "it would take the best part of a year to set it up with a strong membership, and the enquiries would need a lot of time. Perhaps five or six years on might see draft legislation taking shape".

"So this chap here won't have a good Christmas for a year or two?" commented the Minister. "Not this year," came the reply. And he did not, neither that year nor the next. The year after that he was found dead in his freezing cold hovel. Demolition quickly followed. Neither the Minister nor his PPS knew anything about these things, nor did anyone else join the cleric and the undertaker at his Funeral.

"While you are standing there, Page", said the Minister, "Would you mind drawing the curtains. I don't think I want to look out anymore."

*(After A Christmas Carol in C Northcote Parkinson: The Law of Delay, 1970)*

*Submitted by Fr Phillip*

### *Parish Notes*

Due to Fr Phillip and Fr Robin having to isolate due to Covid restrictions there will be no services in all the churches for two Sundays. (3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – but please check).

The St Paul's Christmas raffle was drawn on the 20<sup>th</sup> December after the service. Sue G raised the sum of £190. Winner was Tracey Edwards. Thanks Sue for organising it.

We were delighted to welcome the Rt Revd Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield to our service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December and his sermon gave us a lot to think about.

Margaret Merry is collecting the Church of England Children's Society boxes for emptying.

We were all shocked and saddened to hear that Chris Hill has suffered a massive stroke (on New Year's Day). He is in the Queens Hospital at Nottingham. Our thoughts and prayers for him and his wife Jane and their two children. We will keep you updated on his condition.

It has been a sad year for people passing away : Emily Woolley, Margaret McKernan, Peter Redfern, Peter Goddard and Audrey Smith. Please remember their families at this time.



Thanks ...

St Paul's - Thanks for the gift card – much appreciated. I am taking a few days off now before restarting on 5th Jan - perhaps a chance to read something interesting. I shall pop to Waterstones in Hanley very soon and make use of the gift!

Best wishes to you all for the rest of this Christmas season and for 2021. Hope to see you again soon.

Blessings

Terry 😊



**IN MEMORIAM AUDREY SMITH**



Audrey (or Grandma Jamjar) as she was affectionately known by her family, was for many years the heart of our St. Paul’s family.

Until about 18 months ago, she was always a regular attendee at the Sunday Mass but also for other festivals and days of devotion as they occurred during the week. She would be one of the first to arrive and one of the last to leave and it was only when walking became a problem that this custom stopped although knowing Audrey, I am sure she was still with us at St. Paul’s in spirit.

I suppose she was part of a group of ladies at that time – Margaret McKernan, Margaret Sewell, Audrey Medhurst, Brenda Smith, Edith Jackson - who were all of the same mind. Audrey upheld her Christian principles in a truly practical way being especially generous to the poor in the town and those in hardship.

For the Church, Audrey prepared the flowers regularly, the posies for Mothers` Day, palm crosses when they had to be made in house, and even managed the “Lottery Club”, always hoping but never managing to pull off a big win for the lady participants. In fact, many of the social happenings were in her charge – teas, kitchen duties, a tombola stall at the Church Fayre and indeed a total involvement and commitment to our Church community life.

Audrey was always warm and welcoming and will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Peter Cammack

Our thought and prayers go to her children Sue & Chris, her grandchildren Richard, Peter and Emma, and her great grandson Freddie. Audrey’s funeral is on 18<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon (by invitation only due to Covid) at St Paul’s.



Congratulations to Marilyn and Geoff Ottey who celebrated Their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 19<sup>th</sup> December. We gave them this rose bush plant with our love and best wishes.



*A Covid Christmas...*

*Christmas at St Modwen’s 2020*

Christmas was like none other in our lifetime and it is very difficult to say anything positive about it. There has been no singing, no Carol Services, no coffee mornings, no Card shop, no Service for St Giles Hospice and attendances were well down. We all know why.

However, we have been open for private prayer, socially distanced and with face masks, and have held all our usual services. Christmas Eve Holy Communion was candlelit, the church does look quite festive and splendid. The decorated Christmas tree and Nativity scene adding to the visual impact. Sad to say that we attracted a thief, we hope he enjoyed the bottle of Red wine that he stole.

We were very happy and privileged to welcome Bishop Michael to our service of Holy Communion on 20<sup>th</sup> December, he is very adaptable and easy to be with.

Our Service on 27<sup>th</sup> December was the last one by our Interim Minister Terry, we thanked him for his time with us and presented him with a Card and a nice bottle of Red wine, like the one previously stolen.

Our Nativity scene is quite unique, last year saw the addition of a Camel and this year we were delighted to welcome an Angel, all the way from Zimbabwe, magnificent and beautifully carved. We are incredibly grateful to Elizabeth Harris for commissioning this unique scene at St Modwen's. (photo attached )



And so, into a new year, the PCC must focus now on the appointment of a Vicar and to consider making our building more accessible for the wider community.

We hope for a healthy year for everyone and some normality back in our lives together.

With my very best wishes to you all  
Geoff Brown



### *Christmas at St Paul's*

Thanks must go to Sue G and Chris H for all their hard work making St Paul's church Covid safe. They have spent many hours making sure that the "2 metres apart" and cleaning of the church complies with Covid regulations. Also grateful thanks for making the Church look beautiful for the Christmas season with the lights on the



Christmas trees and around the church which makes the church look very welcoming. It is very much appreciated. Sue has received many well deserved complimentary and positive comments.

Instead of our normal crib which we have in the All Souls Chapel, this year we have used the crib and figures which were brought from St Margaret's Church and is placed in front of the nave altar.

Thanks to Fr Terry, Fr Phillip and Fr Robin for their leadership over the Christmas period. Thanks to Fr Phillip and Fr Robin for a wonderful and moving "Service of words and preparation for Christmas" on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. It was lovely and very peaceful listening to the carols and readings.

Hello from Ron & Ann in Hampshire.

I expect that most of our Christmases have been much quieter than those of the past. We are in tier 4 as are most of our close family. So it was mostly telephone calls or emails. We had some lovely presents though.

Looking back as some of the newsletters last year, I was interested to hear of some memories of St Paul's Institute, I wonder if anyone remembers it being used as part of the Technical High School. I was a pupil there in the middle to late 50's and remember walking from the main school building in Branston Road to St Paul's Institute at a lunchtime. After a while the main school was extended and St Paul's was obviously not needed. Is there anyone who remembers this and perhaps was at school at that time.

Ron also likes to remember the Saturday evenings and playing Bingo at St Paul's when we lived in Burton in the early 2000's. The community spirit we had and the friendships we made we will never forget.

Here is hoping we all have a peaceful and HEALTHIER 2021.



Many thanks for the good wishes on our Golden Wedding Anniversary. It was not how we expected to celebrate it but we raised a glass and thanked you all, the rose bush was a lovely surprise – it will have pride of place in our garden.

The Christmas wishes were also very much appreciated. I have missed the Advent and Christmas services especially. I hope you all enjoyed the festive season even in reduced circumstances.

A big thank you to Sue Ganley for her Christmas raffle, what a great idea and fantastic result. Well done! Tracey and Lauren were thrilled to bits with their prizes especially as they knew nothing about it.

A great big thank you to Maureen who has printed me the service sheets every week without fail. You'll never know just how much I have appreciated them (big hug coming soon I hope).

Finally, I wish you all a happy new year. Looking forward to catching up in 2021 (bring it on!)

Best wishes

Marilyn & Geoff xxx



Hi everyone

As I sit here reflecting on whether it was a good Christmas under the circumstances, yes I think it was . Back at the beginning of December we came out of a month long lockdown enabling us to open the church for services again to start our season of Advent. We decided this year with clergies approval to put the trees out and fill them with 400 lights on each tree ( 1600 lights in all ) and called them trees of hope and light . And splendid they looked with lots of positive remarks from everyone. So from now on think we're going to ditch the gaudy baubles and keep things simple which suits Mike and I as we ended up dressing all the trees. Although we've had to do things differently it hasn't stopped us being able to celebrate the birth of the holy infant. I really enjoyed our impromptu celebration of readings and music for Christmas as an alternative to the carol service, lots of positive feedback from those attending. Maybe there's a place for his type of service to offer next year as well as the big carol service ( hopefully ). We did well for numbers over the three services 18 on the alternative Carol service , 36 on Christmas Eve and 20 on Christmas morning. It was lovely to welcome some extra visitors at both of these services .

And so to our Christmas at home, Lewis and I were able to spend it with Paige Tom Edie and my new little granddaughter Olive. It's always special to share a first Christmas with a little one. We cooked the turkey at my house and transported it up to Paige. I was really worried I would get up for church Christmas morning and forget to put it in the oven to cook, thankfully I didn't. The Christmas meal went well and lots of lovely gifts were opened. Lewis bought me a new I-phone so I've got to learn how to use it ( technology not my forte) .

It goes without saying we ate too much and the menfolk had no room left for the obligatory turkey cobs later for tea. Never mind think you get fed up with eating I just wanted a nice cup of tea and chill out time playing with the girls. By about 9.30pm our beds seemed to be calling us and we headed home for an early night. It had been a long day up before 7.00am to get ready and be at church by 8.30am to get the heating on for you lovely people arriving at 9.30am.

Was it a good Christmas? Yes it was, being able to celebrate the coming of the baby Jesus at church, spending time with family, good food to eat and a warm bed to sleep in at the end of the day.

I feel truly blessed.  
Happy New Year All  
Sue



From the Woolley household...

Normally our Christmas tree is surrounded with gifts but this year due to Covid it has looked rather bare, we agreed with John's family as we live quite a distance apart, that we would not this year meet as is customary at the end of November to exchange presents and have a get together to "catch up" on the family's news, instead vouchers were sent. We received a "you bought a goat" donation card which was a very good idea.

We looked forward to the "Midnight" Mass on Christmas Eve and the Christmas morning Mass to be with friends to celebrate the birth of Christ. We were able to see Ali at the services but as she is in another "bubble" she could not stay with us. After church on Christmas morning we both said bizarrely that we fancied porridge! So that meant a late lunch which consisted of a chestnut roast for John and the traditional turkey for Maureen. We had some lovely presents including books, jigsaws, chocolates, alcohol, hampers and we shall enjoy spending the vouchers when able to do so. Boxing Day was quieter than normal as we were not able to have our friends and family round for lunch and tea and playing games until the early hours, so it was leftovers for lunch and dinner together with wine. On the Sunday we were able to meet up with Ali and James to walk around Markeaton Park and it was wonderful to catch up with their festivities. Ali and James sent us a video link to the South Derbyshire Music Centre virtual concert and It was lovely to listen to Cantabile's (the choir that they are in). "A Celtic Noel"

We did enjoy Christmas in a weird sort of way and spent some of our time doing puzzles, watching Christmas University Challenge, Only Connect and various films and drinking more wine than normal!. We have missed seeing family and friends and look forward to more normality in 2021.

Happy new year to you all.  
John & Maureen



### **Feast day of Saint Sylvester – 31<sup>st</sup> December**

Sylvester was Pope of the Western church 314 – 335. Medieval legend made him responsible for the conversion of emperor Constantine. Among Western Christian churches the feast day is held on the anniversary of St Sylvester's death. In various countries people attend a Midnight Mass or a Watchnight service and celebrations include fireworks, partying and feasting. In Vienna people walk pigs on leashes in the hope of bringing them good luck for the following year. In Brazil there is a Saint Sylvester Road race which is the country's most prestigious running event. In Italy lentils and slices of sausages are eaten because they look like money and coins and symbolize good fortune and richness of life for the coming year. In Switzerland children of Christian families aim to get up early on the morning of Saint Sylvester's Day – the child who rises latest is jeered. Men have, for centuries, masqueraded as 'Silvesterklaus' on this feast day.



## The coming of the Magi (Epiphany) – 6<sup>th</sup> January

In Spain there is almost a carnival atmosphere on the eve of the Epiphany. Most cities and towns have a cavalcade of floats carrying the Magi. They are accompanied by dancers, musicians and pages. The pages collect letters for the Kings and also throw candy to the children. The children then go home early, clean and put out their shoes. The following morning, they find the gifts they requested in their letters around their shoes. They leave brandy and cookies for the Magi to eat, together with a bucket of water for the camels. According to tradition, children who behaved badly in the previous year receive coal instead of candy.

Submitted by Colin Dawson

### THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

By TS Elliott

A cold coming we had of it,  
Just the worst time of the year  
For a journey, and such a long journey:  
The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter.'  
And the camels galled, sore footed, refractory,  
Lying down in the melting snow.  
There were times we regretted  
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.  
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling  
and running away, and wanting their liquor and women,  
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,  
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly  
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:  
A hard time we had of it.  
At the end we preferred to travel all night,  
Sleeping in snatches,  
With the voices singing in our ears, saying  
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,  
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;  
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,  
And three trees on the low sky,  
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.  
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,  
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,  
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.  
But there was no information, and so we continued  
And arriving at evening, not a moment too soon  
Finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory

All this was a long time ago, I remember,  
And I would do it again, but set down  
This set down  
This: were we led all that way for  
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly  
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,  
But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.  
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,  
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
With an alien people clutching their gods.  
I should be glad of another death.

*With very best wishes for the New Year.*

*Tom Foster*

*"Water under the bridge"* Answers will be available next month. Grateful thanks to all who managed to sell the quiz sheets.



A Wordsearch for you to ponder over. There are 33 seasons and festivals for the church's year hidden in the grid below. Can you find them?

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F	K	E	E	W	Y	L	O	H	P	K	E	E	L	M	I	E	G	X	D
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ALL SOULS  
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BIBLE SUNDAY  
CANDLEMAS  
CHRISTMAS

CHRIST THE KING  
CORPUS CHRISTI  
DEDICATION  
EASTER  
EPIPHANY  
GOOD FRIDAY  
HARVEST  
HOLY WEEK  
LENT  
MAUNDY THURSDAY  
MICHAELMAS

MOTHERING SUNDAY  
PALM SUNDAY  
PASSION SUNDAY  
PENTECOST  
ST AIDAN  
ST MODWEN  
ST PAUL  
ST PETER  
TRINITY  
VIGIL  
WHITSUNDAY

**did you have a good sing with the carols crossword? We did!**

**Here are the answers:**

Across

1	SNOW	2	MAIDEN	4	BETHLEHEM	5	OMEGA
6	SALUTE	8	MERRILY	10	ANGELS	12	WINE
13	CRADLED	15	SAVIOUR	19	LOVE	20	GOD
21	GLADNESS	22	SILENTLY	23	SAGES	25	CHILD
26	WENCESLAS	27	INCARNATE	30	STUPENDOUS	31	HEART
35	SERAPH	36	MIDNIGHT	37	FLOCKS	38	LORD

Down

1	SILENT	2	MANGER	3	DAYS	4	BLEAK
7	EMMANUEL	9	INCENSE	11	ADORE	12	WORLD
14	LOWLY	16	CHIEFTAINS	17	CELESTIAL	18	WONDER
20	GENTLEMEN	24	INFANT	25	CHERUBIM	26	WISEMEN
28	CREATOR	29	JOYFUL	32	RING	33	MEEK
34	SING						



THE LORD’S PRAYER

O God, my loving parent,  
May I love you and honour you.

Fill me with the joy and peace of  
Knowing that you love me,  
So that I may be in heaven here on earth.

Give me the food that I need for today.

Forgive me my selfishness and help me  
To forgive those who have hurt me.

Strengthen me in testing times and  
Keep me out of harm’s way.

For you, O God, are the giver of all love and life,  
Now and for ever. Amen.

Taken from A Tapestry of Daily Prayer

PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
The brightness of all who believe,  
Who made known your only Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
As a true light of the world,  
Fill the whole world with your glory  
And show yourself by the radiance of  
your light to all peoples of the world,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Gregorian Sacramentary  
Taken from a Tapestry of Daily Prayer*



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