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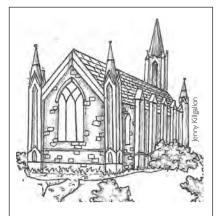
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The Rector on...

How can we respond...

We are horrified and heartbroken as we witness the violent assault on Ukraine by the Russian military. This devastating action and the ensuing loss of life have rightly been condemned across the world. Countless lives in Ukraine are being torn apart by violence and insecurity. Displacement, trauma and separation from loved ones will have devastating consequences for the people of Ukraine. It is a very clear violation of the UN Charter and as such jeopardises the foundation upon which international security is built and upon which we all depend.

How can we respond? Churches and Christian organisations are responding to the Russian invasion of Ukraine with prayers, statements and appeals for aid. As Christians we are called to be people of prayer. Our prayer is for peace, and for the strength to offer ourselves in the service of others.

Our worship is an act of defiance against all forms of darkness and tyranny.

During Lent we have had a candle lit in the church in the mornings to symbolise our prayers for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. In Ukraine they pray *nekhái budé vólia Tvoyá, yak na nébi, tak i na zemlí.* In English we translate it as 'Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in Heaven'. We pray that the peace of Heaven makes its home in the streets of the Ukraine.

I have been proud of the response of the people of Kilternan to meet the challenge. We have raised substantial amounts of funds for the Red Cross as they work to repair vital infrastructure, support health facilities, and help families with life-saving food and hygiene items.

We are aware, though, that there is much still to do. In the days ahead we will have to discern how the parishes and dioceses on the island can best help accommodate the many thousands of people from Ukraine expected to arrive here over the coming days. The BBC reports that more than two million civilians have fled Ukraine. I have had a great surge of parishioners offering spare rooms and such to meet the need.

Someone sent me a link last week to a group of students worshipping with lights out as the battle for Kyiv was happening not many miles away. The video was taken on someone's phone, as they sang a contemporary worship song called 'Mighty to Save'. The words, sung in Russian, are translated:

Saviour, He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save Forever Author of Salvation He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

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Blessings, **Revd Rob.**



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KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH WHAT'S GOING ON

We send out a weekly email. If you don't receive the email, let us know in the office and we'll get you on the list. We are also looking at strengthening our social media. Kilternan Church of Ireland has a Facebook presence, so search for us at Kilternan Church of Ireland and follow us for updates about what's going on in the parish. You might note that the Gathering Grounds has a busy Facebook presence also.

REGISTER

Christian burial

It is with sadness that we mourn the death of Robert Walker. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with his family.

Baptisms

We have been delighted to welcome Elisabeth, Amelie, Ollie, Harper and Dylan into the family of the church.

Marriage

We were delighted in March to celebrate the marriage of Adam Kinlan and Ramona Siriorean. We wish them God's blessing in their life together.

PATTERNS OF WORSHIP

The last twenty months have been an unprecedented rupture in church life. We have had to significantly disrupt our regular patterns of worship. In doing so, we have consistently tried to innovate and respond to the needs of everyone in the parish. It has been challenging but, as someone said to me recently, we have met Sundays with 'confidence and integrity'. We are still seeking God's discernment regarding our future patterns of worship. In the meantime, the following will be our normal pattern.

First Sunday of the Month

09:00 Holy Communion

10:00 Sunday Morning in the Gathering Grounds

11:00 Morning Prayer

Second Sunday

09:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday Morning in the Gathering Grounds

11:00 Morning Prayer

Third Sunday

9:00 Holy Communion11:00 Holy Communion16.00 Messy Church

Fourth Sunday

09:00 Holy Communion 11:00 All-Together Worship. (see more below)

20.00 Sunday Night at the Gathering Grounds

Fifth Sundays will normally follow the pattern of the first and second.

Midweek service

Every Tuesday at 11:30am there is a short communion service in the meeting room. We use the traditional rite 1 service. All are welcome.

Church readers

It is always a blessing to have more voices involved in worship. Since February we have been exercising a rota of readers during the 11am service (with thanks to Ann Walsh). If you would like to be a reader, or even do the occasional prayers of intercession, let us know and we will get you on the reader list.

Flower rota

Since 2019 Sarah Tilson has kindly and expertly been managing the parish flower rota. We are thankful for all of Sarah's work and the care put into displays throughout the church year. Aisling O'Toole has kindly agreed to take over the flower rota. If you would like to put yourself on the list, please let us know.

Coffee and tea

We have been offering tea and coffee after the 10am service and the 11am service. Contact Julie at gatheringgrounds@kilternanparish.ie if you would be willing to help.

All-Together Worship on Mothering Sunday

During Covid restrictions, we had to divide our services to reduce numbers at each. We went from two services to three every Sunday, with one service having an informal family focus. We learned a lot from doing so and have found great benefit and, indeed, growth in this new pattern. No doubt many at 11am appreciate that the services are a bit quieter and more reflective without lots of kids running around. Likewise, many of the families at 10am appreciate the informality of worship in the Gathering Grounds.

However, there is clearly an appetite for worship that brings us all together, at least monthly. That was clear from our parish listening evening. What we have decided to do is have 'all-together worship' every fourth Sunday. We may sometimes have this in the church and sometimes in the centre. The first was on Mothering Sunday, 27 March.

Sunday Nights at the Gathering Grounds

It was wonderful to recommence Sunday Nights at the Gathering Grounds at the end of February, and what a wonderful way to restart, with about 50 people in attendance for what was a wonderful interview with Mathew McCauley.

People sometimes ask me what the Sunday Night at the Gathering Grounds is. At its heart, it is an informal expression of church that enables people to explore faith and issues in an informal surrounding (usually over a cup of tea or coffee).

The evening hangs on an interview with someone with a particular point of view or ministry. We don't just talk about what they do; we are also interested in why they do it. It's a conversation, not a



Sunday Nights at the Gathering Grounds: socialising before Rob interviewed Mathew McCauley.

sermon. We start and end the evening with some contemporary worship.

So, who is it for? It is for everyone, though of course it is not everyone's cup of tea. Some of the themes we speak about are quite grown-up (we have addressed issues such as war, trauma, gender justice and racism in the past), so it is not focused on children. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents of teens to find an expression of church to which they can go together. It might be a great place for those who feel uncomfortable or unfamiliar with traditional expressions of church. It's a great gathering for the curious and the questioning.

It is an exciting gathering with amazing possibilities as we grow and reach new communities together.

Lenten Challenge 2022

During Lent we focus on prayer, fasting and giving. The three things together take us out of ourselves and focus us on God and others. It's a 're-centring' away from self and towards God.

So here is the Kilternan Lenten Challenge:

Pray. Join us for Compline/Taizé service every Tuesday, or why not make a special effort to join us for the online prayer meeting every Wednesday, starting with our Ash Wednesday service?

Fast. Deny yourself something or

take on something new. We are giving up meat for Lent. You might give up screen time, social media, alcohol or whatever. Or you might take on something during Lent that helps you to focus on God.

Give. During the month of March we focused our efforts on the Ukraine Aid appeal. What we would encourage you to do is to think about what you might have saved during your Lenten fast and give it away. If you send it to the church, marked 'Pray, Fast, Give', we will forward it to the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal.

Wednesday Prayer Service

You are warmly invited to join us in spending 25 minutes in prayer every Wednesday. We have been wonderfully encouraged by everyone who joins us to pray. It is a lovely way for us to 'check in' as a parish and bring the community's needs to God. You are most welcome to join us. Contact the office for meeting details.

Investing in Faith Series

In January we received the sobering news that Covid numbers were rising and that we needed, once again. to restrict our movements. Thankfully this was short-lived, but at the time we decided to run another online study series. This was called Investing in Faith and, again, viewers were welcomed to join the rector in his study via the

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wonders of YouTube.

What do we invest in? We invest in things that we judge to be valuable. We hear a lot about investing in our health, both physical and mental, and investing in our relationships. Those things are incredibly helpful, but we also need to invest in our souls. If our faith is valuable to us, well, then, we invest in it. That takes time, effort and intent, as do all things that are genuinely worthwhile.

There were seven sessions in total:

- Investing in Faith: Introduction
- Investing in Faith: Relationships and Conversation
- Investing in Faith: Leaving the Shire
- Investing in Faith: Finding God on the Edge
- Investing in Faith: Church, Why Bother?
- Investing in Faith: Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Investing in Faith: Scripture and Prayer

If you missed the series, you might like to have a look on the Kilternan Parish YouTube channel.

EASTER VESTRY AND VISION NIGHT

(8:00pm, 26 April 2022)

Every year we have our annual general meeting, also known as the Easter Vestry. Owing to Covid, it was held via Zoom last year. This year we want to use the opportunity of returning in person

to do things a bit differently.

- We will have a new annual report which will include not only the financial and fabric aspect of church life but also a look back at what we achieved during the year.
- We will be launching our new Vision Plan for 2022–2027.
 This is the result of the various listening activities undertaken during 2021.

We hope you might consider coming along and being part of the evening.

CHERRYWOOD PRAYER WALK

At the end of February, a small group of church leaders from the wider area around Cherrywood met to pray for the new development. The scale of the Cherrywood development is significant, and the churches need to work together if we are going to bring the good news of Jesus into that new community. For those who attended, it was good to have times of prayer, chats and laughter! We

hope to meet once a month as we walk and discern God's vision for the area. If you would like to be part of this, let the rector know. (See below)

HOLY WEEK PLANS 2022

Wednesday 13 April: Prayer Reflections on Zoom

Thursday 14 April: Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

*Friday 15 April:*Taizé Reflections at the Cross

Easter Sunday:
Sunrise Service in the Lead Mines
09:00 Holy Communion
11:00 All-Together Worship

INTRODUCING CAROLINE BRENNAN



Caroline began her training for ordained ministry in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in September 2021. She is a native of Dublin, grew up in Dundrum and has been a member of Taney Parish



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for many years. She lives in Ballinteer with her husband David and their ten-year-old son Oscar.

Prior to beginning her theological studies at CITI, Caroline was a lawyer and, more recently, a civil servant. She has practised as both a solicitor and a barrister in Dublin.

Caroline was commissioned as a pastoral assistant for the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in 2019. She is a pastoral assistant in Taney Parish and has been and continues to be actively involved in lots of different aspects of church life. She enjoys scooting, skydiving and creative writing. She is passionate about social justice and has been very involved in working to improve the lives of families living within the direct provision system.

'I am so delighted to have been given the opportunity to experience a placement in Kilternan parish. I am really looking forward to learning from Rob and all the ministry team, as well as all the parishioners at Kilternan parish, and most especially to journeying in faith together.'

WELCOMING DEE HUDDLESTON

Just before going to press, we received news that we will be joined by Dee Huddleston in April. Dee is training to be a Diocesan Reader and is being sent to us for four Sundays.

Dee is a member of Celbridge Parish and is Christian Aid Ireland's Church and Community Officer. We are delighted to have her join us for a month.

GETTING THINGS DONE— MAINTENANCE TEAM

A new team has been established to manage the general maintenance of church properties. It is chaired by Bruce Fitzsimons, and includes Christian Kraeft, Neil Goolding, Stephen Newell and Annemarie McCleane.

PARISH FÊTE

After a two-year hiatus as a result of Covid, the fête is back in 2022. We are marking 7 May as the date. Stick it in your diary!

NEW BOILER

As we all know, church boilers are infamously temperamental. In recent years we have struggled with a regular breakdown (always during the coldest week of the year!). In March we replaced the old boiler with a new one. Thanks to Christian, who took a lead on organising this.

MUSIC NOTES FROM KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

Taizé and Holy Week
This Lent, Compline returns on
Tuesday evenings. We have
incorporated music from Taizé into
the service, transforming it into an
even more beautiful and reflective
evening with the choir in an
atmospheric church. It will
continue up to Holy Week.

I'm excited to bring the Junior and Church choirs together again this Lent. The choirs have been working on anthems for Mothering Sunday and Palm Sunday.

Last Christmas

We got very lucky this Christmas, skirting around Covid cases and managing online streaming options to bring a service of Nine Lessons and Carols along with a Nativity Service and the Christmas Services. All are still up on the YouTube channel. I must congratulate our soloists, both my sister Éilís and soloists from the Junior Choir, who sang at the Carol Service; and of course the Church Choir who work so hard at Christmas.

Iunior Choir

The Junior Choir have class on Tuesdays at 2:45–3:45pm in the centre for children from 2nd to 6th Class. Children learn music with friends to sing weekly at the 9:45am Service and are trained in the Voices for Life programme, which teaches lessons in music literacy and vocal production.

Church Choir

The Parish Choir rehearse on Tuesdays at 7:30–9pm and sing at the 11am Sunday Services. It is a great place to make new friends and learn about music and singing through the Voices for Life programme. No experience is necessary and we're open to teens and adults.

Queries can be sent to Kevin at music@kilternanparish.ie

NEW SIGNAGE

We have now received planning permission for a new sign at the carpark gate. We expect this to be in place before the summer.



Our wonderful Choir with Junior Choir soloists and leader (and guest singers) at Christmas.

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TENNIS CLUB

Competitions are under way again and we competed in the Winter League, which ran from the end of January to the end of February. We entered two Men's teams and one Ladies' team. Unfortunately, none of the teams made it out of their respective groups, but it is good to be back competing again and we look forward to success in the future

The ladies' Monday morning Charity League, which was last played in March 2020, is currently taking place and we have one team entered. All the money taken in entry fees is given to charity, with the winning team in each division nominating a charity of their choice. This is a very sociable and friendly league and most enjoyable. A climb/walk on the Sugar Loaf is being organised on Monday 11 April, starting at 10.30am, in aid of Motor Neurone Disease and the Red Cross Ukraine appeal. Anyone wishing to join us or make a contribution or who would like more information should phone Mary (087 987 7377) or Ethni (086 809 2211).

Social tennis for all standards continues on Tuesday nights, with the men playing on Thursday nights and the ladies on Monday nights.

We hope to organise coaching for adults in April. Irina is currently coaching three groups of Juniors at weekends.

Exciting news: we recently applied for a Sports Capital and Equipment Programme grant and we are delighted that we have been successful. We are hoping to replace the floodlights with low-energy lighting and also to replace the fencing around the courts. In addition, we are about to launch our first website, www.kpltc.ie, and we are very grateful to Rolando, one of our members, for kindly setting it up for us.

Since Covid there appears to be a resurgence in all sports and KPLTC has been no exception, with applications for membership flowing in steadily over the last two years. As a result of new houses in the area and with the attraction of the Parish Centre and the Gathering Grounds, it's no wonder that the Club is growing. However, we still have room for more members. Parishioners would be especially welcome. The 2022 season begins on 1 April, so there is no time to lose!

Enquiries to kilternanparishltc@gmail.com.

KILTERNAN GARDENING CLUB

The Kilternan Gardening Club is returning to the parish hall in the Gathering Grounds on 28 March after a break of two years. The members are thrilled to be able to meet in person and we expect a large turnout. We managed to keep the club going over the past two years with Zoom lectures and restricted numbers visiting gardens, but we have a great programme for 2022 as we ease back into more normal living and meetings with friends. The Gardening Club meets in Kilternan on the last Monday of the month, at 8pm. It is a very friendly, popular gardening club, and our membership numbers have steadily increased to just over 100 members. We now have a waiting list, but visitors are welcome to join us for a small fee of €5 to be paid at the door. Klaus Laitenberger is talking to us on 'Growing your own healthy vegetables' on 28 March. We can be contacted on kilternangardeningclub@gmail.com — Ingrid Goodbody, chairperson.

KILTERNAN PARISH TABLE TENNIS CLUB RESUMES PLAY

We are back! Owing to the Covid-19 restrictions, it was unfortunately necessary to temporarily stop Table Tennis Club activities.

However, we are delighted to say that the Table Tennis Club has now resumed Club nights, and it has been lovely to get back to playing and being together again with everyone.

The Table Tennis Club meets on Wednesday evenings between 8pm and 10.30pm and we look forward to welcoming back all members. If you are interested in joining, we would love to hear from you.

The Club is open to all adults (18+), and we welcome new members of all abilities, with the emphasis very much on social play—and a fun night out. Just bring along a table tennis bat!

Please contact Irwin Johnston by email at irwincjohnston@ gmail.com if you are interested in joining or for more information.

FAREWELL TO MATHEW McCAULEY

It was a great joy to have Mathew with us on placement from the Church of Ireland Theological Institute from October till the end of February. One of the highlights, many will agree, was his interview in Sunday Night at the Gathering Grounds.

Mathew demonstrated his skills



REFLECTIONS



Rob and Mathew McCauley at the Gathering Grounds.

and qualities during his short stay with us. We look forward to following his vocation as he continues to discern where God is calling him. The wider church is certainly stronger with him on board!

We wish Mathew, his wife Lisa, and their children Mathew and Madeline every blessing.

KEEPING THE SCAMMERS AT BAY

Regarding parish communication:

- You will only receive communication from the rector from official email accounts, office@kilternanparish.ie or rector@kilternanparish.ie or from the rector's mobile, 087 149 6605. Be careful of email addresses seeking to closely mimic these.
- If you receive any suspicious communication, do not answer it. Check with the rector or office directly, using official communication, if unsure.
- Consider reporting and blocking the scammer. Our first

- instinct is simply to delete the email or text, but a more effective deterrent is to block and report.
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For more general information on avoiding scams, have a look on the Church of Ireland website: https://www.ireland.anglican.org/about/information/website-hosting-email-information-software/stay-safe-online.

WAR

A reflection by resident poet William D

This war by the autocracy of Russia on Ukraine is an abomination. The only war that should be happening is a war to save the planet by all countries if possible.

Putin, seemingly a despot like Hitler, may be accused of initiating the possibility of a third world war. All wars of this type create fear and hatred, as people die on each and every side and one atrocity follows another. America and the West are fearful of war, as the death-toll can be enormous and it may lead to nuclear catastrophe. The people of Germany did not stop Hitler and probably the populace of Russia will not stop Putin, unless they rise up *en masse* in protest such that the Russian army takes heart and revolts.

In reality, though, whether or not a third world war ensues, the world may be irrevocably damaged through global warming and all the other problems currently facing it, if a worldwide effort isn't made to save it.

A HAIKU

A haiku is traditionally a Japanese poem consisting of three short lines that do not rhyme. The origins of haiku poems can be traced back as far as the ninth century.

The entire poem consists of just three lines, with seventeen syllables in total. The first line has five syllables, the second line has seven and the third line has five.

This haiku is inspired by the Prayer of the Eastern Church which appears on page 151 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

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Care for the infants, guide the young, support the old. Instructions for life.

Una MacConville

THE GATHERING GROUNDS

CRAFT NIGHT

When I was away in Seattle for the midterm break, the tension in Ukraine intensified and the war began. I had been trying to think of our next craft night project, and when the fighting started I immediately thought of three women I know who are from neighbouring countries to Ukraine; I wondered whether they had family and friends whom they worried about. These three women are also wonderfully artistic and I hoped that I hadn't hit the wrong note in asking whether they would guide our upcoming craft night in aid of the Red Cross Appeal for Ukraine. They were delighted to help. Joanna showed a Polish technique of dyeing eggs in onion skins and then etching intricate designs though the dye with a needle. Lilia used hot wax to create a wax stamp on the outside of an egg dyed an intense shade of green, a process familiar in Moldova. And Stella helped everyone to assemble a beautiful Easter wreath to hang on their front door. The craft night raised just over €700 in aid of Ukraine.

We all know that the situation in Ukraine is desperate, and I'm pretty sure we don't even know the half of it. But we can continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers and share the burden of humanity being broken, donate what we can, give what we can, and open our hearts, our doors and our communities when the opportunity arises.

Right: images from the recent craft night in aid of Ukraine.







THE GATHERING GROUNDS

INTERVIEW WITH A BARISTA: JOHN DAVEY



What is a Methodist doing involved in Kilternan Parish?

Have you changed churches? These are just two of the questions I have been asked over the last couple of years. Both Gail and I were raised in the Anglican tradition, in my case without any real conviction. When my maternal grandfather died quite suddenly, I started accompanying my grandmother to church in Bray. I have to admit that initially this was because she allowed me to drive there, a great attraction for any seventeen-year-old learner driver. However, her quiet faith had a profound influence on me, and I became a Christian and a member of Bray Methodist Church.

One of the differences between the Church of Ireland and Methodism is that Methodists do not have local parish churches, with the result that each church can have members drawn from a wide area. Although Gail and I have lived in Kilternan for more than 30 years and have many friends in the area, not being members of the Church of Ireland meant that we were not as involved in the community as much as we would like. Both our daughters attended Kilternan school in the '90s and there was some involvement then. When we saw the notice in Panorama in Autumn 2018 looking for volunteers for the Gathering Grounds, we agreed that this was something we would like to be involved with. In October 2018 we both started, and I trained as a barista. (I still cannot make a latte as good as Wendy's!!!)

How long have you been volunteering in the Gathering Grounds and why do you volunteer?

Initially I felt that we would be giving something back to the community by being involved, and I'm sure that's true to some extent. However, we get far more out of it than we give. There is a wonderful warm and welcoming atmosphere,

we have met many old friends, some of whom we had lost contact with, and made many new ones, particularly among the other volunteers. There is a wonderful sense of community, of friendship and fellowship as well as great coffee and fabulous home baking.

What have been some of your most memorable moments while volunteering in the Gathering Grounds?

My most memorable moment was as a customer, not a volunteer. I was celebrating my 70th birthday with Gail, our younger daughter Sara and her daughter Mollie, enjoying the coffee and scones. Suddenly there was a stir behind me and my elder daughter, Anna, walked in, all the way from Vancouver, a complete surprise. It was a wonderful, happy and very emotional moment.

As a result, we have become involved in other aspects of Kilternan church life, as have some of our children and grandchildren. We attend Messy Church and Sunday Nights at the Gathering Grounds, and Gail in particular enjoys Rob's sermons. Although I am still very involved in Dún Laoghaire Methodist Church, as a Council member and treasurer, our involvement in the Gathering Grounds has certainly made our lives richer.

What are your Easter traditions? It is said that Methodists worship through their singing and this is especially true at Eastertime. For Holy Week there is 'Ride on, ride on in majesty' and 'When I survey the wondrous cross', to mention just two. Then to celebrate the Risen Lord we have 'Christ the Lord is risen today' and 'Thine be the Glory'. Who could fail to be moved by these wonderful hymns? And for me the Easter Sunday service is very special. Another tradition that is very special for us is our Easter egg hunt for grandchildren and their friends in our garden. This can become competitive and there must be some refereeing to make sure the younger ones get their fair share!

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ISH IN PICTURES









Pictured clockwise from top left: A study in concentration at Craft Night; Rob and friend at Messy Church; Building a fort at Messy Church; At the coffee morning for Ukraine; Junior Youth Group; And Outdoors With Toddlers story time.

FEATURE

UKRAINE: COME, GATHER, GIVE

By Jane Newell

When war broke out in Ukraine, disbelief, despair and a feeling of helplessness were the emotions that people were speaking about. Listening to the radio, I thought about what we could quickly do as a parish community to help with this appeal.

I spoke to my sister Katie, a great organiser, and we immediately thought of the Gathering Grounds. A phone call was made to Revd Rob and the date was set. Meeting on Saturday 12 March, the parish community had a chance to come together and give to the Red Cross appeal for Ukraine and to think of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and all who strive to support and care for them in the days and months ahead.

On the day, we raised over €7,000 in donations. We expect this number to increase as we add electronic fund transfers. In addition, €700 was raised at the craft night, and €460 at a men's tennis fund-raiser. Other fundraising efforts are planned (including fund-raising at the St Patrick's Day parade), so we expect this number to rise in the weeks ahead!

The following prayers in a time of war in Ukraine have been provided by the Church of Ireland's Liturgical Advisory Committee for use in parishes.

O LORD our Governor, Whose glory is in all the world:
We commend to Your merciful care the people and government of Ukraine,

Pictured right: participants in the coffee morning at the Gathering Grounds in aid of Ukraine.







that, being guided by Your providence, they may dwell secure in Your peace.

Grant to their leaders, and all in authority,

wisdom and strength to know and to do Your will.

Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness,

and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve their people;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O God, that Your holy and life-giving Spirit

may so move every human heart in the nations of the world

that, working and witnessing together,

we may live in justice and peace and change the hearts of those who would make for conflict and war:

through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who has knit together in one family all the nations of the earth:

remove far from us the evil of war. Pour out upon the leaders of the nations Your spirit of peace,

restrain the passions of those who plan aggression,

strengthen the hands of those who strive for justice and peace

and hasten the time when the kingdoms of this world

shall become the kingdom of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Father,

Whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of all:

govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,

and bring the families of the nations,

divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,

to be subject to His just and gentle rule;

Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

A FEW CRAFT ITEMS FROM MESSY CHURCH and CRAFT NIGHT

So much creativity on display at our recent Messy Church and Craft Night! Here are a few of the masterpieces for you to enjoy.







WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

By Carol Barry

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women which has its origins in the nineteenth century, when the USA and Canada joined together to support each other in mission at home and in other parts of the world.

In 1930, following an invitation to overseas partners, the number of countries taking part grew to 33. This year 170 countries around the world celebrated the World Day of Prayer.

The service takes place during the first week in March owing to its close proximity to Lent and the connection with prayer, self-denial and sacrifice.

Each year, Christian women from a different country compose the service for the worldwide ecumenical family.

This year, the women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland wrote the service, using Jeremiah's letter to the exiles in Babylonia (Jeremiah 29:11) and based on the verse 'I know the plans I have for you'. In this letter, the exiled people of Israel were longing to return to their homeland and were in a state of suffering and uncertainty. But God had plans for them which they couldn't see at the time.

During our service, we heard from four women who told their stories of poverty, exclusion and fear. They told how God's plans have worked out for them in unexpected ways, plans that have brought God's peace, justice and freedom.

Seven candles were lit during the service to symbolise moving from darkness into light, from negativity to positive hope for the future. To aid us in our prayers, we used sunflower seeds to help us think about what God is saying to us and where seeds of hope need to



be planted in our own lives. Close to our hearts at this time are the people of Ukraine, and we remembered them in our prayers. We noted that the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine. We were delighted to hear Ann Walsh pray the Lord's Prayer in Welsh.

As a local committee, it is always a pleasure to meet every year to discuss and make preparations for the World Day of Prayer. Last year our service was held in Balally Church during Covid-19 restrictions that limited us to ten people (the readers only) in the church. Thanks to technology, quite a number of people were able to join us through the live feed.

Thankfully, this year we didn't have to worry about limiting the number of people who attended. It was a joy to celebrate together, to sing together and to pray together as a community, and we thank God for this opportunity.

Next year's service will be held in St Mary's Church, Sandyford, and the World Day of Prayer candle was presented to Liz Donnelly before we left the church.

A total of \in 340 was collected at the end of our service and this will be forwarded to the Irish Red Cross to help in their work in Ukraine. Tea and coffee were served in the Gathering Grounds afterwards, and it was a fitting end to a very special evening.

On behalf of the committee, I'd like to thank the Parish Team for their help and support. I'd also like to thank the following people who took part in the preparations and presentation of this year's service:

- Kevin O'Sullivan (Organist)
- Brid Fitzgerald, Alice Sutherland and Emma McCarthy from Balally Church
- Liz Donnelly from St Mary's Church
- Edwina Mulvey from St Patrick's
- Maeve Harkness from Our Lady of the Wayside
- Cathriona and Anna Fitzsimons and Lynn Storey, Kilternan Church of Ireland
- Julie Clements and the Gathering Grounds team

TEN THINGS NEVER TO SAY TO ANYONE WITH ARTHRITIS

The following list was put together by author and arthritis sufferer **Maeve Binchy** to support the launch of Arthritis Ireland's new helpline. Having learned the hard way, the best-selling author listed the things you should never say to someone with this condition, which affects more than 700,000 people in Ireland.

- 1. 'Cheer up, nobody ever died of arthritis.' This statement is, oddly, not cheering at all. We have dark, broody feelings that if people did die of arthritis there might have been huge, well-funded research projects over the last few decades, which could have come up with a cure.
- 2. 'It's just a sign of old age, it will come to us all.' No, it's not a sign of old age. Even toddlers can get arthritis, and some old people never get a twinge of it. The very worst phrase you can use is 'Haven't you had a good innings?'
- 3. Remember that marvellous radio series about disabilities called *Does He Take Sugar*? The message of that title means that you should never ask, in the hearing of someone with arthritis, 'Do you think she'll be able to manage the stairs?' Arthritis can make us many things, but it certainly doesn't make us deaf.
- 4. Avoid mentioning magic cures, as anyone with arthritis will already have heard of vinegars, honey, mussels, berry teas and so on. We will probably have tried them, too. It is dispiriting to be told of someone else who was once bent double but now climbs mountains before breakfast.
- 5. Don't ever say: 'That walking stick is very ageing—I wouldn't use it if I were you'. Did you think we



thought of the stick as a fashion accessory? Of course, we know it's hardly rejuvenating to be seen bent over a stick, but when the alternative is a knee or a hip that could let us down, or pitch us into the traffic, then the stick is a great help. It is sad when people give us the impression that it makes us look 100 years old. At least we are getting out there, and that should be praised and encouraged.

- 6. Never let the phrase 'a touch of arthritis' pass your lips. You don't say someone has a touch of diabetes or a touch of asthma. It is denying sympathy and concern for people who have a painful and ever-present condition to minimise it to just 'a touch'.
- 7. Don't suggest a healthy walk to blow away the cobwebs. People whose joints are unreliable don't want to get further proof of this when they are halfway down the pier. Unless you are a physiotherapist, don't impose exercise on others.
- 8. Don't tell arthritis sufferers to go and live in a hot, dry climate like Arizona. We know it might be

easier on the joints, but some of us are very happy here with family and friends, and we don't want to be packed off like remittance men.

- 9. One time you shouldn't stay silent is when your favourite restaurants, theatres or galleries are difficult to access for a friend with arthritis. Before you turn your back on them, be sure to tell the owners or proprietors exactly why you will not be making a booking. You can be very polite and praising ('I hear such good things about your place'), but after the flattery should come the reason for regret ('Can I just confirm that there isn't a lift and that the cloakrooms are up or down a flight of stairs?'). If enough people were to do this, it would not take long to improve facilities. If we don't tell the offenders, how will they know there's a problem?
- 10. Don't ever say, sadly, how tragic it is that nothing has been done for poor arthritis sufferers. Plenty is being done. Just contact Arthritis Ireland, or phone its new helpline. Then you will have an idea of how much is happening and you can be a true and informed friend rather than a false and frightening one.

THE ALICE LEAHY TRUST

A befriending social and health service for people who are homeless

Parishioners will be familiar with the work of the Alice Leahy Trust, founded in November 1975, which is a non-political, nondenominational voluntary body that acts as a befriending social and health service for people who are homeless (https://aliceleahytrust.ie).

Alice Leahy has worked with homelessness since 1973 and has a deep understanding of the complex issues that give rise to homelessness. Addressing the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage at a meeting of the committee when it considered homelessness (29 January 2021), Alice Leahy outlined the complexity of the issues:

- Homelessness must be looked at from at least two angles. The structural causes owing to lack of housing, which can be eased by increased housing supply, are the simplest of the two.
- The social and personal issues that can lead to homelessness are much more complicated and require early intervention if we are to halt the slide of vulnerable human beings onto our streets.
- The people we meet who present as homeless have a myriad of social problems related to the complexity of their own personal and unique human condition.
- Inter-generational poverty relating to poor finance and education, and absence of opportunity to work or have a stake in society all combine to undermine the person.
- Struggling families, where child poverty, neglect, violence or abuse have never been addressed or acknowledged, can all lead to low self-esteem and often result in homelessness.
- Mental health issues are too often dealt with through a



- 'medical model' response alone. Relationship breakdown can be
- a factor.
- People become homeless because of their drug/alcohol problem and the challenging behaviour associated with it. We have a very serious drug problem in our city and in our country. Wider society needs to be aware of its responsibility and culpability when it comes to the use of recreational drugs; people who use recreational drugs must recognise the reality that they are supporting a vicious industry.
- We at the Alice Leahy Trust on Bride Road in the heart of Dublin regularly meet people from all over the country and from other jurisdictions. Some of these people are linked into services in other areas and this can cause considerable challenges for those attempting to meet their needs in terms of providing shelter.
- Tragically, we see people who are homeless dying on the streets; we help but sometimes, in spite of our best efforts, it is not always possible to save each and every one. We must support and comfort, give all we can in terms of compassion, but

- sometimes we just cannot enable change.
- Government/Inter-Departmental/Inter-Agency collaboration is required to address these profound issues, but it is meaningless unless the views of frontline workers are listened to.
- Building up relationships must start with accepting people in all their vulnerability and listening to them; they have a right to be heard.

The Committee's Interim Report on Homelessness can be viewed here: https://aliceleahytrust.ie/wpcontent/uploads/2021/04/Agreed-In terim-Report-on-Homelessness-HLGH.pdf.

Alice Leahy is a tireless advocate for the homeless. Details of the work of the Alice Leahy Trust can be found here: https://aliceleahytrust.ie.

Getting involved

We can play our small part in supporting the work of the Alice Leahy Trust. The Alice Leahy Trust provides daily showers as part of their service and this is how we can help:

Items which are useful include ■ Shower gel ■ Hair products (shampoo, conditioner and hair gel) ■ Perfume/after-shave ■ Deodorants (only aerosols, as rollon deodorants can only be used once) ■ Shaving cream/gel ■ Disposable razors ■ Sanitary products Hairbrushes and combs.

Toiletries for men are especially welcome. A box for toiletries is in place at the parish

Very many thanks for your ongoing commitment and contributions to the Alice Leahy Trust

Una MacConville

CRANMER'S CORNER



LENT: A ROOKIE'S GUIDE

Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made, and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

What is Lent?

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting for 40 days, Lent is a season of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter.

The Church year revolves around two 'cycles', one for Christmas and one for Easter. The Christmas cycle begins with a season of preparation: Advent. The Easter cycle begins with a season of preparation: Lent.

Because Lent lasts for 40 days, it recalls Christ's fasting during His temptation/testing in the

wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11).

Nowadays, most everyone agrees that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and that it lasts for some reckoning of 40 days. However, there have been and still are disagreements on how the 40 days are counted, whether Sundays are counted, or whether Lent includes (all, none or a portion of) Holy Week, the week immediately before Easter Sunday.

'The self-denial involved in the period of Lent isn't about just giving up chocolates or beer; it's about trying to give up a certain set of pictures of God which are burned into our own selfish wants.' Rowan Williams

In the first three centuries the period of fasting in preparation for Easter did not, as a rule, exceed two or three days. The first mention of a period of 40 days occurs in the Canons of Nicaea. The custom may have originated in the prescribed fast of candidates for baptism, and the number 40 was evidently suggested by the 40 days' fasts of Moses, Elijah and especially the Lord Himself, though until a much later date the period was reckoned differently in the different churches.

The current format for Lent, whereby it starts on Ash Wednesday and runs until Easter Sunday for a total of 40 days (not counting Sundays), began in Rome in the seventh century.

Why not count the Sundays in Lent toward the 40 days? Some people do count the Sundays in Lent, but those who do not argue that, although Lent is a season of fasting, every Sunday in the Christian year is a feast day. Every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and so they don't fast on Sundays.

Why is it called 'Lent'?

In Greek and Latin, the names for Lent make more sense, because they're based on the number 40. In English it's more confusing. 'Lent' comes from the Middle English noun *lenten*, meaning either 'the season of spring' or the period of fasting we now refer to as Lent.

What are some common practices during Lent?

Prayer, almsgiving and fasting. During the early centuries the observance of the fast was very strict. Only one meal a day, taken towards evening, was allowed; meat and fish—and in most places also eggs and dairy products—were absolutely forbidden. From the ninth century onwards in the West the practice began to be considerably relaxed.



Christ Tempted by the Devil, 1818, John Ritto Penniman, Smithsonian American Art Museum.

FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

MESSY CHURCH

Since our last edition of Klips we have been able to enjoy a fuller and regular return to 'in-person' Messy Church, exploring Bible stories and themes including 'Lost & Found', 'Justice for All' and 'The Story of St Patrick'. Further easing of restrictions has also made it possible to bring back our food component. A HUGE THANK-YOU to all those who have helped with Messy Church so far in 2022, from those on the catering teams to the welcome, craft and teaching teams—it's been wonderful to see familiar and new faces getting involved.

We've had to adapt Messy Church in ways we could never have imagined, which means that it does look somewhat differentpre-booking in advance, reduced mingling while families sit at their own designated table, and not being in the church for our celebration time, to name just a few. However, our values have remained the same: we can still extend our warm hospitality, be Christ-centred, inclusive of people of all ages, with lots of creativity while we celebrate Jesus! There have been some lows (having to limit the number of families attending) but we have most definitely had highs, which we celebrate and give thanks for (seeing families gathered together again while welcoming and connecting with families in the parish and community who have never experienced Messy Church before). It is such a joy and a blessing that we can journey into this new season of Messy Church together. With all the challenges and changes we have weathered, we are delighted that Messy Church is back to its usual slot of the 3rd Sunday in each month at 4pm. Families are ready, our Messy Teams are ready, and God is always ready!

PLAY CAFÉ GETS OWT!

and Bumps & Babes—a surprise success story

This year has seen a whole new





Messy Church fun

level of outreach to families near and far through 'Play Café Gets OWT! (Outdoors With Toddlers)' and 'Bumps & Babes', both running simultaneously on Wednesday mornings from 10am. We've seen the friendship and unity of the parents who come grow deeper and wider—and this is true for our team, too. There have been many frustrations with Covid-19 but also many new possibilities, giving us much to rejoice about and celebrate. We really are having an amazing time at Play Café Gets OWT!, and we are excited to have the little ones from Bumps & Babes make the transition and join us

once they are fully mobile.

We have been delighted to be able to adapt and hold in-person sessions after the closure of Play Café back in March 2020, though it looks a lot different in terms of setup and activities. It has been such a joy to welcome so many new families, and the toddlers have settled in as if they have always been coming. We continue to applaud all of you who gave birth or had little ones at home during the pandemic—you've had so many challenges to deal with. We are so glad you've been able to come to our groups and benefit from the fun, friendships and

community. We are also delighted to have welcomed new volunteers to the team, without whom it would not be possible to do what we do each week. There have been plenty of opportunities to share our experiences of adapting and changing, locally through networks such as the Building Blocks Children's Ministry Conference and the Church of Ireland Children's Ministry Network and further afield at events online. A number of parishes have been inspired and encouraged to set up similar groups.

Play Café Gets OWT! is family-oriented, using nature to nurture little ones, with a themed interactive trail, sensory and messy child-led activities, storytime and singing. For more information contact Lynn (087-6957061).

BUMPS & BABES

If you happen to be in the Gathering Grounds on a Wednesday morning, no doubt you will have heard and seen the buzz with lots of buggies, as new parents and their babies gather together. Following on from the success of Play Café Gets OWT!, this is another group we have started in Kilternan—'Bumps & Babes'. We were aware of the challenges, during and after pregnancy, with none of the usual supports and groups available, including Play Café, that parents-to-be and new parents had experienced. Although we have had our Pregnancy Prayer Tree, we wanted to do something more, to reach out and show God's love for little ones and their parents and caregivers. Once indoor dining returned, we were delighted to be able to offer a reserved seating area. We are blessed that Candice Sainsbury, who gave birth to her third child during the summer, has taken the lead with this group on Wednesday mornings. The group has grown organically and is flourishing. So, if you are, or know, a new parent or parent-to-be, do come and join us to relax and enjoy a cuppa in company at the Gathering Grounds on Wednesday mornings from 10am. It's an

informal friendly meet-up where you can chat and meet others in the community, and an opportunity for your baby to socialise too! There is no need to book and a warm welcome awaits you. For more information, contact gatheringgrounds@kilternanparish.i e or Lynn.

THE YOUTH SERVICES

As we entered into the Christmas season back in December, we had our first youth service here in Kilternan. As a team we are sensitive to the schedules of our young people and are aware of sport on Sunday mornings being an obstacle to attending our morning services. So, we thought we would introduce a new type of service on Sunday evenings, specifically for teenagers; the only adults present were the ones leading, although in time we would like to see the teens take ownership of the service.

At the first service, our very own Emma Rothwell gave a reflection on John 15. It was also a time where we got to break bread and drink wine by taking communion. Our young people were also shown a 'thank you' video from people of the parish, thanking them for what they gave up over lockdown. Nick Maxwell and Susan O'Toole added many words of praise and encouragement for them, too. We had planned to do pizza afterwards, but Covid changed our plans.

The first service was such a

success that Brian waited over three months to do the next one!

Our second service took place on 6 March, and we followed a similar structure to the first service, this time with the reflection being given by Darren Bourke of Scripture Union Ireland. Darren spoke about the importance of words, using a passage from James 3. We once again celebrated communion and thankfully this time we were able to have pizza, although Brian missed out on a slice, as the teens devoured everything in sight. Savages!

We plan on holding another youth service in the not-so-distant future, so if you have a teen or know of teens who would like to attend, contact Brian or Rob.

THE YOUTH GROUPS

As I (Brian) write this piece, I am staring up at the schedule and thankful at how many dates are in the diary for the youth groups. Our senior youth group has been meeting in person since October and it has been a blessing to connect with them again. To date, we have gone to the cinema, go quest, made some very dodgy cookies and pizzas. We have played Mario Kart (which I am the king at—just don't ask Rachel). I've even been privileged to go and watch two of our teenagers, Harry and Charlie, play football for their team, which is a cool addition to my role. I hope to see more in the future!



FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY



We meet every other Sunday from 7pm to 8:30pm, if you know of anyone who would be interested.

Just before the February midterm break, we had our first junior youth group in what seems like a lifetime. And it would be an understatement to say that we started with a bang. We welcomed young people from 5th and 6th Class as we ate and embraced the messiness of youth group. I won't go into detail, but there were eggs involved, and I'm still finding confetti in my shoes. This group meets every two weeks on Friday evenings. Contact Brian for more information.

THE SU CAMPS

Even though it feels like we have only just finished with our last Confirmation group, we are once again starting up with the next group. This Confirmation season will be a bit different from previous ones, though, as for the first time ever we will be taking the group away down to Ovoca Manor in Wicklow. Ovoca Manor is a place close to my heart and I have had many special memories and friendships formed while there, and I'm hoping that this will be another one of those occasions as we bring this group down.

While this will be the first group going to the Manor under Kilternan, there are a few who will be joining Scripture Union at their Easter and Summer camps.
Scripture Union offers a full range

of camps for all ages. If you would like more information on them, chat to Brian.

ALL-AGE EASTER

At the time of writing, I am beginning to look ahead and plan some all-age activities for everyone to enjoy together during Holy Week and Easter. I am looking forward to my first Easter Sunday celebration in person since joining Kilternan. Keep an eye on weekly emails and social media for more details nearer to Easter. In the meantime, I hope families are enjoying their

GodVenture Easter Countdown Calendars (almost 30 families are using the calendars at home this Lent), which are perfect for helping families to get ready for the celebration of Easter.

The calendar takes families on

an adventure as they journey through 'The Story of Jesus', while the fun stickers (who doesn't love stickers?) help tell the story. Each day there is a sticker to add and a short piece of the story to read in a mini-book. It has been put together for families to use in whatever way works for them—they might choose to read the suggested short piece from the story each day, while pausing to ponder the story so far on Sundays, or families may prefer to choose one day to read the story for that whole week and ponder the wondering questions. (If they miss a day or two or ten there's no hassle—it's not a competition but simply a fun way to focus on Jesus over the six weeks of Lent.)

There are no right or wrong answers to the wondering questions, as the stories can mean different things at different times in our lives. Families might also like to use some Playmobile, Lego, Small World toys or even Playdough while pondering the questions—creating a scene from the story or representing the part of the story they like best.

My prayer for families during Lent is that they may journey the adventure at home and learn from one another.

Please do let me know how you are getting on—I love hearing from you and getting your photos.

Lynn Storey and Brian Hickey





AFRICAN GOSPEL CHOIR

What: African Gospel Choir—be enthralled and inspired! They have been called the 'world's most magical choir', a treat for all ages. If you want to have a smile on your face and feel uplifted (and who doesn't?), this is the event for you! It's in aid of Bray Women's Refuge and repairs to the Tullow church

Where: Tullow Church, Brighton Road, Foxrock.

When: Saturday 9 April at 8pm. **How:** Tickets € 15/20; book on Eventbrite.ie and search for African Gospel Choir.

INVISIBLE PAIN THE WORK OF THE DUBLIN BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE

As part of the Dublin & Glendalough Council for Mission's 'Conversations About Mission' series, there was a conversation recently called 'Invisible Pain: Reaching out to those who have not had space to grieve, lament during Covid-19'. The contributors were the Revd Lesley Robinson and the Dublin Bereavement Support Service (DBSS) and bereavement counsellor Dr Tony Walsh.

The DBSS was launched by Clontarf Parish on 17 March 2021. Consisting of a team of trained bereavement counsellors who are

volunteering their time and expertise, the service initially operated via Zoom. It was born out of conversations between Revd Lesley and parishioners Jim Kieran and Dr Tony Walsh, both of whom are experienced bereavement counsellors, focusing on the impact that the pandemic and all the associated restrictions have had on the experience of loss and grief.

This was an incredibly valuable conversation and, let's be honest, it's not something we talk about every day! If you would like to watch the presentations by Lesley and Tony, you should be able to access them on the diocesan website

Initially, the services of the DBSS will be offered via Zoom on a one-to-one basis, but later in the year, when the vaccine rollout is more extensive and restrictions have been lifted, face-to-face counselling will be offered. As all the current volunteers are in the Clontarf area, the Parish Centre on Seafield Road will provide one venue, and another will be sourced elsewhere in the North Dublin area. Eventually, it is hoped that with the addition of more trained volunteers the service will be extended into South Dublin.

The support service will be offered free of charge, although donations can be given if desired. Prospective clients can contact the volunteer counsellors directly by

accessing the contact details on the DBSS website, www.bereavementsupport.ie.

THURSDAYS IN BLACK

The Council for Mission is planning to promote the 'Thursdays in Black' campaign within the Dublin and Glendalough Diocese.

In every country, gender-based violence is a tragic reality. This violence is frequently hidden, and victims are often silent, fearing stigma and further violence. Everyone has a responsibility to speak out against violence, to ensure that women and men, boys and girls, are safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, streets—in all places in our societies.

The campaign is simple but profound: wear black on Thursdays. In this campaign, black is used as a colour of resistance and resilience. If black is not always suitable, wear a badge to declare that you are part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence. Show your respect for women who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence. Encourage others to join you.

Badges will be distributed to parishes later this year. We plan to see plenty in Kilternan.





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