

# Ruby Country Benefice

The parishes of Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington,  
Clawton, Halwill, Highampton & Tetcott

## Bulletin

### November 2023



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*The LORD is our God,  
and we are his people,  
the sheep he takes care of  
in his own pasture.  
Listen to God's voice today!*

***Psalm 95:7***

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## OCTOBER



- 2<sup>nd</sup>** FUNERAL of Michael LUXTON  
(Ashwater)
- 7<sup>th</sup>** WEDDING of Emma COLWILL and  
Max MARSHALL  
(Ashwater)
- 25<sup>th</sup>** FUNERAL of Pat CHARD  
(Black Torrington)

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Cover image and images on page 11: Metherell Tower, Beaworthy taken by Kay Napier,  
June 2013.

Image on pg. 8 with grateful thanks to Katharine Matthews

Image on pg. 9 - Gorle grave at Beaworthy Church taken by Kay Napier 2022.

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Thanks to Revd. Paul Fitzpatrick, Katharine Matthews, Nikki Mitchell and Sheila Grabham  
for their contributions.

# Holy Cross, Highampton

Please find this update on Holy Cross. Following a Diocesan visit to the site, the Diocese have decided that the church and churchyard are extremely unsafe and the process of closure will begin now.

This will take some time and will include a public consultation about the site, but the building cannot be realistically saved.

The churchyard also remains closed at this time.

I know we expected this news but that doesn't make it any easier.

Paul.



# NOVEMBER

## *From the Rector's Desk*

With my Rural Dean's hat on as well as my Rector's, I want to share where we are with one of our two central mission priorities: schools and young families. So, to start, a quick update.

- Holsworthy Primary has at least one big service per term which it holds in the church. It is an incredibly successful school which has added 60 children this academic year. The school had 230 children and 110 adults with two classes absent on trips at the Harvest service which I was fortunate enough to take. Holsworthy Parish church is massive, but it could barely hold the numbers. The real joy is the increase in parents attending these services despite it being in daytime.
- In our benefice, I have become a Governor at Ashwater and Halwill (single group but not church schools), and am in the process of becoming an 'Advocate' (new form of group Governors) for the Dartmoor schools' group, specifically for Black Torrington C of E school.
- Ashwater had 21 children and 30 Adults into its Harvest festival which the head and I shared in the morning and then Halwill with 60 children and 50 adults (happily little space again!) in the afternoon. These took place in the schools not the churches, but there is a real positivity for Christian assemblies and events. Both schools have booked the churches for their Christmas services/concerts.
- Black Torrington primary had their Harvest in the church (9 children which is the full school population and 14 adults), where we did a café service with coffee, cakes and sandwiches which was a positive change in how to run these events.
- I have done an induction with Clawton School (88 children) but no services yet, although they want to visit the church for its history, cultural position, and ecology, so this is where the equipment that the diocese purchased will have its second outing next term.

This all looks wonderful but, with frankness, there is so much to do yet. I am still making connections and although **all** our churches positively want children and young families in them, there are three key problems to address:

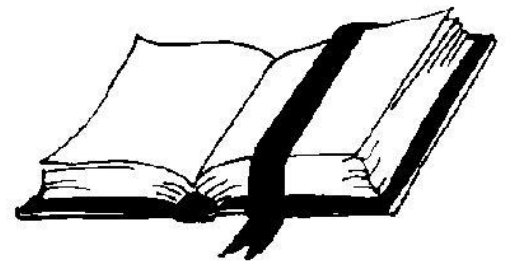
1. There is little cultural history of young families attending churches for at least the last few years; hence the different engagement plans to get past the perceived 'Alienness' of church.
2. Young families do not understand or relate to a Sunday service of Holy Communion so engagement may need to be by a different route; special services and outreach projects are excellent and readily accepted but congregations need children in their Sunday Services as their primary way of building a sustainable future. This is doable, but requires a lot of work and commitment moving forward.
3. Our Benefice has five primary schools, Holsworthy two and Bradworthy two, covering 240 miles. The two colleges are in Holsworthy and Okehampton and they both have connect/youth teams in them. These are evangelical teams and although supported by our congregations financially, there is no connection between Primary Christian input and secondary provision and no parish connections at all.

Our worship leaders attended the Scripture Union 'Mission Possible' evening on youth work which our Deanery hosted. The key point I took away from this was that we need to get away from 'engagement projects', and new concepts, and invest in training to facilitate (a) long term continuity and efficiency in youthwork and young families, based in our parishes. (b) We have got to develop our professional ability to work outside the box in terms of integrated mission, growth, and evangelism. (c) This will need a consistent local strategy behind it, 'touch and go' ministry is not going to work.

As I said, there is much to do, but the possibilities are, happily, enormous. I meet with the diocesan advisor in early November.

Paul.

# Lectionary Readings for November 2023



<p><b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent)</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 2: 9 – 13 Matthew 23: 1 – 12</p> <p><b>Services at Ashwater, Black Torrington, Halwill, Tetcott</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent) Remembrance Sunday</p> <p>1Thessalonians 4: 13 – end Matthew 25: 1 – 3</p> <p><b>Services at Ashwater, Halwill Village Hall, Tetcott, Clawton, Beaworthy</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b> (2<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent)</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11 Matthew 25: 14 – 30</p> <p><b>Services at Ashwater, Black Torrington, Halwill</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b> Christ the King</p> <p>Ephesians 1: 15 – end Matthew 25: 31 – end</p> <p><b>Services at Holsworthy, Clawton, Highampton</b></p>		

*To help you prepare for one of our services or to  
read at home*

## Ruby Country Benefice Services for November 2023

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Ashwater	Morning Service
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent	11am	Black Torrington	Holy Communion
	11am	Halwill	Morning Service
	5:30pm	Tetcott	Tea followed by Evening Service (6pm)
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10:50am	Black Torrington war memorial	Remembrance Service
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10:50am	Ashwater	Remembrance Service
Remembrance Sunday	10:50am	Halwill (War Memorial & Village Hall)	Remembrance Service
	10:50am	Tetcott	Remembrance Service
	2:30pm	Clawton	Remembrance Service
	6:30pm	Beaworthy	Remembrance Service
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am	Ashwater	Holy Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent	11am	Black Torrington	Café Church
	11am	Halwill	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30am	Holsworthy	Induction of Revd. Alison Hardy with the Bishop of Crediton
Christ the King	11am	Clawton	United Service
	3:30pm	Highampton	Holy Communion

Weekly - all welcome from the benefice

<b>Wednesday</b>	10am	Black Torrington	Morning Prayer
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## From last month's Bulletin on Ernest Arthur Stirling WOOLLCOMBE...



Following last month's Bulletin, I received an email from Katharine MATTHEWS with the image above of a lamp which belonged to her late mother – as you can see, it once belonged to the WOOLLCOMBE family.

This lamp was presented to Charles Belfield WOOLLCOMBE, the second son Archdeacon WOOLLCOMBE (and cousin of young Ernest whose grave the last article was about) on the occasion of his marriage to Betty in London in 1892.

Charles was born in around 1851 in Kingsteignton, but lived and is commemorated at Ashbury near Northlew. He died in 1901, and his wife Betty died 42 years later in 1943.



# John Tayler GORLE

## 1822 – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1888

Tucked away in St. Albans churchyard is a broken, weathered grave which is the marker for Captain John Tayler GORLE and his wife Frances. The stone has stood in place for over a century, and in that time, the GORLE family have moved from this place and their story forgotten.



John was born in around 1822 in Kempsey in Worcestershire, a village near the River Severn and a few miles out from Worcester itself. Baptised on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1822, his record tells us he was the son of John GORLE and his wife Ann TAYLOR. He was the fifth of seven children, but the only son to survive to adulthood; his older brother – John William having died in 1818 aged only 7.

John Tayler GORLE married his wife Frances MOORE on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 1848. Frances was the daughter of Macartney MOORE and his wife Henrietta HALHED. Macartney worked as a writer with the East India Company, where he met and married Henrietta, and his four children, including Frances, were born in what were the East Indies.

Frances was born in about 1826 in Saharunpur, in modern day Uttar Pradesh in India. By the time of Frances' marriage to John GORLE, they were back in England, marrying in GORLE's native Worcestershire.

The marriage produced several children;

Henrietta Ann GORLE, who was born in Plymouth in 1850.

Frances Elizabeth GORLE, who was baptised in 1851, Worcestershire

Frances Elizabeth GORLE – who may be the previous Frances, but her birth is listed as 1853 Nice, France in the census

John Macartney GORLE, born in 1855 Godshill, Isle of Wight and baptised in Kempsey, Worcestershire May 1855

Rachel Mary GORLE, born 1857 in Ferryside, Camarthenshire

Richmond GORLE, born 1859 in Chepstow, Monmouthshire

Rosa Myra GORLE, born and baptised in 1860 in Kempsey

Ambrose GORLE, born in Poughill, Cornwall in 1862.

Phillis GORLE, baptised 1<sup>st</sup> November 1864 in Poughill, however I can find no further record or proof of her existence.

Louisa GORLE, known as Luta, baptised 10<sup>th</sup> December 1866 at Poughill

And Harry Vaughan GORLE, born and baptised in 1868 at Poughill.

The only mention I can find of John senior is in the 1861 Census.

The family is living in Naphton Road in Kempsey, Worcestershire, and John Tayler GORLE is listed as "Late Captain in the Army" . He is living at the address with his wife Frances, aged 34, and children Harrietta (sic.) aged 11, Frances aged 8, John aged 6, Rachel, aged 4, Richmond aged 2, and Rosa aged 0. Living with them are John's widowed mother Ann GORLE aged 74, and unmarried sister, Ann M GORLE aged 47. Both John's mother and sister have their occupations listed as "Fundholder" – I am informed by the wonderful world wide web that this means "A person who has money invested in Government securities;" as occupations go, I don't think that's too shabby! Living with the GORLES are those with less affluent occupations – maid Hannah Horcher, 25 of Gloucester, domestic servant Sarah J Bubb, aged 18 of Pirton, Worcester and her sister Ann M Bubb, aged 16 who is the family nurse.

We know the family move to Poughill outside Bude the following year as Ambrose GORLE's baptism record reveals that the family are residing at Lake Cottage, Poughill. It is likely that the family moved with John Tayler GORLE's army stationing, before returning to his home parish, but we cannot be sure what brought the family from there to Poughill and later to Beaworthy.

The gravestone for John Tayler GORLE states that he was a captain, and a website about his son Harry lists that John served with Her Majesty's 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, and would likely have served in the Mediterranean, Ireland, England, Australia, India and possibly during the Crimean War.

John Tayler's probate record shows that he was living at Metherell Towers at the time of his death, his daughter Luta also died here in 1903, and the 1911 census shows his son Richmond living here with his wife Hilda Mary and son Richmond Ambrose GORLE.



**Images of Metherell Tower, taken June 2013**

Metherell Towers had become the firm home of the GORLE family. However, by 1919, Richmond was living in North Tawton at Nichols Nymet House – now in 2023 being run as a bed and breakfast. Hilda and Richmond junior are buried in the churchyard at North Tawton.

Richmond GORLE died in the Okehampton registration district in 1936, and it wasn't long before Metherell Towers was in the hands of journalist, writer and photographer Edward Hemingway, a cousin of the author Ernest. In 1936, Metherell Towers became a nine-acre nudist camp; one of the oldest nudist colonies in the country prior to its sale in 2004. Part of this estate is now the Ruby Country Lodge Park, and the dilapidated house stands on the outskirts of it.

Going back.

John Tayler GORLE died on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1888 and was buried at Beaworthy. His widow was listed as living in Bratton Village, Bratton Clovelly at the time of the 1891 census, aged 64, alongside their children Richmond aged 32, listed as a Horse Breeder, Rachel aged 33, Rosa aged 30 and Louisa aged 24.

Footman Thomas R HIGGINS aged 18 and domestic servant Damaris DARK aged 16 made up their staff.

On Christmas Eve 1900, Frances GORLE died and would be buried in Beaworthy with her husband.

But what of their children?

Oldest daughter Henrietta married Thomas Hamilton ANSON in 1872 and they emigrated to Christchurch, New Zealand where she died 27<sup>th</sup> July 1929.

Frances Elizabeth GORLE married Henry Vernon ANSON, cousin of her brother-in-law Thomas. She died in Upton on Severn in 1933, but was buried in Greenwich Cemetery, having set up home with her husband in Blackheath, South East London.

John Macartney GORLE, named for both his father and maternal grandfather, seems to disappear after his mention in the 1861 census so may have emigrated abroad.

Rachel Mary GORLE died unmarried in 1931 in the Crediton registration district.

Richmond GORLE – as we explored earlier, married Hilda Mary HEATH in 1909 and had a son, also called Richmond. Richmond senior's death was registered in the March quarter of 1936 in the Okehampton district.

Rosa Myra GORLE also died unmarried in 1937 in the Central Devon registration district.

Ambrose GORLE died in 1930, Forest Green, Surrey having married Hilda Mary MOORE of Cheshire in 1907.

Phillis GORLE was not mentioned again after her baptism in 1864 – there is not even a corresponding birth record for her.

Louisa “Luta” GORLE died unmarried at Metherell Towers in 1903 and is buried at Bratton Clovelly.

Their youngest son Harry Vernon GORLE holds the most fascinating part of the story.

Harry, born at Poughill, married twice. Firstly to Ethel Katherine ARCHDALL of Ireland, and secondly to Edith Mary FRANCIS of Devon.

Ethel was the daughter of Reverend William ARCHDALL of Armagh and latterly County Cork. Ethel and Harry married in 1895 in Antrim, Ireland and had a son, Robert.

Harry served in the Boer Wars, and, apparently, narrowly missed out on being awarded the Victoria Cross, instead receiving the Distinguished Service Order.

Harry was commissioned as a Lieutenant in 1893 via the Militia and joined the Army Service Corps the next month on active duty.

By 1898, Harry had advanced to the rank of Captain and was, by this time, serving in South Africa.

He was appointed to defend Kimberley and was in charge of arrangements for all supplies and transport for the garrison, and it was his idea in 1900 that personal food supplies were to be commandeered for general sale to the people of Kimberley instead of just the individuals who had brought food for themselves.

Harry's first wife Ethel died in 1904.

Harry was advanced to the rank of Major in 1905, and retired in 1908 aged 40. During this retirement, he married his second wife Edith in 1914.

In 1915 his first daughter was born in Portsmouth- Joan Mary Partridge GORLE.

A second child was conceived; however he was recalled as part of the Great War effort aged 48 and served in Macedonian theatre from 1916 to 1918. His second son, Michael John Vaughan GORLE was born in Havant in 1917.

Harry Vernon GORLE died aged 83 in Bury St Edmunds in 1951.

His son Michael is commemorated on the war memorial at Beyton, Suffolk as Major GORLE, R.A.S.C, having given his life during the Second World War. I cannot find any record of his death.

I also assume that Harry's daughter Joan moved abroad as I cannot find any record of her.

I take this opportunity to apologise for the lack of photographs to this point – I simply haven't been able to find any. However, I hope the next page makes up for it.

Harry's son from his first marriage was Robert Vaughan GORLE, born 6<sup>th</sup> May 1896 in Southsea, and died the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1937 in Durban South Africa where he had emigrated before the beginning of World War One. After the war he worked as a librarian. He married Ruth THOMAS in 1924 and they had two children – Timothy and Drucilla.

**Robert Vaughan GORLE**  
**VC**  
**1896 –1937**

**From the London Gazette:**

*“For the most conspicuous bravery, initiative and devotion to duty during the attack on Ledeghem on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1918, when in command of an 18-pdr gun working in close conjunction with infantry. He brought his gun into action in the most exposed positions on four separate occasions, and disposed of enemy machine guns by firing over open sights under direct machine gun fire at 500 to 600 yards’ range.*

*Later, seeing that the infantry were being driven back by intense hostile fire, he, without hesitation, galloped his gun in front of the leading infantry, and on two occasions knocked out enemy machine guns which were causing the trouble. His disregard of personal safety and dash were a magnificent example to the wavering line, which rallied and re-took the northern end of the village.”*



**His Victoria Cross was purchased privately and is now displayed on rotation at The Lord Ashcroft Gallery: Extraordinary Heroes Exhibition, Imperial War Museum, London.**

So next time you find yourself at St Albans, walk around and look out for the broken cross and take a moment to stop and think.

Four generations of this family saw active war service.

The couple beneath your feet have a son who almost got a Victoria Cross, and a grandson, buried a few thousand miles away in South Africa who was awarded for – as the government website describes it – ‘most conspicuous bravery, or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice, or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy’”, and his medals can be seen in the Imperial War Museum.

It all seems a million miles away from a leafy countryside churchyard, doesn't it.

Kay Napier  
October 2023

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Please get your posters, news, pictures, articles, details of services, fundraisers or any other submissions in **FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY by the 15<sup>th</sup> November** to feature in the next Bulletin. If you need an extra day or two to get the information together, please let Kay know whether you'll need a whole page or half a page by the 15<sup>th</sup> to reserve a space, however the latest possible cutoff for receiving items will be midday on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. email [rubbybulletin@gmail.com](mailto:rubbybulletin@gmail.com) or call 01409 221 321



## Morning Prayer

Every Wednesday

St Mary's Church, Black Torrington

10am

*All welcome*



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**KIVELLS** and the **Market Chaplaincy Team**

warmly invite you to

join us on

**Friday**

**10th November**

at **7:00 pm**

for our



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# 2023 Harvest Celebration

at

**Holsworthy**

**Livestock Market**

Speaker:

Rt. Revd Justin Welby,  
Archbishop of Canterbury

Music by:

Devon YFC

Refreshments to follow  
in the Market Cafe



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**The Licensing of Revd Alison Hardy as  
Rector of the Holsworthy Benefice.**



**Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy, Pyworthy with Pancrasweek**

**The Benefice churchwardens cordially invite you to  
The Licensing of the Revd Alison Hardy  
by the Rt Revd Jackie Searle, Bishop of Crediton,  
at the church of St Peter and St Paul, Holsworthy  
Sunday 26th November 2023 at 10.30am**

**Refreshments to follow the service.**

**RSVP by 1st November- [holsworthybenefice@icloud.com](mailto:holsworthybenefice@icloud.com)**



# St Peter & St. James Church, Halwill

*invites you to*

**the commissioning service of  
Kay Napier as Anna Chaplain  
with Archdeacon Verena Breed**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**7pm**

with refreshments to follow

*Ruby Country Benefice*

RUBY PEOPLE WORSHIPPING IN GOD'S COUNTRY

\* **Anna**  
**Chaplaincy**  
for older people





**Festive events to save the date for in December:**  
(dates subject to change)

- 10<sup>th</sup> – Christingle Café Church at Black Torrington
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Carol Service at Highampton
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Festive event at Halwill
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Christingle at Beaworthy
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Carol Service at Ashwater
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Advent Service at Black Torrington
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Carol Service at Beaworthy
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Carol Service at Black Torrington
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Crib Service at Ashwater
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Carol Services at Clawton and Halwill
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Holy Communion at Black Torrington
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Holy Communion at Beaworthy

**Senior Clergy Reflection from Revd. Canon Deborah Parsons,  
Team Vicar of St Mary's and St John's Churches Totnes and  
Canon Chancellor, Exeter Cathedral**

## **Welcoming the Stranger**

An Army Chaplain once told me that at any one time in our life, we'll only ever know a handful of people very well. Influencers have followers, facebook users have friends but in a world population of 8.1 billion most of the population will be strangers to us.

Migration has brought diverse groups of people together from different national, cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds. Those once seen as "exotic" have become "strangers" in our own communities. 2.3 percent of the world's population, live outside their country of nationality.

Being a stranger, is a recurring motif in the Christian Tradition. Abraham leaves his homeland; the Israelites wander in the wilderness and Jesus himself was a refugee and had an itinerant ministry.

In the Bible, we see two different responses to strangers; one based on fear; the other on faith. Ezra and Nehemiah show hostility to strangers. They are keen to establish a clear group identity as God's people. They fear intermarriage will dilute their national, religious and cultural identity. In contrast to this, the book of Ruth, the story of the Good Samaritan and Jesus's own ministry show a deep love and care for the stranger.

In the pandemic, many of us got to know our neighbours better and the war in Ukraine has seen many open their homes to strangers.

On a visit to Bahrain, to strengthen links with our companion dioceses, I was impressed by their work in welcoming the stranger through King Hamad's Centre for Peaceful Co-existence, which encourages interfaith dialogue and religious tolerance and by their conversations supporting safe migration through the Just Good Works App.

Interfaith week runs from 12-19 November. How might our churches act as crucibles for encounter, conversation and social action?

**Rev'd Canon Deborah Parsons, Diocesan Interfaith Advisor**

## Worried about a Child or Vulnerable Adult?

Please speak to your Parish Safeguarding Representative if you have any concerns for the well-being of a child or adult, or about the behaviour of someone towards a child or adult.

Your Parish Safeguarding Representative is:

**Val Letheren** – [rubycountry.beneficeadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:rubycountry.beneficeadmin@btinternet.com) – 07484 880 770

If you cannot reach your Parish Safeguarding Representative, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

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### IMMEDIATE RISK OF HARM

If you believe someone is at immediate risk of harm or that a crime has been committed, dial **999**

If you have serious concerns about an individual's well-being, you should contact the relevant agencies:

#### Concerns about Children

Devon Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH): **0345 155 1071**

#### Concerns about Adults

Devon – Care Direct: **0345 155 1007**

#### Domestic Abuse

Devon Help Line for professionals and individuals: **0345 155 1074**

#### Rape Crisis

National: **0808 802 9999** Devon and Torbay: **01392 204174**

Please notify your safeguarding Representative and/or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team after contacting any of these agencies.

# *Ruby Country Benefice*

RUBY PEOPLE WORSHIPPING IN GOD'S COUNTRY

St. Peter Ad Vincula, Ashwater EX21 5EY

St. Alban, Beaworthy EX21 5AB

St. Mary's, Black Torrington EX21 5PU

St. Leonard, Clawton EX22 6PS

St. Peter & St. James, Halwill EX21 5UH

Holy Cross, Highampton EX21 5LE

Holy Cross, Tetcott EX22 6QZ



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