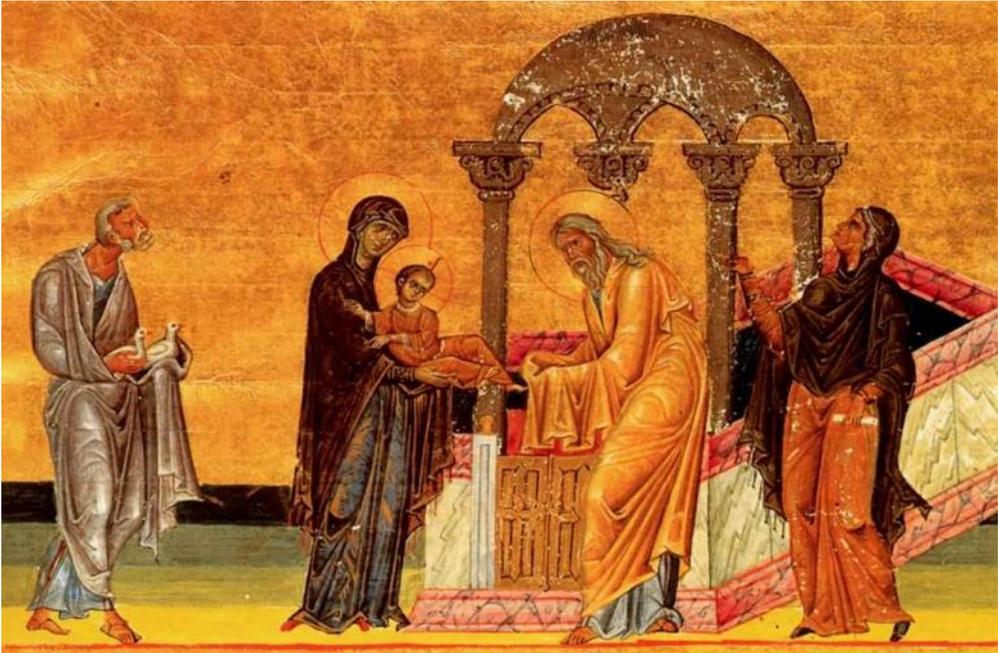


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February 2020

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SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 2nd February

Candlemas

9am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Ulley
10.30am	All Age Worship at All Saints, Aston
6.30pm	Evensong at All Saints, Aston

Sunday 9th February

10.30am	Morning Worship at Holy Trinity, Ulley
10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints, Aston

Sunday 16th February

10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Ulley
10.30am	Morning Worship at All Saints, Aston

Sunday 23rd February

9am	Morning Worship at Holy Trinity, Ulley
10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints, Aston

Sunday 1st March

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Consultation

For two years this diocese has been recognising that, as the whole CofE has some major changes to make to be relevant in our changing society, we need to act urgently. As one of the most deprived dioceses, the pressures upon Sheffield are considerable. For example, the moratorium that had to be placed on all new clergy appointments early last year - clearly affecting our benefice. Last summer we were asked to choose between a number of options, and 75% of the responses chose: 'Scenario Six: Reimagine ordained stipendiary ministry plus SSMS, and lay leadership deployed in a new model of ministry', as the best way forward. There were doubts and concerns, but it has set the direction.

The national picture is also changing in that, instead of the Church Commissioners allocating their resources to dioceses, all are now going to have to ask for what is needed and present how the Sustainability Fund money will be used. Sheffield is the first to apply, in June, so further work in preparing that bid is in progress. This relates to finance, and as our clergy are the largest part of the diocesan budget, so much of the present discussion concerns how many and where and how are our clergy to be used. One idea to halve the number of deaneries has been dropped, but we are being 'paired' so that we can work better together. Laughton deanery is paired with Rotherham. We have been talking together since November, understanding each other's problems and seeing how best we can move forward. That work continues, and we need to consult with every parish about the plans we finally arrive at during March. The comments will then be considered by the diocese as they prepare the Sustainability Fund bid by June.

The Laughton Deanery Synod has long been arranged to be held at St John the Baptist Church, Wales, on 11 February to start at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be available from 7 pm. There will be only one item on the agenda and we are inviting any PCC members to join us - though please note that there is only limited street parking, so join together in cars! Whatever we decide then will be circulated for PCC's to discuss, and respond to the diocese in March.

Some people find these matters tiresome and ask what have they to do with us? Plenty, is the answer! We are also blessed with a Bishop and his council who want us all to be involved, so that we all move in a common direction, understanding and helping each other. That is so much better than a few working together to sort it all out without taking the perspective of us all into account. These are weighty matters - we all need to be involved as much as possible - we all can pray for God's guidance as we seek to move in His way.

Peter Hutchinson, Lay Chair Laughton Deanery Synod



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Many thanks to **EVERYONE** who supported our Christmas Fair, which raised approximately £1300. Thanks to all the different stall holders, refreshments team and raffle organiser for yet another amazing effort all the stalls looked very festive and the games and activities were great fun. It was lovely to welcome Santa to his incredible grotto and Frosty the Snowman made a brilliant contribution.

Thanks also to **EVERYONE** who came to enjoy the Christmas Fair ... and especially to the members of the Workshop U3A Ukulele group for their excellent musical performance. Thanks to all the people who helped to make it such a special occasion.

From the Events and Hospitality group



All Saints have re-commenced being a collection point for the main Trussell Trust Rotherham Foodbank. Today in Rotherham there are families struggling to put food on the table - people on low incomes, a sudden crisis, redundancy or benefit delay can mean going hungry. They feed over 200 people per week, providing emergency food and support to local people in crisis.

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A typical food parcel would include: Cereal, Soup, Pasta, Cooking Sauce, Tinned Tomatoes, Beans, & Vegetables. Tinned meat and fish. Tinned fruit, Biscuits, UHT milk and Fruit juice.

We can help by giving generously. There is a basket in the Church Porch for donations.

Thank you



Date	Sidespersons	Scripture Reader	Intercessions	Chalice	TEAS
05/01/20 (AAW)	Sheila Brown Pauline Martin	-	-	-	Marjorie Ann
12/01/20 (HC)	Bessie James B Wall	Val Dixon	Sharron Goddard	Bradley Cox	Pauline Kath
19/01/20 (SMW)	Marjorie O'Neill Ann Mason	Chris Ward	Ann Mason	-	Janet Wendy
26/01/20 (HC)	Pam Taylor Bill Mawson	Hazel Rainer	Terry NF	Sharron Goddard	Ann Marlene
02/02/20 (AAW)	Val Dixon Bradley Cox	-	-	-	Marilyn Norman
09/02/20 (HC)	Marilyn Harvey Norman Harvey	Marilyn Harvey	Norman Harvey	Glyn Sands	Mavis Michael
16/02/20 (SMW)	Pam Taylor Gill Ward	Pam Taylor	Milly Nuttall	-	Sue Ann
23/02/20 (HC)	Bill Mawson S Mellor	B Wall	S Mellor	B Wall	Wendy Pam

(AAW) All Age Worship (SMW) Sunday Morning Worship + Choir

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

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1 Samuel 2:11-17, 22-25, 3:1-21

As soon as he was old enough to leave his parents, Samuel went to live at God's temple in Shiloh, with the priest, Eli..

Eli's sons were also priests, but they helped themselves to what people had brought to give to God.



Eli talked to them about it. They ignored him.



But Samuel did all the work he was given well.

One night, after everyone had gone to bed, Samuel heard someone calling him.



He thought it was Eli, so he ran to him.



No, I didn't call you

It happened again.



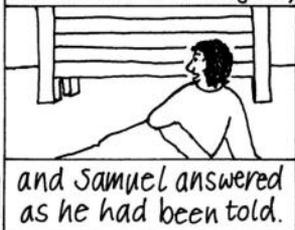
I didn't call. Go back to bed.

The third time, Eli knew it must be God calling Samuel.



You must say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

God called Samuel again,



and Samuel answered as he had been told.

I told Eli his sons had done bad things, but he has not stopped them. Now, even being sorry will not make up for what has happened.



The next morning, Eli demanded to be told what God had said.



Samuel was afraid, but he told him.

He is God. He will deal with us as is right.



God continued to talk to Samuel. He became known throughout Israel.





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Local Transport and The Blue Bell in Aston

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The No. 85 bus from Sheffield Gainsborough 1940s/50s.

The original Blue Bell in Aston was a three-storey building with a plain rendered front. We are not sure when it was built but we do know that it was an inn in 1788 because a parish meeting was held there and it was recorded in the Overseers of the Poor Accounts Book.

Travel in those days was by horseback or carriage and journeys often took several hours and even days. The Blue Bell was a coaching inn offering accommodation and refreshment to travellers along the Attercliffe to Worksop turnpike road which ran from Attercliffe, through Handsworth, Aston and Anston to Worksop and eventually became the A57. The inn had extensive stables and the innkeeper, John Ostliffe, employed ostlers to take care of the horses. (John Ostliffe died in 1805 and if you would like to see the gravestone of John and his family, it is one of those that make up the path from the gate to the church porch.)

The frontage of the Blue Bell was altered sometime after the marriage of Harry Verelst of Aston Hall and Mary Wilson of Sheffield in 1888 and the name changed to the Blue Bell Hotel. Mrs. Verelst visited Switzerland many times and began altering some of the buildings in Aston and Aughton to suit that style. This can be seen in the Blue Bell in Aston, the shops nearby, the present rectory and the Black Bull in Aughton.

On the front wall of the Blue Bell were bus stop and fare stage signs for the Sheffield Joint Omnibus Committee. They were removed when the Blue Bell was converted into apartments in 2014 and the fare stage sign was rescued by the History Group, renovated by Chairman Brian Mears and is in the display cabinets in the Reading Room.

Sheffield's first tramway opened in 1873 and was horse-drawn. It ran between Lady's Bridge and Attercliffe. The first electric tram ran between Nether Edge and Tinsley and by 1902 all the routes were electrified. The last tram ran from Leopold Street to Beauchief on 8th October 1960.

In February 1908 it was reported in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph that a motor



wagonette had been licensed to run between Darnall tram terminus and Swallownest via Handsworth and Woodhouse Mill. There would be hourly journeys and a fare of sixpence (5p).

In 1911 Rotherham Corporation applied to Parliament for a Bill which gave them statutory powers to run what were called trolley vehicles along the Worksop and Attercliffe main road. Mr. Verelst of Aston Hall objected to this proposal because the main road ran through his estate at Aston. Rotherham Corporation took his objection before the Court of Referees which considered such private petitions against bills. The court allowed the landowner "locus standi" which is the right or ability to bring a legal action to a court of law, or to appear in a court. As far as I am aware no trolley vehicles ran through Aston so it is possible that Mr. Verelst won his case.

Sheffield was one of the UK's first cities to introduce buses and the first route was launched on 15th February 1913 between Broomhill and Lodge Moor. They were run by Sheffield Corporation Tramways to reach parts of the city where trams could not run, either because of insufficient residents or where hills were too steep. Timetables were set for buses to connect with tram services. In 1929 the Sheffield Joint Omnibus Committee was set up to regulate bus and tram routes.

In the 1950s and 1960s routes from Sheffield through Aston were:

No. 6 Sheffield to Dinnington via Darnall and Handsworth.

No. 19 Sheffield to Dinnington via Woodhouse.

No. 21 Sheffield to Swallownest via Catcliffe.

No. 85 Sheffield to Retford and Gainsborough via Aston.

South Yorkshire County Council (SYCC) was created in 1974, comprising Sheffield, Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham. They were given the responsibility of providing public transport and this was allocated to the new South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYLTE).

In the 1980s route numbers were changed:

No. 204 Sheffield to Aston to Chesterfield.

No. 206 Sheffield to Dinnington.

No. 220 Sheffield to Aston.

No. 221 Sheffield to Treeton to Swallownest.

Deregulation of UK bus services in 1986 brought an end to local authority direct control of local bus services, in essence leaving the bus companies to decide where, when and how often to run services, although SYLTE still maintained an advisory role and funded the running of some non-commercially viable routes that were considered socially essential.

Ann Key

Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



By the Rev John Tyler.

Lent – a good time to deepen your prayer life

Lent is a time to take stock of ourselves spiritually. This includes setting aside extra time for prayer. Here are some helpful things to remember as you settle down to it:

People have been praying since Adam had a grandson named Enosh. The Bible tells us (Genesis 4:26) that it was during his days when ‘men began to call on the name of the Lord’. They have been doing it ever since.

People have had their prayers answered by God since Genesis, too. But if you want to read some beautiful prayers – and answers to them, browse through the Psalms. Again and again the psalmist writes: “the Lord heard my cry”.

So – what do you need to bring to prayer? Just the tiniest amount of faith that God is even there.... Jesus assures us that even faith as big as a tiny mustard seed will be effective.

What gives you the right to come before Almighty God? Jesus does. The Bible is clear that “there is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ”. (1 Timothy 2:5)

The Bible makes clear that God does not stand on ceremony – in fact, He prefers our personal, spontaneous prayers. Jesus was very matter of fact about it: “When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” (Matthew 6:6)

The Bible assures us that prayer will bring us good things: “we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need”. (Hebrews 4:16)

Above all, prayer must be made with a pure heart. “If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” (Psalm 66:18) That simply means that if you know you are doing something wrong, and intend to keep right on doing it, don’t waste your time praying.

Finally, what can be the results of your prayers this Lent? Well, here are seven, for starters....

1. Joy and deep happiness. (John 16:24)
2. Relief from your worry, stress and tension (Philippians 4:6,7)
3. Wisdom and more mental clarity (James 1:5,6)
4. Protection and deliverance from temptations (Matthew 26:41)
5. An ability to share the Good News of Jesus to other people (Matthew 9:38)
6. Strength to persevere when you feel under spiritual attack (Ephesians 6:18)
7. A growing thankfulness to God, who is worthy of all glory (Revelation 4:11)



Teenage couch-potatoes

Do you have teenagers? What are they doing at the moment? Chances are, they are glued to their phone. The World Health Organisation has warned that some 80 per cent of teenagers in Britain do not take enough exercise, and that a couch-potato lifestyle has become their norm.

Girls are even less active than boys, with 75 per cent of boys and 85 per cent of girls not doing enough exercise. The WHO is urging teenagers to do at least an hour of moderate physical activity – walking or cycling – each day.

In the UK, one in five children is obese or overweight by the time they leave primary school.



Thomas Rotherham

Rotherham has had some famous sons and daughters including: England Goalkeeper David Seaman, Referee Howard Webb and actors such as Dean Andrews of 'Life on Mars' fame and Paul Shane, alias Ted Bovis, of *Hi-de-Hi* alongside nostalgic watercolour artist Margaret Clarkson. There are *many* more but none more famous in the traditional 'history book' sense than Thomas Rotherham. Who was he and what was his local legacy?

Thomas was the son of Sir Thomas Rotherham of (you guessed it) Rotherham. He was born on Brookgate, now College Street between Westgate and All Saints Square, in 1423. He had a good tutor and went on to study at, newly established, 'The Kings College of Our Lady of Eton by Windsor' – or as we simply know it 'Eton'. I don't know what the fees were - probably less than the £15,000 or so a term they are now. Thomas went on to King's College Cambridge to study Divinity.

Like Eton, King's was founded by Henry VI who was apparently a lover of 'education, religion learning and research' as well as being described as 'timid'. He was unsuited to leading the nation in the continuing 100 Years War and at the start of the Wars of the Roses. He lost all of England's French empire, apart from Calais, and also his mental faculties. He became unresponsive for a year and ultimately met a sad, violent, death during imprisonment in The Tower of London.

After graduation Thomas climbed the slippery pole of a career in the Church, becoming Bishop of Lincoln in 1472 and Archbishop of York in 1500. He purchased Barnes Hall at Burncross in Sheffield. It's unclear how much he visited. Edward IV appointed him to be Keeper of the Privy Seal - used to authenticate state documents - literally the stamp of Royal authority. He acted as ambassador to Burgundy - unfriendly to the French King and a great place to pick up some wine. In 1475 he became Lord Chancellor to Edward IV – the highest Officer of State. Typically the Lord Chancellor was the Royal Chaplain and key adviser to the King in spiritual and state matters. Thomas Rotherham certainly 'mattered'.

When Edward died in 1483 Thomas worked with dowager Queen Elizabeth Woodville, to protect child heir, Edward V from the infamous Richard of Gloucester who ultimately bumped off young Edward and seized the throne. Thomas had handed over the Seal to Elizabeth not Richard and was fired and imprisoned accordingly. After a brief return to the Lord Chancellorship, Henry Tudor, who defeated the delightful Richard at Bosworth, not very gently, nudged Thomas into retirement.

In retirement Thomas founded 'The College of Jesus' in Rotherham as a free school for boys by which to remember his old tutor by on College Street. He died of plague near York in 1500 and his tomb is at York Minster. Although the College was seized by the Crown in 1550 its teaching work continued though now as the Grammar School which was, in turn, effectively incorporated into Thomas Rotherham College in 1967. It is quite something to have a local and national legacy lasting over 500 years. He was definitely 'made in Rotherham!'



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2 February - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2 February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.





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February 4th IN Talk "Yorkshire Humour and Monologues"

Aston-cum-Aughton History Group

Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 7-9pm, William Layne Reading Room, Aughton Lane, Aston. Visitors welcome.

Illustrated talk: Monday 17th February 2020, 7 pm – 9 pm. "Lady Mary Wortley Montagu" by Roger England. Lady Mary lived in the 18th century and excelled in writing, travelling and promoting the only deterrent to smallpox in Europe before vaccination was discovered.

Aston-cum-Aughton Ladies Group

Meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 1.45pm in the Narthex at All Saints Church. New members / visitors welcome (small fee). Contact Val on 0114 287 3214

Chatterbox Activity Group

for pensioners, carers and over 55's. **See pg.20**

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Sunday 16th February

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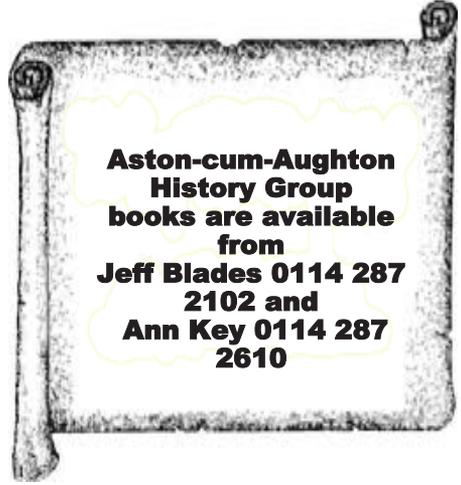
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Anon



Today's hymns are based on last week's trend in petrol prices...



Psalm 23 Garden coming to RHS Chelsea

The Bible Society has announced that “We’re absolutely thrilled to be working with award-winning garden designer Sarah Eberle, to bring Psalm 23 to life at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May 2020!”

The Psalm 23 Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2020, designed by Sarah Eberle, will offer visitors the chance “to stop, reflect, and feel refreshed”.

The Bible Society said: “This powerful psalm, with its visual imagery of green pastures, still waters and the valley of the shadow of death, just cries out to be turned into a garden.

“We hope you’ll love it. And after the Chelsea Flower Show, the garden will find a permanent home at the Winchester Hospice in Hampshire, where it will be a blessing to patients and families.”

The Bible Society says it is also hoping that people will “join us in creating community gardens across the country inspired by the Psalm 23 Garden. You can do this outside your office, in your school grounds, or in your churchyard. Let’s get gardening!”

You can follow the project on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and join us on the road to Chelsea.

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Messy Church in School Update



We had a fantastic time exploring the theme of "The Beginning/Creation" at our Messy Church in January.

We made a fruit salad, grew a bean in a bag, used playdoh to create our favourite part of creation, looked at how we could help look after our planet and made a shiny CD sun catcher. We used our fingerprints to paint with for our creative prayer, thanking God that we are all created unique.

For our celebration time we unpacked the Godly Play story of Creation and for our feast time we ate jacket potatoes with lots of tasty toppings. Join us at our next Messy Church on February 6th for lots more fun.



REGULAR SERVICES

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS ASTON CUM AUGHTON

SUNDAYS: All Age Worship (1st Sunday of the month)_____10.30am
Parish Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays)_____10.30am
Morning with choir (3rd Sunday)_____10.30am
Evensong (4th Sunday)_____6.30pm
MONDAYS: 'Praise and Play' (on 3rd Mon Ulley) (term-time only)_____1.30pm
WEDNESDAYS: Holy Communion _____9.30am
Children's group "Footprints and Fun" runs except on 1st Sunday.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY ULLEY

SUNDAYS: Morning Worship 1st Sunday, Parish communion 4th Sunday 9.00am
Morning worship 2nd Sunday Parish communion 3rd Sundays 10.30am

When there is a fifth Sunday in the month, there is a Joint Communion Service for both churches in the benefice.

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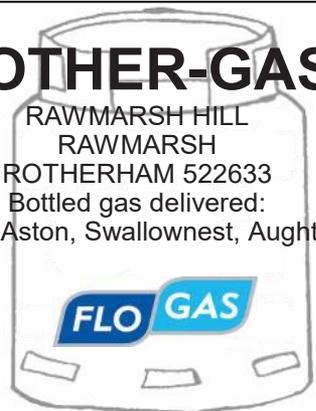
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