

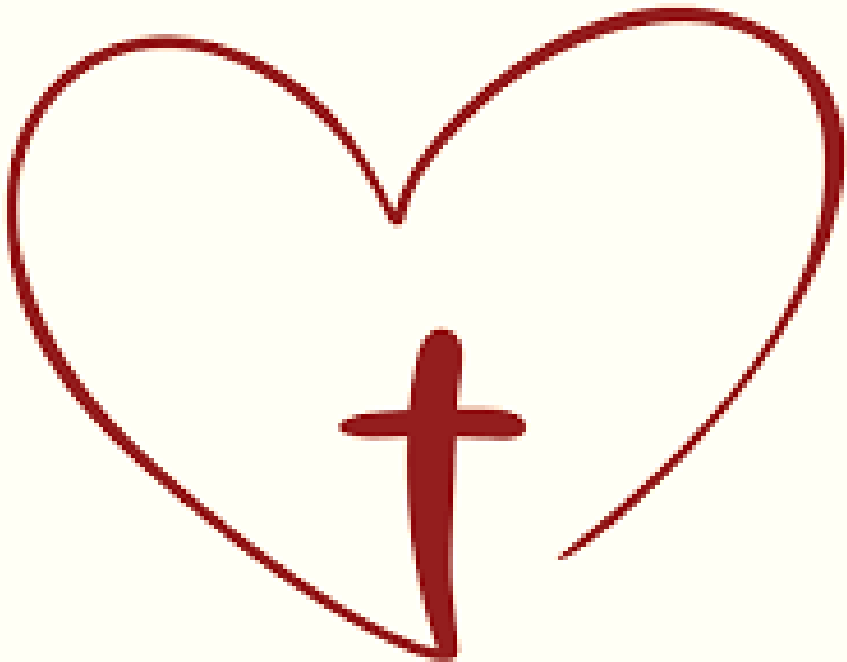
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News from the Parish of Kingsley, Northampton

AUGUST 2024



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Services at the Parish Church of St Matthew

Sundays

10.15am	The Parish Mass (sung)
5.30pm	Evensong — according to The Book of Common Prayer

First Sunday in the month

10.15am	All Age Mass for the Parish Family
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

*When the choir is on holiday (coinciding with school holidays and half terms)
Choral Evensong is replaced with Congregational Evensong*

Second Sunday in the month

10.15am	Laying on of hands and Sacrament of Anointing is offered in the Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Congregational Evensong

Third Sunday in the month

5.30pm	Choral Evensong and Benediction
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Fourth and Fifth Sundays in the month

5.30pm	Congregational Evensong
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Weekdays *(During the winter months of November to March, held in the Parish Centre)*

Morning and Evening Prayer are said publicly at 9.00am and 5.30pm daily

Monday 7.00pm Mass (on Bank Holidays at 9.30am)
(Healing Mass and Devotions on the first Monday in the month)

Tuesday Currently suspended

Wednesday 9.30am Mass

Thursday 9.30am Mass

Friday 12 noon Mass

Saturday 9.30am Mass

(Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham followed by a Cell Meeting on the second Saturday of the month)

Major Feast-Days Procession and Sung Mass at 7.30pm

(Always held in church. The morning Mass may be cancelled — refer to literature in church and on website)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly known as Confession, is celebrated in the Lady Chapel by appointment with the clergy. They are also available for advice and guidance on any matter of concern.

All aspects of the sacrament are in confidence.

Worship Calendar for August

<i>Date</i>	<i>Observance</i>	<i>Intention</i>
1	Feria	
2	Feria	
3	Of the BVM	
4	THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 13)	
5	S Oswald, K and M	The Ministry of Healing
6	Transfiguration of the Lord	
7	Feria	
8	S Dominic, Pr	
9	S Teresa of the Cross V and M (Edith Stein)	
10	S Laurence, Dcn and M	
11	THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 14)	
12	Feria	
13	Feria	
14	S Maximilian Kolbe, Pr and M	
15	Assumption of the BVM	
16	Monthly Requiem	The Faithful Departed
17	Of the BVM	
18	THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 15)	
19	Feria	
20	S Bernard, Ab and Pr	
21	Feria	
22	Feria	
23	S Rose of Lima, V	
24	S Bartholomew, Apostle	
25	THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 16)	
26	Feria	
27	S Monica	
28	S Augustine, B and Dr	
29	The Beheading of S John the Baptist, M	
30	Feria	
31	S Aidan, B & Saints of Lindisfarne	

The Church prays for the community daily.

Please include these topics in your daily prayers.

August's Pastoral Letter from the Vicar

The Primacy of the Heart

In education we generally attach more importance to the head than to the heart. Indeed, the heart hardly gets a look in. We make more of a clever child than of a good child. The world of business and politics rewards cleverness rather than goodness. And yet in our everyday language we acknowledge the primacy of the heart. Here are a few examples.

We judge a person by the heart. One of the most damning things we can say about anyone is that he (or she) has no heart, or that he has a cold heart or a hard heart. But one of the best things we can say about anyone is that he has a heart, or that he has a warm heart or a soft heart.

We judge the degree of a person's commitment to something in terms of the heart. Of one we say, his heart is not in it, or he is only half-hearted. The result is that he will probably quit. Even if he stays, he will not put his best into it. Of another we say, his heart is in it, or he is whole-hearted. Then, in all probability, he will not only persevere but also put his best into it.

We describe sorrow and joy in terms of the heart. We say her heart was broken, or she went with a heavy heart. Or we say, her heart over-flowed with joy, or she went with a light heart.

We describe burdens and wounds in terms of the heart. A heavy heart is the most wearisome burden of all. A broken heart is the most painful wound of all.

There are many more examples that could be given. However, let us end by looking at two. The first concerns worship. The most damning thing that can be said about someone's worship is that the person's heart is not in it. In which case it is mere lip service, like that of the Pharisees. And one of the best things that can be said about someone's worship is that the person's heart is in it. The second concerns badness and goodness. A corrupt heart is the worst form of badness. It means to be bad at the core. A pure heart is the best kind of goodness. It means to be good at the core.

The Gospel places great emphasis on the heart, and we can see why. The heart is the source from which all our thoughts, words and deeds flow. If the heart is clean, then all that flows from it will be clean, like water flowing from a pure spring.

The Pharisees are often depicted as paying more attention to the outside than the inside. We have all met them. They were preoccupied with keep the rules, with having clean hands than having clean hearts.

It's the heart that matters. But only God can see what is in the heart. and only God can make it into what it should be. Spiritually speaking, how healthy is *your* heart?

Your sincere friend and parish priest,

Fr. Nicholas



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Anita, Parish Administrator, at the Parish Office

‘Sabbath is not simply the pause that refreshes. It is the pause that transforms.’

I recently attended General Synod where there were many encouraging debates, including one which focused on the need for clergy to take enough time to rest during the working week. There is a tradition for clergy to take only one day off per week, and this debate was encouraging them to take at least one and a half days. Of course, rest is not something that only clergy need to be reminded of – we all need to remember that we have been made



by God to take care of our minds, bodies and souls, which includes the need for Sabbath rest. It is for good reason that the Ten Commandments includes this. Rest allows us to draw closer to God, to take time to be and marvel at his creation, to take pleasure in hobbies and pastimes, to spend precious time with friends and family. Our world runs at a pace and we often have to be disciplined to stop and rest as God encourages us to. The bible scholar, Walter Brueggemann has written about Sabbath rest and says this:

‘Sabbath is not simply the pause that refreshes. It is the pause that transforms.’

Summer is often a time when we are able to pause and to rest and I hope that you will be able to do just that, and as you do I pray that you will draw close to God and sense more of his transforming presence in your life.

+ Debbie

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Coming soon...



In fact, **Saturday 14 September!** Time to dust off your lycra cycling shorts or brush up your walking shoes – the day when churches and chapels around the county are throwing their doors open to visitors. It's also an opportunity to raise a bit of cash, for St Matthew's but more importantly for the places of worship that desperately need maintenance, more than their congregations can cover. But if you're not up to walking or cycling, you can still take part by sponsoring those in our congregation who hopefully will, or those who sit and record the visitors who come to us! Yes, it's Ride+Stride again.

The county Historic Churches Trust is a body of voluntary organisations that raise money for the restoration and maintenance of historic churches and chapels, supported by the national Churches Trust. In 2012 St Matthew's received a grant of £10,000 for our own major repair works.

Ride+Stride is an annual fun event run by the Trust, and it's been taking place on the second Saturday in September across most of the country since it began in Suffolk in 1981, and not even COVID-19 in 2020 managed to stop it! Last year, with your help, we at St Matthew's raised £355, half of which came back to St Matthew's – funds raised are divided equally between the Trust and the individually sponsored church.

So there are three ways you can join in:

- ❖ You can **walk** on a route of Northampton churches taking part – and enjoy a fun and sociable stroll and see interesting places of worship that may not normally be open except for services.
- ❖ You can **man** St Matthew's (we'll be open between 10.00am and 2.00pm) to welcome and record others visiting our church – it's a nice easy sit-down job for an hour or so (always with someone else).
- ❖ You can **sponsor** us with money – please do! Note that we donate 'en masse' for the riders/striders/recorders – all help equally.

Like to help?

Register your interest in walking, manning or donating with me, either in person after Sunday Mass, or via the Parish Office letterbox in an envelope with a note giving your clearly readable name, address and phone number/email address, and addressed to **Dorrie Parker, Ride+Stride** (and if donating, please **include** it as cash or a cheque payable to NHCT, as it will save me chasing you later – it makes life SO much easier...!).

Thank you in anticipation!

Dorrie Parker

St Matthew's Church

SUMMER FETE



Summer Fete 2024

Denise and Nick Bailey

This year's Summer Fete started with a bang. Thunder, lightning and torrential rain, to be exact.

But we at St Matthew's don't let Old Testament weather conditions put us off. So we battled on... and won. The rain eventually stopped, the crowds turned up and we raised an amazing £4,000 (give or take a few pounds).

Thanks to everyone who gave their energies, their time and their donations. It was a great family fun day and a chance to show off all we have to offer at St Matthew's.

The police and fire crews proved a big hit, particularly with the children. So did our Noah's Ark Kiddies Trail which encouraged many families into the church itself.

The Northampton and District Model Railway Club were inundated with visitors, the SLT Academy of Irish Dancers brought Celtic sparkle and colour, and the Raggle Taggle Folk Band provided music and merriment.

There was a special display of Kingsley's Fallen Heroes and an organ recital by Philip Bricher.

A barbecue, Ben's bouncy castle, face painting, stalls and games galore kept the crowd happy. So did our beer tent and Danny's weightlifting challenge. Our wonderful Café Guides worked flat out providing tea and mouth-watering refreshments.

Highlight of the afternoon was the chance to soak Father Nicholas with wet sponges in the stocks.

More photos are available to see on our website at:
www.stmatthews-northampton.org.uk



32nd St Matthew's Multi-Aged Girlguiding

Mandy Ludlow

With the end of the academic year looming we try and get all the badges presented and Promises made. We held a Promise and Badge Presentation evening in June which parents attended. Rainbows were presented with their Family Tree and Agility Badges, as well as some girls earning their Know Myself Theme Award. Three new Rainbows made their Promise.

Three Brownies were awarded their Collector Badge, and girls also received their Aviation Badge. Brownies also had three girls make their Brownie Promise; similarly, two Guides made their Guide Promise.

We were fortunate enough to have four girls join us in the autumn of 2023 as Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers; these girls have decided to continue as Young Leaders and they made their Promise. Essence and Alexis are Young Leaders with Brownies whilst Marhi and Libby are with Rainbows.

During the evening, we were also joined by Margaret Pilsbury who is a Vice President and Lesley Ingle who is both a Guide Guider and Division Commissioner. They had come to be the guests of Amara, Ellen, Maeve and Juniper who were doing their 'I have been a Brownie Hostess' Badge. The girls had to make a table decoration, make cakes or biscuits, serve tea or coffee, set the tray and look after their guests. I am told all the girls did a great job.


As I have written several times, because of the bank holidays and Easter holidays, we lose a lot of Mondays. Parents are still paying subs and we want to make sure that they do not feel cheated, therefore we decided to have a fun 'Chip and Pop' evening. This consisted playing games, flap the fish, potato head beetle and fishes in the sea. The girls were split into four groups, each group then visiting the fish and chip shop to purchase chips which were taken back to the Parish Centre where they were enjoyed with lemonade and fizzy orange.

On the Monday following the fete we try and have an easier evening. This year we went to Pinnacle, the indoor climbing centre. The coach picked us up at 5.30pm and we did not get back until 8.30pm, and all the girls had a great time on the climbing wall, boulder climbing and caving, even the four year olds.

Café Guides ran the tea rooms at the fete. We were busy from the start, and still serving at 4 o'clock. Those that were at the fete or visited Café Guides after the All Age Service the next day will have noticed our new acquisition – a baked potato machine! From September we will be offering jacket potatoes as well as our normal bacon/sausage rolls and homemade cakes. These will have a variety of fillings served with salad.

After the last couple of Café Guides we have been approached by members of the congregation who have wanted bacon or sausage rolls etc, but by the time they get to us we have sold out. If you would like to pre-order, we now have forms available, so we can have orders ready for you. We will be serving a limited offering in August owing to leaders being on holiday, but there will definitely be tea, coffee and a small selection of cake.





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Café Guides Recipe for August

A perfect pasta bake for lovers of fresh vegetables or those with an allotment. This recipe is easy, delicious and nutritious.

Serves 4

Suitable for vegetarians – Suitable for freezing

Summer Vegetable Pasta

Ingredients

- 6oz/175g pasta shapes
- 2oz/50g butter
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 2oz/50g sun-dried tomatoes in olive oil, drained and chopped
- 5oz/150g button mushrooms, sliced
- 1 courgette, sliced
- 4oz/110g baby corn, sliced in half
- 1 jar tomato pasta sauce or 9oz/275g of home-made
- 2 eggs
- 11oz/300g Greek-style natural yogurt
- 5oz/150g mature cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon basil or oregano, chopped
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas mark 6
2. Cook the pasta in plenty of boiling, lightly salted water until just tender, about 8-10 minutes, or according to pack instructions.
3. Meanwhile, melt the butter in a large frying pan and sauté the onion and garlic gently for 5 minutes. Add the sun-dried tomatoes and all the remaining vegetables and cook for 5 minutes more, stirring frequently.
4. Drain the pasta well and add to the vegetable mixture along with the pasta sauce, stirring to combine. Transfer to a large ovenproof dish.
5. Beat together the eggs and yogurt, then stir in the cheese. Add the basil or oregano and season well with salt and pepper. Pour evenly over the pasta and vegetables.
6. Bake for 20-25 minutes until set and golden brown.

Tip: You could use other cheeses in this pasta bake as a change from Cheddar – try Red Leicester or Double Gloucester.

Weekday Scripture Readings for August

Our weekday scripture readings, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, taken from the 'Additional Lectionary' which was constructed by the Church of England principally for use in Cathedrals at weekday Evensong.



Thursday	1 st	Proverbs 27.1-12	John 15.12-27
Friday	2 nd	Isaiah 59.8-end	Mark 15.6-20
Saturday	3 rd	Zechariah 7.8–8.8	Luke 20.27-40
Monday	5 th	Judges 13.1-23	Luke 10.38-42
Tuesday	6 th	Exodus 34.29-end	2 Corinthians 3
Wednesday	7 th	Isaiah 45.1-7	Ephesians 4.1-16
Thursday	8 th	Jeremiah 16.1-15	Luke 12.35-48
Friday	9 th	Jeremiah 18.1-11	Hebrews 1.1-9
Saturday	10 th	Jeremiah 26.1-19	Ephesians 3.1-13
Monday	12 th	Ruth 2.1-13	Luke 10.25-37
Tuesday	13 th	Proverbs 16.1-11	Philippians 3.4 <i>b</i> -end
Wednesday	14 th	Deuteronomy 11.1-21	2 Corinthians 9.6-end
Thursday	15 th	Song of Solomon 2.1-7	Acts 1.6-14
Friday	16 th	Obadiah 1-10	John 19.1-16
Saturday	17 th	2 Kings 2.11-14	Luke 24.36-end
Monday	19 th	1 Samuel 17.32-50	Matthew 8.14-22
Tuesday	20 th	Proverbs 17.1-15	Luke 7.1-17
Wednesday	21 st	Jeremiah 5.20-end	2 Peter 3.8-end
Thursday	22 nd	Daniel 2.1-23	Luke 10.1-20
Friday	23 rd	Daniel 3.1-28	Revelation 15
Saturday	24 th	Deuteronomy 18.15-19	Matthew 10.1-22
Monday	26 th	2 Samuel 7.4-17	2 Corinthians 5.1-10
Tuesday	27 th	Proverbs 18.10-21	Romans 14.10-end
Wednesday	28 th	Judges 4.1-10	Romans 1.8-17
Thursday	29 th	Isaiah 49.14-end	John 16.16-24
Friday	30 th	Job 9.1-24	Mark 15.21-32
Saturday	31 st	Exodus 19.1-9	John 20.11-18

Hearing God's Call

Responding to God's Call

Gary Drinkwater

Ordination is a rite for the dedication and commissioning of ministers. The essential ceremony consists of the laying of hands of the Bishop upon the head of the one being ordained, with prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and of grace required for the carrying out of the ministry. The service also usually includes a public examination of the candidate and a sermon or charge concerning the responsibilities of the ministry.

During June I attended the ordination of Ben Scott to the priesthood, having been a Deacon for a year. It took place at the beautiful church of St Saviours in Eastbourne by the Bishop of Lewes. If you ever get the chance to visit, I am sure you will be as impressed as I was. This picture doesn't do it justice. You may recall Ben served at the altar here at St Matthew's whilst he was at university here.



A couple of weeks after the service Ben talked of the journey that brought him to this stage. "I was drawn to my local church from attending a church primary school. I went on to be confirmed. I first felt a call to ordained ministry when serving in my home parish during the vicar's sabbatical but went to university to complete my degree hoping to become a teacher. This was when Anglo-Catholicism really took hold of me. I began to attend a daily Mass parish and was introduced to the delights of the catholic faith. I was introduced to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and went on to do two placements there, introducing me to devotion to Our Lady and Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. After university I went to be a pastoral assistant at St Albans cathedral for two years whilst in the discernment process. I was selected for ordination and trained at Mirfield. I was a funeral director for three years during the pandemic, before completing my training, and for the last year I have been serving the people of Lancing, Sompting and Coombes on the South coast. We have five churches, and life is very busy but there is no place I would rather be. I am now two weeks into the great joy of priestly ministry; there is nothing more amazing than celebrating the Eucharist. I feel so privileged to be able to serve God in this way. There have been many highs and lows up to this point, and times when I didn't think I would get here, but if God calls you he will remain faithful."



*Left - Fr Ben with Stuart Grout from The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
Centre - Fr Ben with the Bishop of Lewes
Right - Fr Ben celebrating his first Mass, if you can see him in the cloud of incense*

Later in the month Lee Dunleavy was ordained at St George's Nottingham by the Bishop of Beverley. Lee is known to many of us at St Matthew's as the Director of the Bach Choir who hold many concerts here; he was also Director of Music at All Saints' Church.



Fr Lee to the left of the Bishop of Beverley with the 'altar party'

Prior to his ordination Lee said "The sense of call to the priesthood has been in my heart for almost as long as I can remember. However, I was from a non-churchgoing family in Yorkshire and so I simply had no way of understanding what that sensation was. I began to attend church as a teenager and began to see how that sense of calling could become a reality.

After something of a false start with a vocations advisor whilst at University in Oxford, I spent twenty more years of wrestling with God, trying to see if working for the church in a lay capacity properly matched that sense of calling, but over time I came to know that it was not.

After attending an ACS Vocations Day in Birmingham, I met one or two others whose stories shared similarities with mine, and the reassurance this provided was vital. Further discernment on the ACS Vocations Conference was invaluable, and from that I was at last able to confidently articulate God's calling to ordained ministry.

And so I find myself, after two years at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, and through the grace of God, on the cusp of – God willing – ordination to the Diaconate. Thanks be to God.”

Lee is serving his title in the parish of St Cyprian of Carthage Sneinton, Nottingham. He did however find time to return to All Saints' to sing the Litany of Supplication at the ordination service of Nicolas Boisson as Deacon. I was privileged to serve at this service; if you squint hard enough you will see me by the right pillar of the portico. The Bishop of Fulham was the ordaining bishop in the absence of a Bishop of Richborough.



Nicolas talked prior to his ordination of the journey that brought him to Northampton: “I grew up in France in a non-Christian family. My childhood was the most beautiful, and although I did not receive a religious education, I studied in a private Catholic high school. I met God through my friends and discussions that opened me to the Christian faith. I was finally baptized at the age of 17 in 2011.

My academic journey after high school was pivotal in my faith formation. I delved into theology at the Catholic Institute of Paris and later at the Saint-Sergius Orthodox Institute, where my faith deepened significantly. Through my interactions with Anglicans in Paris, I received the sacrament of confirmation in the Episcopal Church, setting me on a path of discernment.

My journey led me to the Diocese of London in England, where the Catholic spirituality of the Church of England further shaped me. The Daily Offices

and the joy of serving the parish community were instrumental in my spiritual growth. My faith in the Real Presence of the Mass has been a profound anchor, solidifying my belief in God's mercy.

Following my training at the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield, I will serve the parish of All Saints' and immerse myself further in the vibrant life of a civic parish. I know that alongside Father Oliver Coss SSC, I will be fashioned according to the stature of Christ to become a good deacon and then a Catholic priest to sanctify the people of God, thanks to the prayers of Mary. The Traditional Catholic wing of the Church offers me the appropriate pastoral framework to develop my gifts and serve the common good.



Fr Oliver after he assisted Fr Nicolas to put his Deacon's vestments on for the first time

It is with joy and awe that I await my ordination to receive the grace necessary to accomplish such a mission.”

All three have been supported by the Additional Curates Society. It is always humbling to see somebody that you know finally come to ordination. The Additional Curates Society has a motto 'Passionate about Priesthood' and it describes quite clearly what their aim is; they are there to encourage, to pray, to facilitate, support and often pay for the next generation of Priests.

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to offer the holy sacrifice of the altar;
to give us Jesus in the holy sacrament;
to proclaim the faith of Jesus;
to baptise and to teach the young;
to tend your sheep; to seek the lost;
to give pardon to the penitent sinner;
to bless our homes; to pray for the afflicted;
to comfort mourners;
to strengthen us in our last hour;
to commend our souls;
Almighty God, give us priests!

Holy Father, you gave us Christ as the shepherd of our souls;
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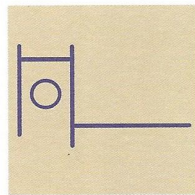
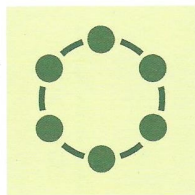
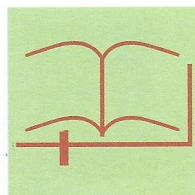
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If you are interested in learning more or in joining the Scheme, please speak to our Stewardship Recorder Polly Matthews. She can be contacted via the Parish Office or as below.

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PARISHGIVINGScheme

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