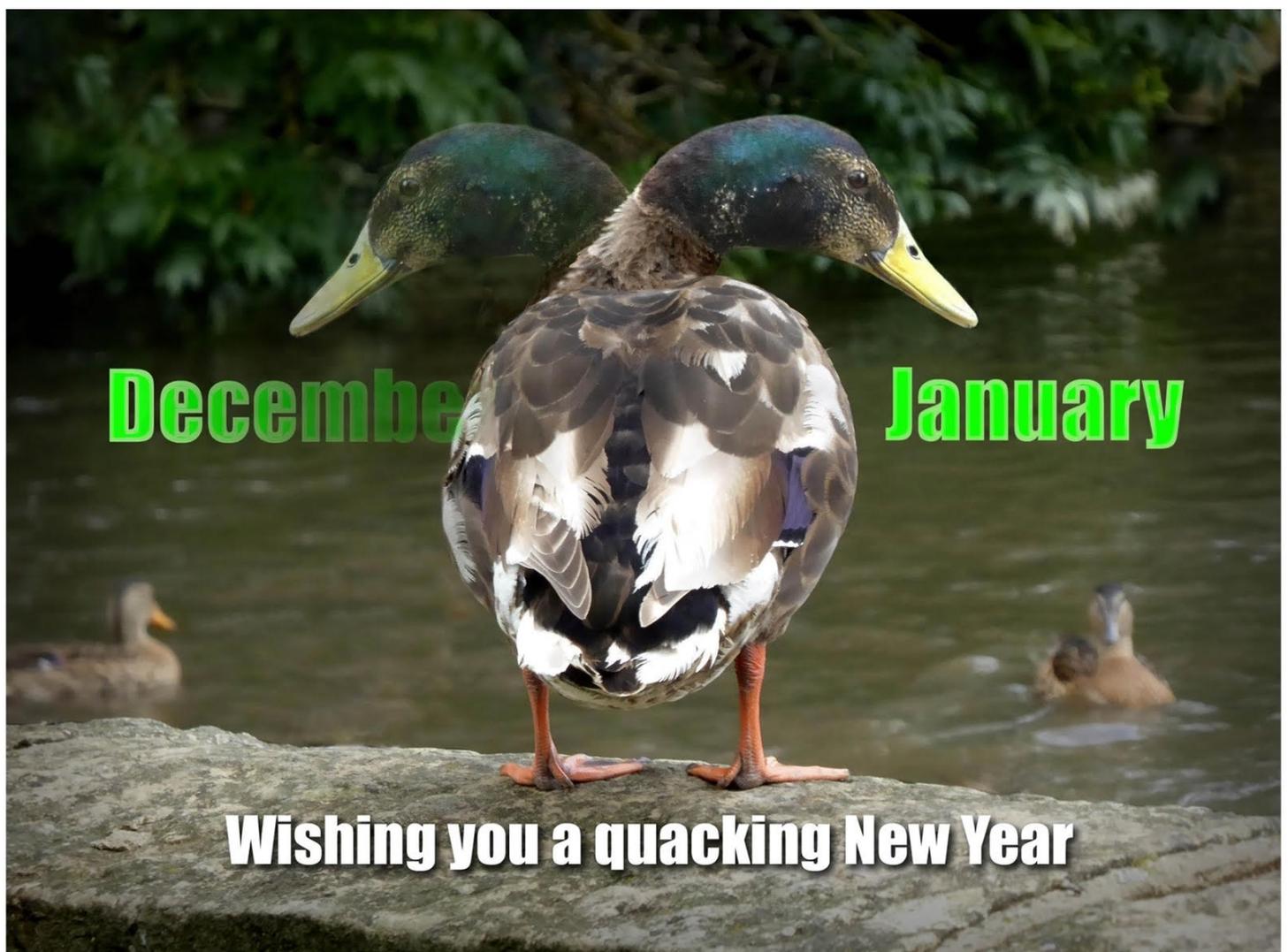


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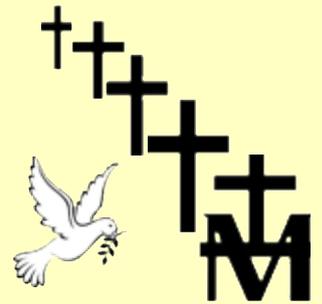
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From the Vicar



***“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”***

Romans 15:13

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a good Christmas and that you managed to see some family and friends.

January can feel very cold and bleak but, as we notice the days starting to lengthen, we have hope. One of the first signs of hope are the snowdrops as they start to appear. They remind us that spring is on its way. In previous years, we have had the bleakness of Covid to deal with, and this year we have the added burden of financial concerns too. Covid is still with us and we are learning to live with it, and the economy will not remain bleak forever.

The weather too may seem bleak at the moment, the dark, foggy mornings feel like the sun has forgotten to get up, but in the midst of the clouds there has been rain and we are no longer in drought. Hope is emerging before our eyes.

There are waves of hope followed by despair which run through the Bible. No place for Mary and Joseph to stay and then somewhere is found. The joy of the birth of Christ and the adoring visitors followed by the slaughter of the innocent children then the relative safety of being a refugee.

The latest statistics show that less than 50 percent of the population identify themselves as Christian. This means that there are plenty of people out there who may not know the story of Jesus which makes things feel bleak. But, as we have seen, there is hope: hope in Christ. We are all part of the answer of passing on the message to others. The schools no longer teach the Christian faith, it is our job to do that.

I do struggle with the Atheist point of view that there is no greater being. Science has demonstrated that we have an area in the brain that believes in a greater being. A belief system operates across all the continents. It is a very blinkered way of thinking to categorically state there is no greater force. We have that area in our brains and we should use it.

Christ is God Incarnate who gives us this message of hope. If we do not pass on this message of hope to others, naturally, humans will look for other forces and what scares me is the thought that people will search out the dark side of life and not the positive light of the world.

Epiphany is celebrated on 6th January with the visit of the Magi. These men came from a variety of backgrounds and not necessarily from Jewish descent. This gives us hope that Christ is there for all peoples. We received the message of hope just as the Magi did and, in turn, we have to pass it on to others. There is a light that shines in the bleakness, and it is Christ. Let us pray that His light and His relevance are seen in the world.

Every blessing for 2023

Margaret



THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18TH – 25TH JANUARY 2023

*Please put these dates in your diaries and join in
the prayers throughout the week*

**THE UNITED CHURCHES SERVICES WILL BE IN THE
METHODIST CHAPEL ON SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 2023 AT 3 PM**

If you wish to access the online resources please use the link below:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/resources-for-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2023>

For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. Through this resource, the CTBI writers' group has also focussed our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark in 2023. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to inspire and change lives for the better.

As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE EASINGWOLD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY AT 4PM

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Rehearsals will be on Friday 6th January at 7.30pm and Sunday 8th January at 3pm

If you are available to sing on 8th January or for further details, please contact

Peter Smith at petersmith41@btinternet.com

INCREASE IN MAGAZINE COST FROM JANUARY 2023

A reminder that the suggested donation per copy of the magazine has been raised from
50p to 60p (£7.20 per annum).

This is due to the increase in printing costs of the magazine.

Subscriptions for 12 delivered monthly copies will be collected towards the end of January 2023.

***Thanks are given to the team of volunteers
who manage the annual subscriptions and deliver the magazine to subscribers.***



Mothers' Union



*A reminder that MU subscriptions will be due this month.
Members will be contacted individually as soon as details are known*

At the Christmas Fair held last month in the Galtres Centre, we had a stall selling home baked goods in aid of the Mothers' Union Christmas Appeal. Together with donations we raised **£263.00**. This will support work in South Sudan providing literacy and trauma healing groups to families and communities devastated by civil war and violence.

Thank you to all who supported us.

MEN IN SHEDS EASINGWOLD – UPDATE

We are progressing with the Easingwold Men in Sheds project and hope to have premises available in Easingwold early in the New Year.

After retirement, it is common for men to feel at a loss and miss their workmates, friendships, relationships and banter. Men in Sheds is all about providing a community space for groups of (predominantly) older men, who would like to rebuild social connections. Its aim is to give men the opportunity to enjoy the company of others, talking, sharing, creating and doing something practical in a relaxed non-threatening atmosphere. The whole idea is to have a reason to bring people together.

Men in Sheds activities are decided by the group. Some groups are involved in DIY, making, mending and repairing all sorts of items, big and small. There are over 600 Men Sheds throughout the country. Please see their website: menssheds.org.uk.

We are looking for new members and if this is of interest to you please contact either

Mike Tranter mike_tranter@yahoo.com 07519 235793 or

David Brown david@dkbassociates.co.uk 07789 9009349

CHURCH TREASURER

As you are all probably aware, Bill Henebury has retired from being the Church Treasurer, as of the end of 2022. He came with his wife, Hazel, to Easingwold seven years ago and not long after volunteered for the role. Bill's sense of humour and charm have been valuable assets as he carried out his role diligently. Thank you Bill for your invaluable support and all that you have done over those years.

We are delighted that Claire Harrison has volunteered for the role and her appointment was confirmed by the PCC with effect from the beginning of 2023. I look forward to working with her in the future.

Claire's email address is: treasurer@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org

Margaret



REV'D TONY HART

It is with sadness that news has been received of the passing of Rev'd Tony Hart on 6th November. He came to Easingwold from Durham where he had been the Residentiary Canon at the Cathedral and was our vicar from 1992-2001 and Rural Dean of Easingwold from 1997-2000. The funeral was held on 30th November at St John's Church, Cleckheaton.



Christians Together Men's Breakfast

(formerly St John the Baptist Men's Group)

At our December meeting, Jim Hasnip's son Dr Phil Hasnip, who is a Research Fellow at the University of York, spoke on 'Science and the Bible (particularly Genesis)' which was very informative and thought provoking.

The next Men's Breakfast meeting is at **10am on Saturday 14th January**, after the Christians Together prayer meeting, in: '**Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea**', Long Street, Easingwold. Anyone is welcome to join us for a bit of breakfast and time of fellowship. We meet in the restaurant area [turn right through the front door and continue to the far end of the restaurant].

If you would like to join us then please just come along or, if you would like further details, please contact me, **David Brown**, at david@dkbassociates.co.uk or on **07789 900 939**.

How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity

(Psalm 133v1)

Christian Meditation

Most Fridays at 2.30 pm to 3.15 pm at the Galtres Centre Function Room

It includes periods of music and silent meditation



In today's culture this is an opportunity of being together in a reflective mood including silence. After a brief period of spoken reflection we experience some reflective music. We then enter a period of silent meditation for about 20-25 minutes. Some people use a mantra such as "Maranatha" (Come Lord Jesus). This has 4 beats and fits a breathing in and out (said twice). Others, or no mantras, are used - but not spoken. After this, another period of music precedes a final prayer. It doesn't suit everyone but it is something worth trying. Sometimes we have a few comments, even laughter, afterwards!

In today's busy-ness people often find this simple and yet cathartic. Even children in school use silence as a restful experience!

Perhaps, give it a try? Join us, you are most welcome.

Contact Marko Jakic 01347 469049

SERVICES AND EVENTS: JANUARY 2023

To contact Rev'd Margaret Young, tel: 01347 821394
or email: vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org

The Vicar's day off is Monday

Children are welcome at all our services



Services at Easingwold Parish Church

Sunday and Wednesday 9.00am—Holy Communion

Sunday 10.30am—Holy Communion

(This service is also accessible on Zoom on 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month)

Sunday 1st January —Evening Prayer at 4.00pm

Sunday 8th January—Joint Service with the Methodists at 10.30am

Sunday 8th January—Epiphany Carol Service at 4.00pm

Sunday 15th January—Joint Service at the Methodist Church at 10.30am

Sunday 15th January—Family Service at 4.30pm

Tuesday 17th January—Café Church at 7.00pm



Mothers' Union

Thursday 19th January at 10am

Communion and Coffee in the Parish Church

All welcome



Children's Church Services at Easingwold

LITTLE SEEDS

for 4 to 9 year olds

Thursdays at 3.45pm

in the Parish Church

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for 10+ year olds

Fridays at 3.45pm

at the Vicarage

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Please ring Vicar Margaret on 01347 821394 for more details or just turn up

WOMEN'S GROUP

A very informal group looking at ways to help one another and the community

Meeting in the Parish Church, Easingwold

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month 7.00-9.00pm

January dates: 5th and 19th

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Sunday 1st January: No service

Wednesday 4th January: No Lite Bite Lunch this month

Wednesday 11th January: Raskelf Church meeting at 7.00pm

Sunday 15th January: Holy Communion at 9.30am



Please note that from this month, the Sunday Holy Communion services will be at 9.30am

CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME

RASKELF CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH MEETING

Come and join us on Wednesday 11th January at 7.00pm

at Glebe Farm, Church End, Raskelf

to keep in touch with what is going on at Raskelf church and to discuss the way forward

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CURRY NIGHT

The curry night held at the Village Hall in November was a huge success and a total of £1010 was raised for the Restoration and Development fund.

Many thanks to all who helped to organise and support this event

CHURCH SERVICES



1st Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		10.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		4.00 pm	<i>Evening Prayer/Evensong</i>
2nd Sunday:	<i>Raskelf</i>	9.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		10.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		4.30 pm	<i>Family Service</i>
3rd Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		10.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
4th Sunday:	<i>Raskelf</i>	9.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		10.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
5th Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		10.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>

Weekdays in Easingwold:

<i>3rd Tuesday</i>	<i>7.00 pm Café Church—a relaxed informal service</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9.00 am Holy Communion</i>
<i>1st & 3rd Thursdays</i>	<i>7.00-9.00pm—Women's Group in the Parish Church</i>
<i>3rd Thursday</i>	<i>10.00 am Mothers' Union Holy Communion</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>3.45 pm in church—Little Seeds for 4-9 year olds (term time)</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>3.45 pm at the Vicarage —Ignite for 10 years + (term time)</i>

Readings

Evening Prayer in Easingwold is on the 1st Sunday in the month at 4pm

1st January

Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:15-21

Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Evening Prayer
Deuteronomy 30:11-20
Acts 3:1-16

8th January

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-9
John 2:1-11

15th January

Joint service at the Methodist Church

Ezekiel 2:3-4
Galatians 1:11-end

22nd January

Isaiah 9:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-19
Matthew 4:12-23

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
1 Peter 1:3-12

29th January

1 Kings 17:8-16
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 2:1-11

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Genesis 28:10-22
Philemon 1-16

BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

We meet at 4 Stonefield Garth on **Tuesday 3rd January from 10.00am to 11.15am**

when we will be considering Paul's letter to the Romans.

All are welcome to join us.

Contact Chris Peel (01347 823548) or Nancy Kilburn (01347 824227)

if you would like further information.



From the Registers

Funerals

1st December: Jean Underwood
19th December: Olwen Campbell



Christians Together around Easingwold (CTaE)

(formerly Churches Together in Easingwold)

United in prayer for the Community of Easingwold

Prayer is always important and is something we can all do daily. We pray for ourselves and our family, for the troubled world, for our church and community. Every month - the second Saturday - you have the opportunity to join with others from the churches around Easingwold to pray.

We meet at The New Inn (Morning Coffee—Afternoon Tea) on Long Street.

Arrive from 8.45 am for coffee/tea

Prayer begins at 9.00 am for approximately 30 minutes

We would love you to come and join us on Saturday 14th January from 8.45 am

Please contact Rev'd Lottie Cranfield on 07807 941528 if you have any questions or would like to find out more information about Christians Together.

PRAYER CORNER



Prayer is at the heart of what the church offers to the community, and the prayer corner in St John the Baptist and All Saints' is used regularly. It is a space where you are able to write the names of people you would like to have remembered in the book there. At St John the Baptist and All Saints', we join with you in your prayers for family, friends and all for whom you care. If you would like prayers for yourself or another, or for those who, at this time, are struggling with anxiety, loneliness and isolation, our small, confidential and dedicated circle of people will pray for you/them.

If you would like prayers, please contact Rev'd Lottie Cranfield on 07807 941528.

Please include in your prayers this month:

- ◆ All who live and work east of Crabmill Lane, York Road and along the Stillington Road.
- ◆ Those who use, and those who work at, the Golf Club and Football Club.
- ◆ All who maintain essential services – water, gas, electric, street cleaners, refuse collectors, post office workers
- ◆ Those who live by the Easingwold Road in Raskelf; the cricket club

Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School



Forthcoming dates to be announced

Open the Book (OtB) offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a team of Christians from local churches, who present the stories during assemblies or acts of collective worship. Each presentation takes around 10–15 minutes and can be incorporated into a wider school assembly, or can be stand-alone.

If you would like to join our team at Easingwold and present at the local primary school over one or two sessions per month during term time, please contact

Andrew Neville-Smith at a.nevillesmith@btinternet.com

PRAYER OF A MIDDLE AGED NUN

Lord, you know, better than I do myself, that I am growing older and will some day be old.
Keep me from getting talkative and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.
Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.
Make me thoughtful, but not moody: helpful, but not bossy.
With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details: give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips from my aches and pains. They are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.
I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.
Keep me reasonable sweet. I do not want to be a saint. Some of them are hard to live with: but a sour old woman is the crowning work of the devil. Help me to extract all possible fun out of life. There are so many funny things around us and I do not want to miss any of them.

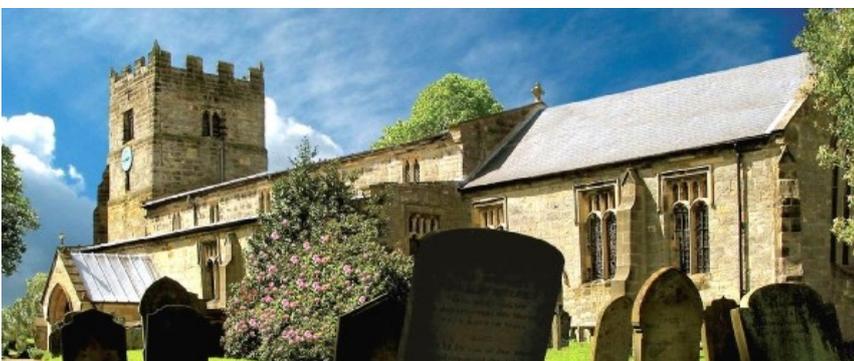
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(A 17th Century Nun)

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[Easingwold with Raskelf Anglican Churches](#)



BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP NOTES

We are all encouraged to read the Bible to help us in our spiritual journey. Where do we start? It is quite daunting. This is where the Bible Reading Fellowship can help us. 'New Daylight' is a daily reading of a short section from the Bible with an explanation of the reading. This helps the reader to understand it, and it makes life easier for us because we don't have to find it in the Bible ourselves.

Please contact Gina, either in Church or by phone. (01347 823843). She can show you examples, and, if you decide you would like to try it, she will order it for you and deliver it. It only costs £13.80 a year for 365 daily readings – less than 4p a day.

Gina Smith - 01347 823843—BRF Co-ordinator

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Easingwold District Community Care Association



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- ◇ We continue to offer help with collecting shopping and prescriptions.
- ◇ Our Meals on Wheels service continues to offer a tasty, hot nutritious meal 5 days per week.
- ◇ Hub Club for people with Dementia – Tuesdays or Fridays in Easingwold Football Club. Contact EDCCA for more details.
- ◇ EDCCA Charity Boutique on Long Street - open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 09.30 to 4pm and Saturday mornings 09.30 to 12.30. Donations welcome.
- ◇ Our crossword club meets weekly here on a Monday morning in the Police House. They are a small, select group but welcome new members.
- ◇ We have a wheelchair hire service, for those who may require one.
- ◇ The Easingwold Foodbank now comes under the EDCCA umbrella and can be reached on the main EDCCA telephone number 01347 822875, this serves Easingwold and the surrounding areas.

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