

The Parishes of  
Uppingham-with-Ayston  
Belton-with-Wardley

**October 2021**

# QUARTET



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### *The Rector's letter*

1 October 2021

The Rectory  
45 Lime Tree Avenue

Dear friends,

We are beginning to get into a new pattern of worship at Church and reflecting on the future. During Covid we all learnt the value of being connected in a very real and supportive way, and we learnt to value the presence of God in the place that we were. In the past, many of us have enjoyed being part of a study or prayer group and getting to learn more about God, ourselves and each other in a supportive atmosphere. This month we are launching our House Groups. If you have already signed up, you should have had (or will soon have) a communication! If you haven't, then please think about whether you could get involved. Initially, there will be groups on Tuesday mornings (10.30am), Wednesday evenings (7.30pm) and Thursday afternoons (2pm), and they will begin by studying Mark's Gospel. We are also planning a Thursday evening Zoom meeting (at 7.30pm) using the *Bible in a year* app – a good idea for anyone who would struggle with a weekly meeting and who is able to take part online.

We are really excited to be able to start these House Groups and would eventually like to see as many of you as possible joining in. In studying, praying and sharing with each other we begin to grow in our own faith; we begin to ask deeper questions and discover God in the most amazing and sometimes strange ways. As we grow in faith and confidence then the whole body of the Church grows and is more equipped for the mission we are called to by Christ. I'm looking forward to these days of recovery from Covid being a real opportunity for all of us to engage afresh with Christ – to be challenged and to grow, walking in his footsteps. We are all on a pilgrimage of faith, journeying together, not knowing quite where we might end up, but enjoying the process and keeping our eyes on Christ.

This month we are also looking at how we might engage more with each other in worship, introducing the Peace, for those who wish it – and then, of course, we're able to gel our hands, if we so wish, before receiving communion. With this, as with all these steps forward, please make your own decision, and do not feel forced into something you are not yet comfortable with.

Every blessing for a healthy October

## Rachel



# SS Peter & Paul UPPINGHAM

## Services in Uppingham Parish Church October 2021

<b>Mondays</b>	9am	Morning Prayer
<b>Tuesdays</b>	9am	Morning Prayer
	7pm	Choir practice
<b>Wednesdays</b>	10.30am	Prayer group
	1.20pm	Lunchtime concert
	6.30pm	At Your Pace Space ( <i>see facing page</i> )
<b>Saturdays</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Trinity +18</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <b>10.45am Sung Eucharist (CW)</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity +19</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <b>10.45am Sung Eucharist (CW)</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	(Tuesday)	10am MU Holy Communion & meeting
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	(Saturday)	4pm <b>COME, REJOICE!</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity +20</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <b>10.45am Sung Eucharist (CW)</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity Last / Bible Sunday</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <b>10.45am SUNDAY REJOICE!</b> <b>6pm Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>music by Clucas, William Byrd, T Tertius Noble and CHH Parry</i>
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <b>10.45am Sung Eucharist (CW)</b>

You are welcome to join us online for our monthly Service of the Word  
(check the website for details)

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[www.uppinghamchurch.co.uk](http://www.uppinghamchurch.co.uk)

## AT YOUR PACE SPACE

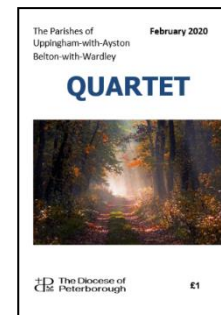
Time to reflect, ponder, discuss and pray –  
growing in our Christian faith

**Uppingham Parish Church**

**Every Wednesday 6.30pm**

*Our church is open every day for people to find a space to pray and reflect. However, sometimes it is good to know there is a time in the week that we can come together and meet with others to share together in our thoughts and queries. Our curate, Debbie will be present each week to share with you – wherever you are on the journey.*

## Quartet in 2021



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This autumn, in the rundown of paper issues of *Quartet*, we are dispensing with our pages of adverts. From January 2022, *Quartet* will just be available online, but copies may still be printed off at home.

## Increase the Parish Church's income by £10,000 for the price of a cup of coffee

- Give up one cup of coffee per week & donate the money to the church
- 100 people x 1 coffee per week (£2.50) > £10,000
- With Gift Aid = £12,500
- Save it up and donate on a significant date to you (birthday, anniversary, etc)
- Maintain your normal giving
- Start now !



### On the farm...

All the crops are now harvested and away to the corn merchants. The remaining straw has been bailed ready for the winter bedding. Claas (*see the photo in last month's magazine*) is busy day and night sowing next year's crops, together with his new grass seed drill being used on the extra ten acres grazing for the growing number of cattle (thank you, India!) and sheep.

James and India took a trip to Thrapston market, two weeks ago, to look for a Suffolk Ram to bring fresh blood to the sheep flock. A fine specimen he is! We think his name will be Southwold. He has spent the last 2 weeks exploring his paddock, looking for a way out to visit his new girlfriends.



Going to market with India always has a surprise – and in the trailer returning with Southwold were four young calves (so now it's back to the morning and evening bottles! *See photo*).

Our new piglets have decided (so far) to stay where it is nice and warm! We await developments (*and we'd like another photo, please! – Eds*).

Jeff Whelband

### Pilgrimage from Uppingham to Launde Abbey

- Saturday 6 November
- A short walking pilgrimage from Uppingham Church via Wardley & Belton
- Time for conversation and reflection whilst enjoying Rutland's beautiful countryside
- Finishing at Launde Abbey with afternoon tea and Evensong



Would you like to take part? **Please sign up at Uppingham Parish Church!**

*More details will follow*



## Harvest Festival celebrations

Hilary Dawe writes: *I was in church when Debbie brought in a lovely sheaf of bread which she had just made herself; she prepared the south aisle altar with it, together with the wheat, and made it look so attractive. I thought it was lovely for harvest, and I did ask her permission before taking the photo!*



## Also we are celebrating...

### Canon Rachel's 10 years at Uppingham Parish Church



A presentation was made at the Eucharist, and all our churchwardens, past and present, joined Rachel in this celebratory photo

## RIDE+STRIDES



Two of the participants meeting Sue to register their ride on Saturday 11 September

## The Crystal Ball

Music for October 2021

Most of our music this month is fairly well known, but we have one revival and one new piece for your pleasure as well as the old favourites to offer you. A particular favourite of many people is Fauré's early *Cantique de Jean Racine*, which is first out of the starting blocks, on 3 October; the words are not in fact original to Racine, but are a translation of the ancient hymn *Consors paterni luminis*, though Fauré makes no reference in his music to the plainsong tradition, setting it instead in contemporary style and using his own distinctive harmonic language.

Back to the English polyphonic tradition the following Sunday, 10 October, with the setting by Gibbons of the collect for Epiphany III, *Almighty and everlasting God*. This, which is the 'revival' I mentioned above, is a perfect example of the sober and shapely contrapuntal writing which characterised the early Anglican tradition at its best, with a more declamatory central section at the words 'stretch forth thy right hand'. A similar pattern is seen in Sir Ernest Bullock's *Give us the wings of faith*, which we sing the following week, though of course the harmonic language here is more highly coloured: the opening and closing verses of Watts's hymn are set in largely homophonic style, with more vigorous contributions from the voices in dialogue with the organ in between.

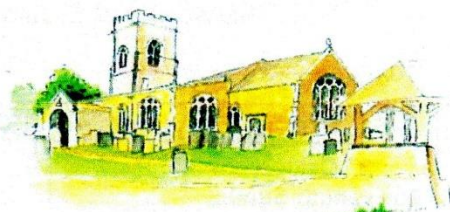
That brings us to the fourth Sunday of the month. Worshippers will have noticed that in September we reverted to our pre-pandemic practice of having a more informal service in the morning of the fourth Sunday, and this will continue; while this month we also revert to the normal spot for Choral Evensong on that Sunday. This time we can offer you Byrd's intense and joyful *Sacerdotes Domini* as introit, with its dancing Alleluias and wonderful 'English' cadence at the end; the responses by Humphrey Clucas (OU); the majestic and deeply satisfying setting of the canticles in B minor by Tertius Noble, once organist of York Minster; and Parry's profound setting of Henry Vaughan's evocative *My soul, there is a country*. None of these will be new to regular attenders at Evensong, but all of them will no doubt be welcome in their witness to the breadth and depth of the Anglican choral tradition.

And finally: we have a fifth Sunday this month, which gives us the opportunity to introduce Stanford's *How beauteous are their feet*, another setting of words by Isaac Watts, in a characteristically tuneful and flowing style with much interplay between voices and organ. We hope you enjoy it.

*Succentor*



## St. Peter's Church Belton w Wardley

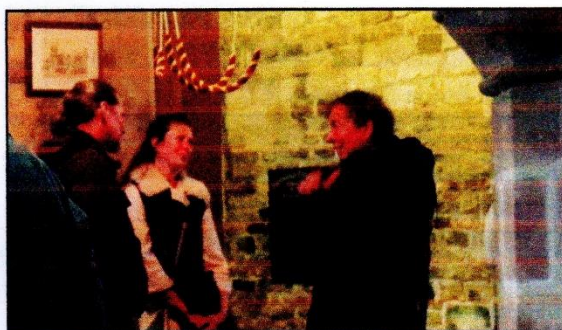


### Harvest Festival - Sunday 12th September

This year's 'Churches together in Uppingham' harvest celebrations were led by the Methodist minister, who gave her sermon (indirectly) at our morning Holy Communion service. In the afternoon our family orientated harvest celebrations were held outside in the churchyard, and were well attended. It was immediately followed by the blessing of pets, both those present, and those elsewhere.

### Visit by the High Sheriff of Rutland - Thursday 30th September

The High Sheriff, David Wood, and his good lady, visited Belton on his tour of all the parishes in Rutland. He met various village organisations, including St. Peter's Church, where he met our clergy, and some



members of the PCC and congregation. Later he presented an award to Frank McEwan, in the village Hall.

### Market Stall - Saturday 27th November

Advanced notice of our stall, to be held in Uppingham Marketplace, in aid of church funds. Please support your church with any craft work, preserves etc, and / or items you no longer cherish. We look forward to seeing you on the day!.

## Services and Events in October

**Note:** *All services are subject to current Covid-19 restrictions*

Date	Location	Time	Details
3 <sup>rd</sup> October <b>Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
10 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
17 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
24 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Bible Sunday</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
31 <sup>st</sup> October <b>All Saints Sunday</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
		6:00 pm	Choral Evensong
Tuesday 2nd November <b>All Souls Day</b>	St. Peter's Church	7:00 pm	Commemoration Service of the departed
7th November <b>Third Sunday before Advent</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
Please check with "Parish Notes" for any late changes			

St. Peter's website: [www.belton-wardley.org.uk](http://www.belton-wardley.org.uk)

St. Peter's church, Belton with Wardley website, may be accessed via the above URL or by scanning this QR code using your mobile phone. The calendar lists all services and related events and meetings, and is updated regularly..



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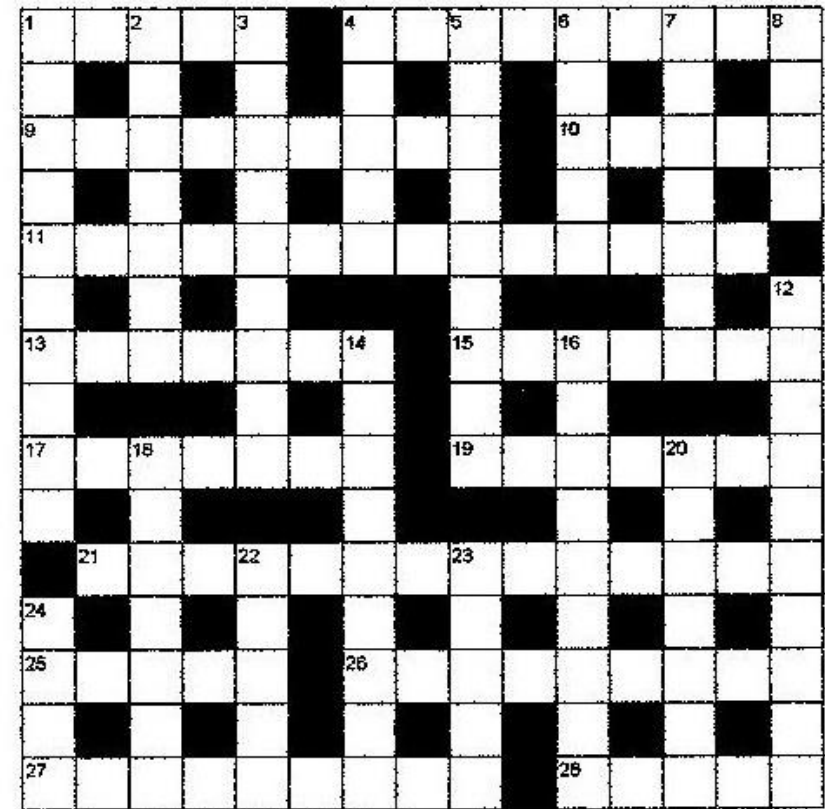
by Succentor

## Across

- 1 'Lamps' is new worship song (5)
- 4 Note: observed unauthorised access beforehand – that's very poor (9)
- 9 Establish New Order? (9)
- 10 Chapter member that might be quoted (5)
- 11 Please forgive me, what did you say? (1,3,4,6)
- 13 Describes a musical one-liner? (7)
- 15 Sauce for the graduates in the middle of a Mexican pancake (7)
- 17 Male from the *Mail*? (7)
- 19 In the company of doctor overcome by anxiety (7)
- 21 Somerset novel about prison life? (2,5,7)
- 25 Orchestra in performance venue no 5? (5)
- 26 Brilliant inventor involved with charged particle – that's clever (9)
- 27 Sponsor Zeus, for example (9)
- 28 Meat dish took for ever (5)

## Down

- 1 Irish boy carried by mother, maybe, to see legislature (10)
- 2 A menial modification for Monty's victory (7)
- 3 Dry moat marines rebuilt as act of witness (9)
- 4 Rear, you said, a believer (5)
- 5 Pat Cole confused with artist depicting Egyptian ruler (9)
- 6 One version includes it? Not at all (5)
- 7 Young leader with missiles and plants (7)
- 8 'They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the \_\_\_\_' (Psalm 107) (4)
- 12 Novelist to complete renovation of stove? Heavens! (10)
- 14 'And in that day there shall be no more the \_\_\_\_ in the house of the Lord of hosts' (Zephaniah 14) (9)
- 16 Sun-worshipping sessions for Robert and Elizabeth? (9)
- 18 Heads of writers' academy fearfully ran off: 'Spoke too long and to no purpose!' (7)
- 20 'Day and night they \_\_\_\_ within the walls thereof' (Psalm 55) (2,5)
- 22 Schedule may incorporate members of religious authority (5)
- 23 Brought into being personality within communications firm (5)
- 24 Henry wearing hairpiece, an old party member (4)



## SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE

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On 14 September, nineteen members enjoyed a fascinating talk, together with a pictorial presentation, from our Curate, the Revd Debbie Smith-Wilds. Debbie spoke about her visit to Zambia in 2019 where she chose to go as part of her training for the Ministry. She was presented with her dress made specially for her, which came as a complete surprise, as no measurements had been taken! The photo shows Debbie in the dress, alongside Hilary, our Branch secretary.



Please join us for our next event, a **Beetle Drive and Afternoon Tea**. This is a fun event for all ages, on **Saturday October 9th** from 3 - 5pm, in aid of MU funds. Sign up, or phone me on 829923.

Our meeting this month takes place on Tuesday **12th October**. After our Eucharist at 10am, Margaret Dickinson will speak to us on **Uppingham as I remember**. Our meetings are open to all; please do join us.

**Janet Wardle**

*Now turn the page to read an article from Jill Cannings...*

### ***From Debbie, our curate...***

Our theme for the month of October is Pilgrimage. **Finger labyrinths** are often used to trace a path through whilst meditating on a passage of scripture, a prayer or bringing a problem before God.



## **CLASSICAL CONCERTS AT LAUNDE ABBEY – SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN 2021**

**17<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Classical Guitar**  
Jonathan Richards

**14<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Aquilae Duo : Harp and Flute**  
Eleanor Turner & Lisa Nelsen

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## Celebrating Mothers' Union worldwide

Last month it was a joy to welcome Ephena Matthew, the Diocesan President of Antigua, on a visit to Uppingham. She made me very welcome when I was lucky enough to visit Antigua in early 2020.

She stayed with me for a week and brought glorious Antiguan sunshine with her. It was a busy week of MU and church activity, and many people were able to meet her. We had a meeting of Deanery leaders and representatives at my house. It was a joy to be able to meet face to face and share a buffet meal and lots of ideas, as people start to worship and meet together again.



We were able to attend the wonderful service at Werrington church celebrating 100 years. Bishop John presided and Revd Deborah, our chaplain, coordinated the prayers and offering of symbols of thanks. Jennie Edis gave a wonderful summary of MU activity. The branch and deanery had worked very hard to put on a wonderful celebration. We processed our MU banners, and of course enjoyed a wonderful spread of hospitality.

There were also opportunities to meet Ephena over a coffee at the Falcon, as well as sharing meals with friends. On the Saturday, after attending Eucharist together, we walked nearly 15kms as part of the *Ride and Stride*. This involved walking across the fields between churches. And the week ended with attendance together at our Harvest service.

In a card of thanks, she writes "Thank you and your family for opening your hearts and home to me. Your kindness has made a great difference to my life. Thank you also for your friends and MU sisters for involving me in so many events. I enjoyed every moment!"

Ephena has become a great friend and inspiration as a woman of faith and action. I give thanks for her, and the worldwide mission and ministry of MU.

Jill Cannings



*The High Sheriff of Rutland, David Wood*  
and

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**Saturday 9th October 2021**

at 7.30pm

in All Saints' Church, Oakham

Tickets: £22 - to include a pre concert drinks reception at The  
Rutland County Museum at 6pm

available from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/168825021183/>

In aid of Rutland charities



## A Fond Farewell

This is the last magazine resource that I expect to write before my farewell service, which is due to be Evensong at the Cathedral on Sunday 31 October at 3.30 pm. Necessary precautions permitting, I hope that will be an occasion when I might be able to see many of you in person, in a way that has not been possible recently.

The life of an archdeacon can be somewhat relentless (as, I hasten to recognise, can many other roles) and I have been conscious of diminishing stamina over the past couple of years – and I no longer look exactly as I did in the 2012 photo that accompanies this letter – so it therefore seemed appropriate that, in this year in which I have become a pensioner, I should step aside and see the baton pass to someone younger (presumably!). Having made that decision some time ago, I have become increasingly aware of the fact that I will miss my role enormously.

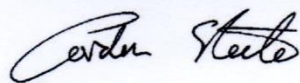
Maria and I came to this diocese from London in 1994, first on my appointment as vicar of St Alban's, Northampton, where our son and daughter, Andrew and Elizabeth, were born. From there we moved to Peterborough in 2001, where I served first as vicar of the city centre parish of St John the Baptist, before I became archdeacon of the north-eastern half of the diocese in 2012. Just as it was a great honour to serve in those two parishes, so too has it been to serve as an archdeacon for the final stage of my stipendiary ministry. I have greatly enjoyed the visits I have been able to make over those years to so many of the 170

parishes in the archdeaconry, whether on Sundays or during the week, and grateful for the warm welcomes I have received. The pandemic has made for a very odd final year and more, doing virtually everything from my desk, with meetings and interviews on zoom rather than in the parishes.

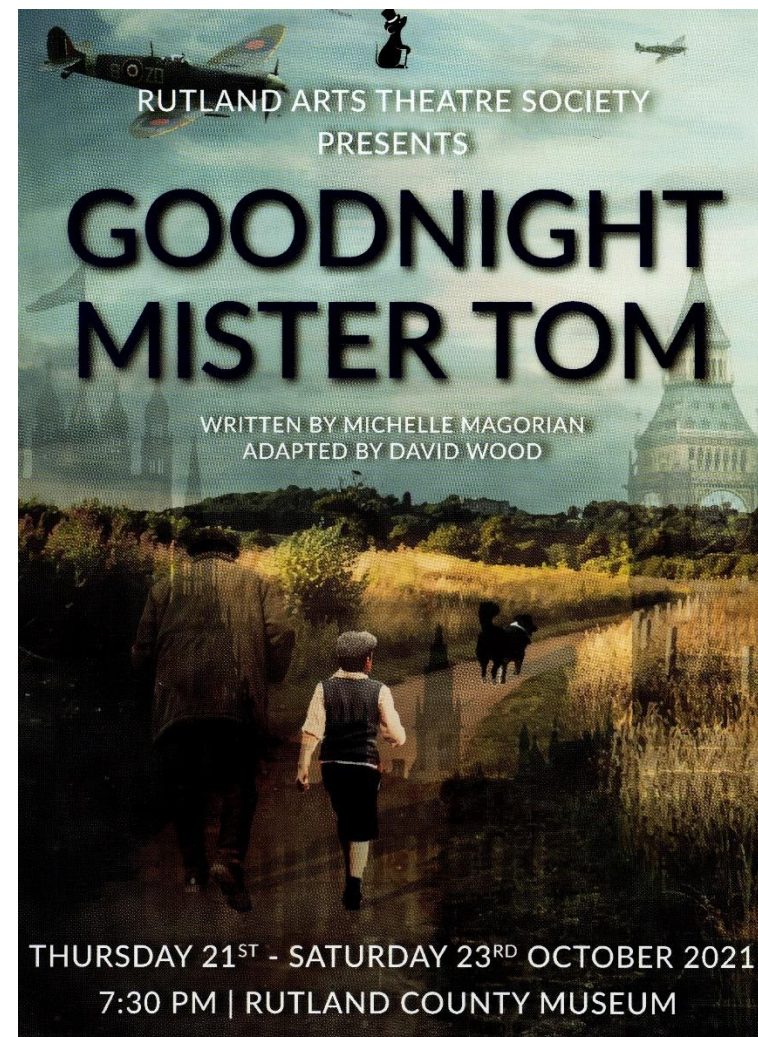
As we enter what we hope will be a sustained period of greater normality, we thank God for one another, for the mutual support and cooperation that we have experienced and witnessed across the diocese and, indeed, throughout this land. We express our great gratitude to all who have been seeing us through this crisis, and not least the staff of the NHS, and we pray for all for whom this has been a particularly difficult or sad time, and for the many countries in the world that lack the considerable benefits which we enjoy.

Above all, let us continue to put our whole trust in God and seek to ever deepen our relationship with him, that we may be alert and responsive to his promptings, in all that he calls us to be and to do in the years ahead, whatever our circumstances. May he richly bless you as you continue onwards on your journey of Christian discipleship – in worship, witness and service.

With my prayers and very best wishes



Gordon Steele  
Archdeacon of Oakham



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