All Saints' Croxley Green

Parish Magazine June 2025





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Sunday Worship in Church

8am Holy Communion BCP

(Second Sunday of the Month)

9.45am Parish Communion

11.30am First Sunday

(formerly Family Service (First Sunday of the Month)

Weekdays

Morning Prayers 8am in Church Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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Revd. Canon Miriam writes:

Dear Friends,

It was a lovely sunny afternoon when 50 of us, adults and children, enjoyed an afternoon of cake and conversation last month. It was wonderful to hear the buzz of chatter as people shared with

others on their table their reflection on what we do here at All Saints' in relation to our worship, mission and outreach. I am still working through the lists of comments and suggestions that people made. Once we (the clergy team and I) have digested these, we will share them with the PCC and identify the direction that God might be calling us to travel as we continue to serve him bringing his light and love to all in our local community.

As summer gets under way, we have lots of activities and services for you to join in with. Starting with Hymns, Pimm's and Pints on Sunday 15th June at 4pm. Are you able to come and do you have a favourite hymn you would like us to include? If the answer is yes, then add the hymn or song to the list at the back of Church. If you can't remember the title of the hymn/song but you have the tune buzzing around in your head then let me, Revd. Paul, Revd. Tolu, David Heath or a choir member know and I am sure that we will be able to work out the title for you.

On Sunday 22nd June, the SoFun group has organised a Ramble to take place at Black Park Country Park, Black Park Road, Wexham, SL3 6DS, meeting there at 12.30pm. Bring along a packed lunch if you would like to come.

We are really looking forward to Revd. Tolu's ordination as priest which takes place on 28th June at St Albans Cathedral. Revd. Tolu has been our curate since November last year and has enjoyed being part of All Saints' and getting to know everyone. The ordination service at St Albans Cathedral will be at 2pm and everyone is welcome to attend and be part of this very special time of Revd. Tolu's journey of faith and ministry.

If you would like to attend, please could you sign the sheet at the back of Church so that we can let the Cathedral know numbers to enable them to organise adequate seating etc. Please hold Revd. Tolu in your prayers over the coming weeks, and her family, Leke, Jacob, Joshua and Jessica.

Revd. Tolu will lead her first service as priest at our 9.45am Parish Communion on Sunday 29th June. Please come along and join her for this very special occasion. We will celebrate afterwards in the Hall with a Bring and Share lunch (please see sign up sheet for this at the back of Church).

It is wedding season. We have only one wedding this year, on 7th June, which I am really looking forward to. As I was thinking about this wedding, I came across a poem which made me smile and also really spoke to me (you will understand why when you read it!) and I thought I would share with you. I am interested in your thoughts about the content and the image of Jesus that it might bring to your mind, so do please let me know.

Surely he danced at Cana

After all,
it was a wedding feast.
And it was the custom
for men and women
to dance,
only in those days
in separate groups.
I can see him now,
hands above his head,
feet stomping,
body swaying,
head thrown back,
singing a song
he loved and knew by heart.

When we hear of the miracle at Cana, we think of his changing water into wine.
But let us not forget that other miracle; he showed us a God who loved to dance.

Melannie Svoboda. SND

I wonder if you find it easy or difficult to imagine Jesus dancing?

There are recorded instances of others in the Bible who loved to dance. Miriam and the women danced after their escape through the sea from the Egyptians (Exodus 15 v19-21). Kind David is also well known for dancing before the Lord (2 Samuel 6 v14-23). The writer of Psalm 149 encourages us to dance too, 'Let them praise His name with dancing.'

Are you ready to put on your dancing shoes?

With my love and prayers

Miriam



Bishop Alan Retires

18th May 2025

Bishop Alan retired today after 16 years!

He handed the crozier back to the Dean who placed it on the High Altar.

Prayers were said at the end.





The icon and Hebrews reading were handed out with the order of service and there is a copy at the back of Church if you would like to see it.

June Gospel readings

Sunday 1st June Easter 7 John 17 v 20-end

Sunday 8th June Pentecost John 14 v 8-17

Sunday 15th June Trinity John 16 v 12-15

Sunday 22nd June Trinity 1 Luke 8 v 26-29

Sunday 29th June Trinity 2 Luke 9 v 51-end

Churches Together Quiz Night

The quiz night organised by Churches Together in Croxley Green last month was an evening full of furrowed brows, laughter and frustrations of 'I know the answer but just can't remember it' (I spent quite a lot of the evening saying this!), good food and excellent company.

A big thank you to David Edney, our quiz master, and his son Jonathan for the entertaining questions which stretched our brains and created a light hearted atmosphere in delivering them to a very enthusiastic audience. We even managed to fit in a great sing-along to the music round when we were trying to identify songs, musicals and singers.

Most of all, a big thank you to everyone who came and took part raising the amazing sum of over £1000 for the Parish Nurse Project. Our Parish Nurse, Cathy, and her volunteers are very active in Croxley Green, helping so many people; visiting playgroups, church café groups and providing moral support and giving health advice. There is also organising and helping at groups such as, The Cancer Support Group on 1st Thursday of the month held at All Saints' Church from 2.30 - 4pm and the Together Group for people with dementia and their carers held at Croxley Baptist Church on Mondays from 2-4pm; everyone can come along, get help, advice and information and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere over a cup of tea or coffee. For more information contact Cathy on 01923 436326 or email croxleyparishnursecathy@gmail.com

First Sunday Service

Our service in May was full of:

listening talking action singing sharing

We listened to the story from John chapter 21 of how the disciples were out fishing all night but didn't catch any fish. Then Jesus came and told them to cast their nets onto the other side of their boat and the fish filled their nets to overflowing.

We talked about how Peter had denied knowing Jesus 3 times but Jesus forgives him and shows how he loves him. Jesus wants us to know that even when we make mistakes He will always love us and He wants us to share our love with others too.

We acted out the story. We built a boat and sat in it to fish, then we took our fish and cooked them over the camp fire and ate them!





While we ate them, we thought about how we can always talk to Jesus and share with him our troubled times as well as our good times and he will always listen. We have written some prayers that are on the board in the Lady Chapel. Please spend a moment reading them next time you are in Church.

Our next service is on Sunday 1st June at 11.30 am.

Please come and join us.





The Gilliard Band

Sunday 18th May





The Gilliard Band returned again this year and treated the audience to an afternoon of music that took us on a tour around the world including many different dancing styles. We could not help but tap our feet along to the tunes.

The programme also included some singing and readings which were both thought-provoking and entertaining.

Thank you to the band for an absolutely wonderful afternoon of entertainment.

During the interval we enjoyed tea and cake: thank you to everyone who helped bake, serve and clear away.

A collection was taken at the end of the concert and about £300 was raised for Church Funds.

We hope to see The Gilliard Band again soon!



Social and Fundraising Committee Diary Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd June

We have another social evening planned in the Red House from 7.00pm.



There is no need to book, just simply come along and enjoy a drink and a chat!



Sunday 15th June

We will be having an afternoon of Hymns, Pimm's & Pints on Sunday 15th June at 4pm.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for you to request your favourite hymn to sing along to!

Sunday 22nd June

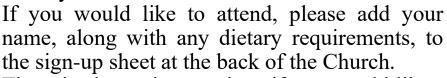
We have a Parish Ramble planned which will take place on Sunday 22^{nd} June at Black Park Country Park.

We will meet in the Black Park car park at 12.30pm. The address is: Black Park Country Park, Black Park Road, Wexham, Buckinghamshire, SL3 6DS.

Everyone is welcome. Please bring a picnic with you to enjoy!

Sunday 29th June

To celebrate Tolu's ordination on 28th June, we will be having a Bring and Share meal on Sunday 29th June at 12 noon.





There is also a sign-up sheet if you would like to contribute anything towards the meal.



Sunday 20th July

There will be a Family Rounders afternoon on Sunday 20th July at Barton Way Recreation Ground, time to be confirmed nearer the date.

Ann Palmer

VE Day Celebrations

The 80th anniversary of VE Day was celebrated in Croxley Green on Saturday 10th May with a Community Picnic organised by the Parish Council.

The afternoon was very warm and sunny which brought the people of Croxley out to gather on the Green to commemorate this special event.





There were stalls with items for sale as well as exhibitions of events and items from World War II. It was an event that was shared and enjoyed by many people of Croxley.

All Saints' had a stall selling cakes, sausage rolls and refreshing drinks which raised about £600 for Church funds. Thank you to Brian and Jennifer Clemow for baking all the wonderful treats and to everyone who helped to set up, help on the stall or clear away.







Join us for

Living well with Parkinson's taster session

Monday 9 June 10am- 12pm William Penn leisure centre, Shepherds Ln, Mill End, Rickmansworth, WD3 8JN

Have a tour of the centre and get your free membership Meet staff from Parkinson's UK and Everyone Active Get information on living well with Parkinson's Try a new activity Meet people and have some refreshments

Contact Julie Wilson, Parkinson's UK 07500 097 222 jmwilson@parkinsons.org.uk

Nature Watch

The messier the garden the better!

Of course you don't have to let your whole garden turn into a jungle, just a small patch of lawn or a hidden corner could be left to become wild because insects will thrive in a bit of garden wildness. Piles of leaves, twigs or stones make a great habitat for insects and other wildlife like frogs and newts. Create a log pile - fallen leaves and small logs and twigs make a great hiding place for insects like worms, woodlice, millipedes and centipedes. They also attract other wildlife like hedgehogs and beetles. If you've got a pond, placing a log pile next to it is a great way to provide shelter for amphibians like frogs, toads and newts. Create a pond – it doesn't have to be big or cost a lot. You can create one in a pot or upturned dustbin lid. They are a great habitat for insects like dragonflies and water beetles. Many insects lay eggs in the water for their young to grow in a safe space. Not only do insects start their life in ponds but the water is a drinking source for birds, hedgehogs and foxes.

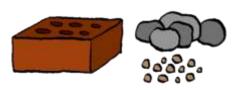
What to do



piece of pond liner.

1. Choose a spot. Your pond will want light, but not full sunlight all day. You can dig a hole and sink your container or just have it sitting on top. Maybe you could use a plant pot, upturned dustbin lid, washing up bowl or a disused sink will do,

2. If the container isn't watertight, e.g. an old plant pot, then add a



3. Add a layer of gravel and rocks. Use logs or stones to create a range of depths and a slope for creatures to climb in and out as many creatures can swim but not climb. If your container isn't sunk in you'll need a

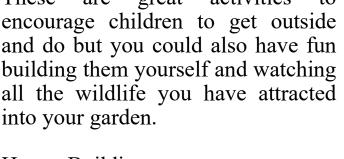
ramp from the ground outside the pond.

4. Fill your pond. Use rainwater as tap water contains chemicals.



- 5. Start planting! You only need one or two plants. Great plants for small ponds include:
- -Miniature waterlily (Nymphaea "Pygmaea Helvola")
- -Lesser spearwort (Ranunculus flammula)
- -Starwort (Callitriche stagnalis)
- -Flowering rush (Butomus umbellatus).

These activities are great encourage children to get outside building them yourself and watching into your garden.





Happy Building Fran and Alice

photos all P.S. please send of have done us you to magazine@croxleygreenallsaints.org

Smile Lines from Parish Pump

Scam alert

Beware of the new Amazon scam. I asked my husband to order me some expensive jewellery, but motorcycle parts came instead! Thankfully, they fit his bike.

Leisure is a beautiful garment, but it will not do for constant wear. Anon

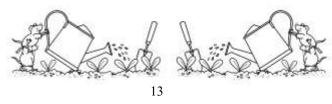
It's weird, being the same age as old people.

Grandmother-grandchild relationships are simple. Grandmas are short on criticism and long on love.

June Prayer Diary

| In our Church Family | | | | |
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| Paul, Siu and Kelly Palmer | | | | |
| Lyndon and Ann Palmer | | | | |
| Wendy and Peter Rennoldson | | | | |
| Francesca Sams | | | | |
| Cathy Scarborough | | | | |
| Sarah and Cameron Selleck | | | | |
| Wendy Shafe | | | | |
| Revd. Anne and Don Shaw | | | | |
| Robert Sheminant | | | | |
| Anthony and Mary Smith | | | | |
| Marjorie and Tommy Stevenson | | | | |
| Alice Tims | | | | |
| Lilian and Jenson Tsang | | | | |
| Vicky, Katherine, William and James | | | | |
| Katie and Scott Wakefield | | | | |
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| 16th | Lin Welch | | | | |
|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 17th | Mary Wong | | | | |
| 18th | Chima, Winston, Huldah and Chiamaka Agha | | | | |
| 19th | Shirley Barnes | | | | |
| 20th | Gillian Barrett | | | | |
| 21st | Jane Bates | | | | |
| 22nd | Sam Beard | | | | |
| 23rd | Nik and Fran Bennett | | | | |
| 24th | Mary Bittles | | | | |
| 25th | Shelagh and Tony Booth | | | | |
| 26th | Rae Bowyer | | | | |
| 27th | Ben, Michelle, Sanna and Sophie Brogden | | | | |
| 28th | Kelly Buckle | | | | |
| 29th | Alick and Hazel Burge | | | | |
| 30th | Brian and Jennifer Clemow | | | | |
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Sunday Coffee Charity

The next charity we will be donating our Sunday coffee money to is The British Heart Foundation.

British Heart Foundation (BHF) is a cardiovascular research charity in the United Kingdom. It funds medical research related to heart and circulatory diseases and their risk factors, and runs influencing work aimed at shaping public policy and raising awareness.

The British Heart Foundation was founded in 1961 by a group of medical professionals who were concerned about the increasing death rate from cardiovascular disease. They wanted to fund extra research into the causes, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of heart and circulatory diseases.

Its main focus is to fund cardiovascular research, aiming to spend around £100 million a year funding scientists around the UK. They are currently funding over 1000 research projects which include:

- *Free heart health info on their web-site, in their magazines and booklets.
- *By providing support on their helpline where they have cardiac nurses ready to answer any questions
- *They work in the community across the UK placing defibrillators in many towns and cities and giving life saving courses for CPR training.
- *They give vital support to professionals and scientists with grants for training and research.
- *They create policies to improve the lives of people living with heart and circulatory conditions.

Hearts Need More Campaign

Over the past six decades, the UK has made huge strides in improving outcomes for people living with heart and circulatory diseases. But now that progress is at risk.

We are in the grip of a heart care crisis. Our hearts need and deserve more. The BHF are calling for bold and coordinated action from the UK Government to stop this crisis in its tracks. Tragically, the effects of the heart care crisis are not felt equally across communities in the UK. The factors which drive cardiovascular disease are concentrated in the poorest communities and can also affect people differently due to their sex or ethnic background.

We all know someone who has needed the services of the BHF and they have asked us to help this charity to be able to continue its great life-saving work by donating to the cause.

https://www.bhf.org.uk/ Look at the website to find your local BHF shop to donate to and buy from and to find more information about how you can help them.



Temporary Relocation



Today, we celebrated Communion in the Committee Room. Due to the Church being used for examinations, we needed an alternative venue. It was very cosy with so many of us, but also very intimate. Miriam said it made her think of the disciples gathering and sharing.

Please be sure to check before entering Church as it is being used regularly for examinations over the next few weeks.

The service on a Thursday is at 9.30am and usually lasts about 35 minutes. After the service, we do stop for a coffee and chat.

Please come and join us if you can.

Annual Meetings held on Sunday 27th April

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, Anne Oke and Lyndon Palmer were re-elected as Churchwardens for 2025/2.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The meeting was attended by Revd.s Miriam, Paul, Tolu and by 21 members of the congregation.

Electoral Roll Renewal, April 2025

Chris Fagan, the Electoral Roll Officer, reported that the preparation of a completely new Church Electoral Roll, which must by church law be done in every sixth year, had resulted in the new Roll having 98 members, one fewer than the previous Roll. 18 new applicants had been enrolled.

Elections and Appointment

Chris Fagan, John Galloway and Janet Martin were re-elected as lay representatives to serve until 2028. The meeting re-appointed the Independent Examiner of the parish accounts, Dot Reynolds.

Reports

The APCM received the minutes of the Annual Meetings held in April 2024, the Annual Report for 2024 and the 2024 Annual Accounts with the report of the Independent Examiner. They also received a lively summary leaflet on the year's events produced by Nik Bennett. Copies of these documents are displayed at the back of the Church and you are encouraged to read them. If you wish to have your own copy, please see Chris Fagan, the PCC Secretary. The Report and Accounts were accepted by the APCM and will be sent to the St Albans Diocese and the Charity Commission.

The Annual Report includes reports by Revd. Miriam as Vicar, the Churchwardens, the Parish Safeguarding Team, the Treasurer, Secretary and other Parochial Church Council officers; reports on the work of PCC Committees and working groups like the Monday Toddlers group and on other major events like the Beer Festival, the Christmas Market, accompanied by photographs.

Our **Treasurer**, Andrew Nobbs, reported that the finances had performed well, transforming a budgeted General Fund deficit into a surplus of over £6,022, which had been added to reserves.

The **Churchwardens**, Anne Oke and Lyndon Palmer, reported on their work in maintaining the fabric and contents of the Church and the Hall, including conducting all statutory safety checks. They thanked everyone who had contributed to keeping All Saints' in good condition, carrying out repairs and looking after the gardens.

Anne Oke, the **Parish Safeguarding Officer**, reported on the important work done in applying the Church of England's Safeguarding policies within the parish, particularly at this difficult time when issues of safeguarding and tragic incidents are so troubling. Anne and Sam Jones, the Assistant Safeguarding Office, had ensured that we are fully up to date on our policies, safeguarding procedures and training for everyone who had responsibilities for children and vulnerable adults on church premises.

The report authors expressed thanks to those who had contributed towards achieving these results. Full details are contained in the Annual Report.

Speaking about her report as Vicar, Revd. Miriam emphasised the positivity of the whole All Saints' Church community in making our parish a place of acceptance, safety and hope for everyone who comes to us. In offering this welcome, we were seeking to witness to God's presence and to enable him to flow through us to others. She invited everyone to consider how this work could be continued and developed during the year ahead. A Mission Action Planning Day would be held on 17th May and a Parish Retreat would take place in July. She gave personal thanks to her ministry staff team for their support to her, but also to everyone who had contributed their time, talents and efforts to this wonderful work.

The meeting expressed its thanks to Miriam for all her work and leadership of the parish.

PCC Meeting held on 7 May

PCC Membership 2025/25

Following the elections at the Annual Meetings, the PCC membership is: Revd. Miriam, Revd Paul. and Revd. Tolu

Anne Oke and Lyndon Palmer - the Churchwardens

Deanery Synod lay representatives - Fran Bennett and Andrew Nobbs Lay members (elected) - Jane Bates; Sam Beard; Chris Fagan; John Galloway; Sam Jones, Gill Main, Janet Martin; Andrew Nobbs; Ann Palmer and Wendy Shafe

The PCC also appointed members to its committees and working groups and also to posts with particular responsibilities, as follows:

PCC Officer Posts:

Lay Vice-Chair – Ann Palmer

Assistant Churchwardens – Gill Main and Ann Palmer

PCC Secretary – Chris Fagan

PCC Treasurer – Andrew Nobbs

Planned Giving Officer – Janet Martin

Safeguarding officer – Anne Oke

Assistant Safeguarding Officer – Sam Jones

Health and Safety Officer – Ann Palmer

Electoral Roll Officer – Chris Fagan

Appointments to the following Committees and Working groups were made

Finance and Standing Committee – Chair Revd. Miriam

Pastoral and Evangelism Group – Chair Revd. Miriam;

Chair Buildings Committee – Chair Lyndon Palmer;

Hall Committee – Wendy Shafe;

Social and Fundraising Committee – Chair Ann Palmer;

Music Maintenance and Development Committee – Chair Revd. Miriam;

Communications Team – Chair Lyndon Palmer;

Magazine Team – Leader Wendy Shafe;

Garden Team – Janet Martin and Andrew Nobbs;

Eco-Church Group – Leader Janet Martin

Each of these bodies does very useful work, and can report to the PCC on any major items of concern. Memberships include PCC members and also non-PCC members.

The PCC wants to encourage people to find out about their work and to think about possibly joining one or more committee to help take their work forward. If you want to know more about any of the jobs or groups listed, please speak to Revd. Miriam, Chris Fagan or any of the people above.

Appointment of Sidespeople for 2025/26

John Galloway, Val Hunt, Valerie Kendle, Sue McKeague, Janet Martin, Andrew Nobbs, Ann Palmer and Marjorie Stevenson. More people are needed in order to allow the existing members some weeks off.

Safeguarding – Reporting of Serious Incidents

The PCC reviewed its policy and arrangements for reporting Safeguarding Serious Incidents to the Charity Commission and the National Safeguarding Team and for reporting non-Serious Incidents. It appointed a Trustee Group responsible for reporting Serious Incidents: the Parish Safeguarding Officer, The Vicar, Chris Fagan as a PCC representative and a Churchwarden. For non-Safeguarding Serious Incidents it appointed the Vicar or a Churchwarden.

Finance Report

Treasure Andrew Nobbs reported that for the first four months of the year income and expenditure were in line with the budget for 2025.

Church Organ

The PCC received an updating report that the organ had lost the use of one of its three keyboards due to water leaking into the mechanism. A full appraisal from a specialist firm will be considered by the Music Maintenance and Development Committee.

Internal Damp in the Church Hall

A quotation has been received for removal of damp in the west wall caused by salt corrosion in the plaster. A decision on accepting the quotation will be made following consultation with the Church Surveyor.

Chris Fagan PCC Secretary

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Smile Lines from Parish Pump

New patio

My husband was attempting to build a patio for the first time. He bought 100 cement blocks. Laying them out in a pattern, he discovthe chosen ered small. was He stacked the blocks against the house and cleared more space. The next day he put the cement blocks back down, only to find that the was too hard to keep the patio He ordered a truckload of sand to be delivered the following morning. Again, he stacked the 100 blocks against the house. Observing all this, our next-door neighbour asked, "Are you going to put your patio away every night?"



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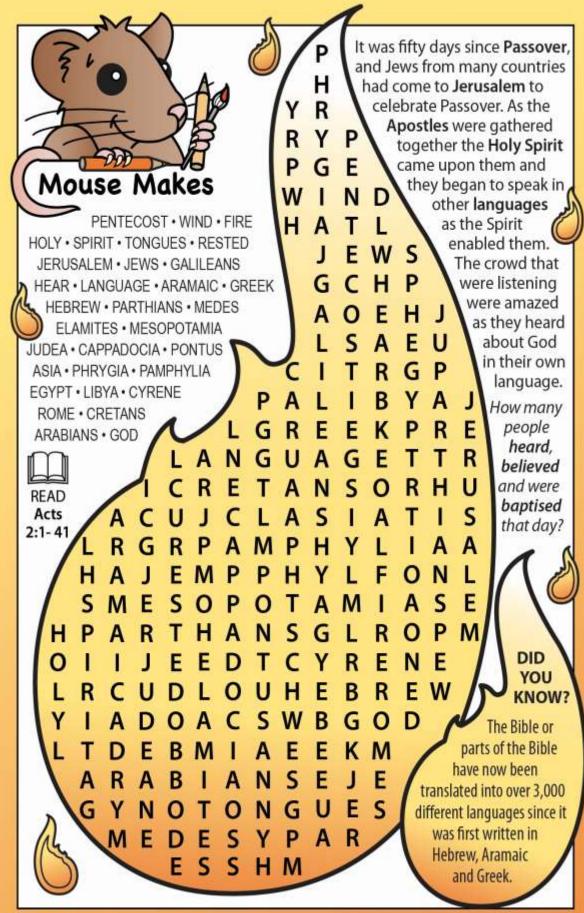
Nurse-led Cancer Support Group Croxley

First Thursday of the month All Saints' Church Hall 2.30-4pm

We will be meeting on Thursday 5th June and Thursday 3rd July

We welcome anyone who has been affected by cancer. Join us to meet others, share your experiences and learn coping techniques in a warm and friendly group.

For more information please call 01923 436326 or croxleyparishnursecathy@gmail.com



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