

PPT: the Parish Church of St Peter, St Paul & St Thomas of Canterbury, Bovey Tracey and St Mary's, Hennock



# Church Bulletin

## November 2017



Martyrdom of William Tyndale 6 October 1536

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# Who's Who at PPT

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# Letter from the Vicar: *Much worth remembering*

Dear Friends,

November is always a month of Remembering, and this year is the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele, or the Third Battle of Ypres, the fiercest and bloodiest battle on the Western Front fought by the British Army. Historians are still arguing over the true casualties and its effect on the war overall. Though the First World War has passed out of living memory, we still need to remember the cost and causes of war, and to be vigilant in upholding peace in today's trouble spots.

This year we also remember the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on 31 October 1517. His challenge to corruption and distorted teaching in the Church was taken up all over Europe. In our Churches Together lectures on the Reformation, and in this month's sketch from Church History' this month we consider the first English Reformer to give his life for the gospel- William Tyndale, burnt at the stake in 1536. William Tyndale gave us the bible in English, and his translation has shaped the English language as much as Shakespeare: "under the sun", "signs of the times", "let there be light", "my brother's keeper", "lick the dust", "fall flat on his face", "the land of the living", "pour out one's heart", "the apple of his eye", "fleshpots", "go the extra mile", "the parting of the ways"- all phrases first used in print by Tyndale. We will be remembering the English Martyrs on Sunday 5 November at the 5pm service, followed by soup and sparklers for Bonfire Night.

Today we need to read and proclaim God's word, not just to preserve our language, but to uphold the gospel. Recently a church school in Tonbridge Wells has bowed to pressure from agitating parents, and no longer teaches Christian faith clearly for fear of offending. Such cowardice will not advance the gospel!

Later this month we will be studying Paul's great letter to the church at Philippi. Paul is in prison for the 'crime' of preaching the gospel, but he is encouraged to hear that the Philippians have not been intimidated into silence: *"Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly."* Phil 1.13-14

On Sunday 19 November Rev Charles Raven will be speaking at the 5pm service, to inform of the struggle for the gospel in the Anglican church worldwide, and how they can support us in the challenges we face in the Church of England today.

As we remember the courage and sacrifice of previous generations, 100 and 500 years ago, let us be strong in the Lord and in his word of truth, available to us still in English!

yours in Christ,  
Graham

# Mission Focus - CAP

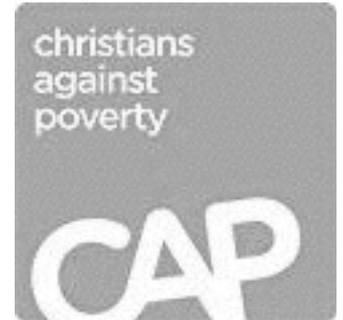
## *Church Representative - Vacant*

CAP Teignbridge is the local CAP partnership for this area; its aim is to help people get free from debt. We have a City & Guilds qualified Debt Coach, Val Hyde, who works for 2 days a week and who takes all referrals made to Teignbridge by CAP Head Office, Bradford. Self-referral is via a Freephone number: 0800 328 0006.

Val is supported by a number of partnering churches who give their support to the local CAP work. This support can be given in a number of ways:

- Making CAP publicity available in your church
- Visiting clients in their own homes with Val & offering ongoing friendship & support
- Inviting clients & their families to social events / activities
- Joining with others in your church to pray for the work of CAP
- Attending the monthly CAP Teignbridge prayer/praise support group

- Contributing financially on a monthly or occasional basis



To date, clients have been visited in: Newton Abbot, Kingsteignton, Teignmouth, Dawlish, Bovey Tracey and Kingskerswell; several of these have become debt free in the last year. We are excited to be working together with Chudleigh Baptist Church on the Connecting Chudleigh project; part of this project is about setting up a CAP drop-in service for residents of Chudleigh, starting in October/November this year.

We have formed excellent relationships with the Job Centre & with Teign Housing, in addition to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

PPT would like to find a representative to liaise with CAP in Teignbridge to bring updates and prayer requests to the congregation. If you are passionate about God's mission to the poor, and think this is a way that you could serve, please contact the church office for additional information.

# Engage with God

Here are a selection of ways to engage with scripture. They come with a warning. Be extremely careful when studying the Bible. It just might change your life forever!

## 1. Book Study

This is a Bible study in which you focus on a specific book of the Bible. The idea is that you are seeking to master the content of one specific book. As a part of this study, you will want to research many details about the book, such as the author, recipients, date of the document, general themes of the book, place where the book was written, purpose of the book, people of interest in relation to the book, etc. When doing this type of study, it is helpful to read through the specific book several times. I know one pastor who would read a book 50 times through to master the book.

## 2. Topical Study

The topical study is an approach to Bible study in which you start with a topic of interest and then trace all the Scriptures through the Bible that relate to that topic. When done properly, this is basically a form of systematic theology. In other words, you are systematically going through the Bible and developing a theology around a specific topic. This is helpful when you want to gain a fuller understanding about what God has to say about a specific issue.

## 3. Character Study

A character study, also known as a biographical study, is when you research everything the Bible has to say about a specific person in the Scriptures. It can be fascinating and enlightening to gain a fuller understanding of a character from the Bible when you begin to piece together all the things that the Scriptures say about that person. Studying great men and women of faith can help you immensely

when you begin to piece together the clues about their lives as they are described from various passages in the Scriptures. And studying the lives of people who fumbled in their faith can also serve as a healthy warning about things to avoid in your own life.

## 4. Saturation Study

A saturation study is when you decide to completely saturate your mind with a specific portion of scripture. The idea here is that you pull out a specific passage, and then you read that passage over and over and over until your mind is completely filled with every meaning and every nuance from the selected verses. For instance, you might pull Romans 12 out for special study. In this type of study, you might read the chapter perhaps every day for 30 days or so. Or you might choose a short (or long) book of the Bible to saturate your mind. Some have chosen books such as the Epistle of James to read 10, 20, 30 or more times in order to completely soak their minds with those truths.

## 5. Word Study

The word study is when you take a specific word in the Bible and discover every single way that it is used throughout the Old and/or New Testaments. For instance, you may decide to study how the term Spirit is used in the Bible. And you may find differentiations between the ways that it is used in the Old Testament as compared to the New Testament. Likewise, there are many, many great words that would be helpful for you to study: grace, peace, faith, courage, discouragement, sin, devil, idolatry, etc. The list of great words is never-ending.

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# Bovey Calendar

## November

1 Wed	10am	Holy Communion in the church
	11.30am	Funeral of John Parnell
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
2 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
3 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
<b>5 Sun</b>		<b>Solid joys, lasting treasure</b> <b>am</b> Readings: Isaiah 44.6—23, Matthew 13.44-53 pm: Daniel 3.1-20, Hebrews 11.32-40
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): Rev Graham Hamilton
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Carolyn Laycock
	11am	Morning Worship: Carolyn Laycock
	5pm	Celebration with soup & sparklers: the Vicar
6 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
7 Tues	7pm	Prayer Course
8 Wed	10am	Holy Communion
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
	5pm	Wise Guys in the Church Room
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Monthly Prayer Meeting</b> in the Church Room
9 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	3.30pm	Little Stars service
10 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
<b>12 Sun</b>		<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> <b>am</b> Reading: Psalm 46 pm Reading: tbc
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Mark Alexander
	10am	Remembrance Parade: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5pm	Celebration: Simon Hughes
	6.30pm	Reformation 500: Tyndale -at Bovey Baptist Church
13 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
14 Tues	12.30pm	Friendship Lunch at the Edgemoor Hotel
	7pm	Prayer Course
15 Wed	10am	Holy Communion in the church
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
	7.15pm	Parochial Church Council in the Church Room
16 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room

17 Fri	9.10am	Morning prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Codelife group for men in the Church Room

**19 Sun**

**Partners in the Gospel**

Readings: Acts 16.1-15, Philippians 1.1-15

9.30am	Sunday Praise: Eleanor Oelmann
11am	Morning Worship: Eleanor Oelmann
5pm	Lord's Supper: Vicar with Rev Charles Craven

20 Mon

9.10am	Morning Prayer
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21 Tue

2pm	Mother's Union in the Church Room
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7pm	Prayer Course
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22 Wed

10am	Holy Communion in the church
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2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
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5pm	Wise Guys in the Church Room
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23 Thur

7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
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9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
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24 Fri

9.10am	Morning Prayer
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9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
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6pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
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**26 Sun**

**Partners in Suffering**

am reading: Acts 16.16-34, Philippians 1.16-34

pm reading:

9.30am	Sunday Praise with Baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton
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11am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
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5pm	Celebration: Rev Graham Hamilton
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27 Mon

9.10am	Morning prayer
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28 Tues

7pm	Prayer Course
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29 Wed

10am	Holy Communion in the church
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2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
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30 Thur

7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
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9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
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**December**

1 Fri

9.10am	Morning Prayer
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9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
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5pm	Choir Practice
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6pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
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**3 Sun**

**Ready and Watching**

am Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-37

8am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
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9.30pm	NO Sunday Praise
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11am	Morning Worship: Rev Kevin Hooke
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4pm	Christingle: Rev Graham Hamilton
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# Notes & Events

## Standing for Christ in the public square.

A Christian Institute meeting in Paignton on Wednesday 15th November 7-8.30pm at Living Water's Church, Torquay Road. Speakers on the subjects of family, gospel freedom and transgenderism. See leaflets in church.

## Fundraising concert for Akuapem school in Ghana.

Saturday 25th November 4-6pm at Chudleigh Parish Church. Concert of Ghanaian hymns, gospel anthems and drumming. See poster in church porch.

## Parenting Teenagers

From Care for the Family Wednesday 8 November at Belmont Chapel and Thursday 9 November at Hope Baptist Church Plymouth. See church porch for full details

## Dates in November

9th 1989 - Fall of the Berlin Wall  
14th -World Diabetes Day  
20th 1947 - Wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Phillip Mountbatten

## Wise Guys

Wise Guys is our fortnight club for young people aged 10-14. We meet again on Wednesday 8 and 22 November from 5-7pm in the church room. Come and eat pizza, play games and learn wisdom from the bible.

## “Science and Christianity: Bridging the Imaginary Divide”

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November (1.30 pm – 4.30 pm) aimed at clergy and church leaders, (4 pm – 6 pm) is for science and RE teachers.

Professor Sir Colin Humphreys is a notable speaker and will enable us to engage in the science/religion debate in a way that will inform our apologetics and deepen our understanding of the issues.

## Reformation 500

### Ideas that Changed the World

Christians Together will be marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a series of study evenings on the people whose ideas formed our modern world by returning to the core teachings of the bible.

Sun 12 Nov 6.30pm at Baptist: Bible alone (Tyndale) led by Mark Styants  
Sun 10 Dec 6.30pm at Ilstington: Christ alone (Cranmer) led by David Harris

# Hosting with Host UK

***Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2***

How true such advice can be. Hospitality is an equal partnership, the feel-good factor of offering it and the delight in receiving it.

HOST UK is a charity whose mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Whilst not a faith-based charity, it values the offers of hospitality that result from awareness-raising in Churches through parish news and word of mouth.

If you are unable to travel abroad, have “abroad” come to you! Our students are both curious and fascinated by our traditions and happy to fully participate in everyday life. If you have a curiosity about exotic places, or desire to improve a second language, or want your children to encounter those of other cultures and countries, we can offer *all* of this. Our international students bring something really special to such a visit and experiences become treasured memories for all and forever.

Whilst we operate all year

round Christmas or New Year is an especially valuable time to enjoy welcoming guests into your home.

Consider what faces the international student *this* Christmas; a lonely hall of residence compounded with the uncertainty of their welcome from a Brexiting Britain. They may also be from a country experiencing conflict or natural disaster and if none of this applies, then they are invariably far from home, family and loved ones.

Hospitality can be offered for one day (daytime only), three days and two nights at the weekend, or at New Year, or four days and three nights during the Christmas festive period.

The choice is yours. **And remember...your offer can be made at any time of the year.**

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## **Akuapem Hills Preparatory School Ghana**

We started and completed the building of three classroom blocks, three toilets, two urinals and construction of roads leading to both sites where the schools are located within the month of August.

However, the Multi-purpose hall which also contains a classroom has burn down. This was a human error of gigantic magnitude. Some trees where we built the classrooms had to be cut down and to save buying charcoal for cooking the

school meals, they decided to make charcoal. The charcoal had been burning for more than two weeks and one inexperienced fellow who knew nothing about the process collected some, bagged them and placed them in the hall where we had oil paints, plastic chairs, dining tables, classroom tables, benches, wood material, etc.

Rebuilding work will commence during the Christmas break. There is a fundraising concert on 25th November in Chudleigh. See poster in church porch

# Sketches from Church History (11)

## William Tyndale: 1494-1536

Martin Luther lit a flame that set Europe ablaze. His ideas were discussed by students in Cambridge at the White Horse Tavern, who would later lead the English Reformation. But the first to write was the new king Henry VIII. His six articles against Luther won him the title of 'Defender of the Faith' from the Pope. The words are still on every coin! But Henry also saw a political opportunity in the widespread hostility to Papal power, and when the Pope refused his request for a divorce from Katherine, he declared himself the head of the English church, and was soon confiscating church property. This was a political act, not a reformation of doctrine.

William Tyndale was the son of Cotswold wool merchants. He studied at Oxford and became a brilliant scholar, speaking seven languages. Like Luther, he was inspired by Erasmus' Greek New Testament, and while serving as tutor to a noble family became known for defeating the idle arguments of leading churchmen. At dinner one night he said, "If God spares me... I will cause the boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Bible than thou doest". He made it his life's goal to translate the bible into English, and in 1523 requested funds and permission from the Bishop of London. But The Church was determined to keep the Reformation out of England, and so Tyndale fled to Hamburg, then moved across Europe, pursued by the agents of King Henry, the Pope and the Holy Roman Emperor.

*"If God spares me... I will cause the boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Bible than thou doest".*

Yet by 1525 he had produced an English New Testament, which was printed in (Protestant) Worms and smuggled into England in wine casks and wool bales. It was denounced by the King, Cardinal Wolsey and Thomas More. Tyndale kept ahead of his enemies until 1535, and produced a complete Old Testament. His bible also contained lively footnotes, explaining Lutheran doctrines, and Henry banned its sale. The Bishop of London tried to buy up all the illegal copies, and on one occasion burnt 6000 copies outside St Paul's cathedral: the profits financed the printing of many more! Finally he was entrapped by an

English acquaintance from Oxford, tried for heresy in Belgium, and hung then burned alive on 6 October 1536. Our front cover

is taken from Foxe's book of English martyrs, 1563. As he died, Tyndale prayed, *"Lord, open the king of England's eyes!"*

His prayer was answered more quickly than he could have believed, for Henry had been considering an English bible since 1529, with help from Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. He commissioned Miles Coverdale who had worked with Tyndale earlier, and built heavily on Tyndale's work. The first English bible was published legally in England in 1535, and by 1538 the Great Bible was produced, and every parish church in England was commanded to make a copy available for all to read.

# What's on and who's who at St Mary's

## November

**5 Sun Present and Future - 4th before Advent**  
Readings: Isaiah 43.22-44.5, Matthew 13.24-43  
10am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton and Mark Alexander

7 Tues 10.30am Community Coffee Morning

**12 Sun 3rd Before Advent**  
Reading: John 15.9-17  
10am Service of Remembrance: Arnold Cade.  
Walk to War memorial for 11am

16 Thur 12pm Soup and Pudding lunch in the Village hall

**19 Sun 2nd before advent: Solid joys, lasting treasure**  
Readings: Isaiah 44.6—23, Matthew 13.44-52  
10am Holy Communion: Rev Gordon Percy

22 Wed 10am Stitch and Knit at the Village Hall

**26 Sun 1st Before Advent**  
Readings: Acts 16.1-15, Philippians 1.1-15  
10am Morning Worship: Eleanor Oelmann

## December

**3 Sun Advent**  
Readings: tbc  
4pm Light up a Life service: Veronica Dell

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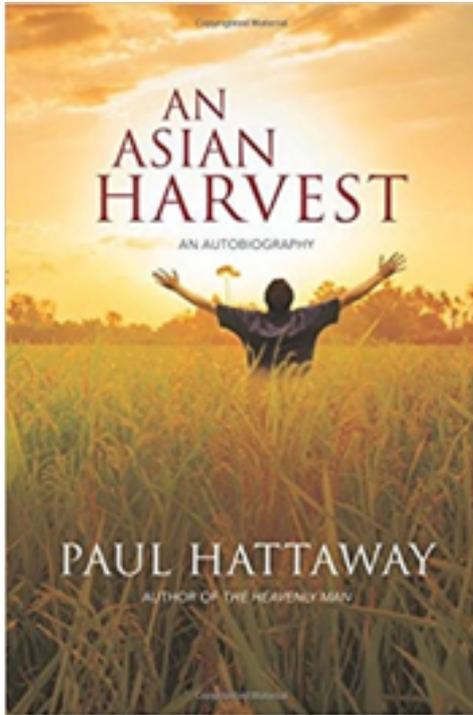
## Rota

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
5th	Harold Joll	Miles Pomfrett	Service Leader	June
12th	Pat Savage-Jones	Anne English	Richard Partridge	Rachel
19th	Ken Swan	Ken Swan	Ellena Jamie	Rachel
26th	Harold Joll	Libby Marnham	Brian Marnham	Rachel
<b>Dec</b>				
3rd	Pat Savage-Jones	June Brown	Service Leader	Rachel

# The Back Page:

## Christmas Present ideas

Buy a 2017 Christian Autobiography to inspire or encourage someone this Christmas. Both these titles are available from our local Christian Book Shop Choice Words in Newton Abbot

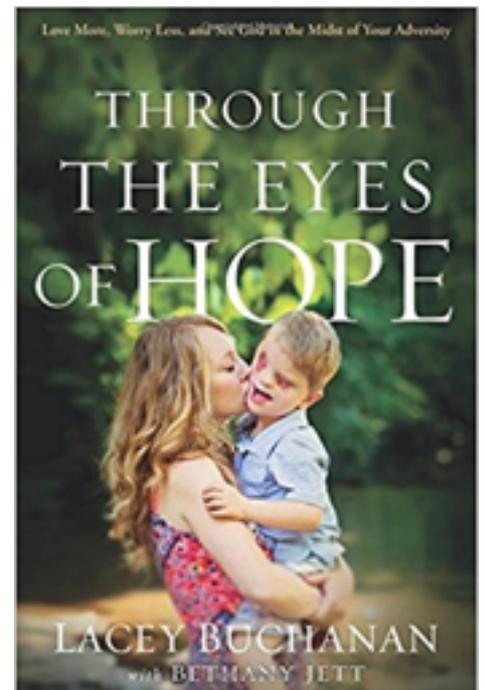


### An Asian Harvest by Paul Hattaway

A high school dropout from New Zealand Paul's love for God and commitment to the peoples of Asia has led him to provide 10 million Bibles to China alone, and to sponsor more than 1500 Asian missionaries through the ministry Asia Harvest. (author of The Heavenly Man)

### Through the eyes of Hope by Lacey Buchanan

The Buchanans son Christian was born with a medical condition that is so incredibly unique, it s one of only fifty known cases in the world. Lacey Buchanan tells this compelling story of trusting God in the face of adversity. You will be moved and inspired to hold on to God s promises when things go wrong and find joy in midst of any storm.



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