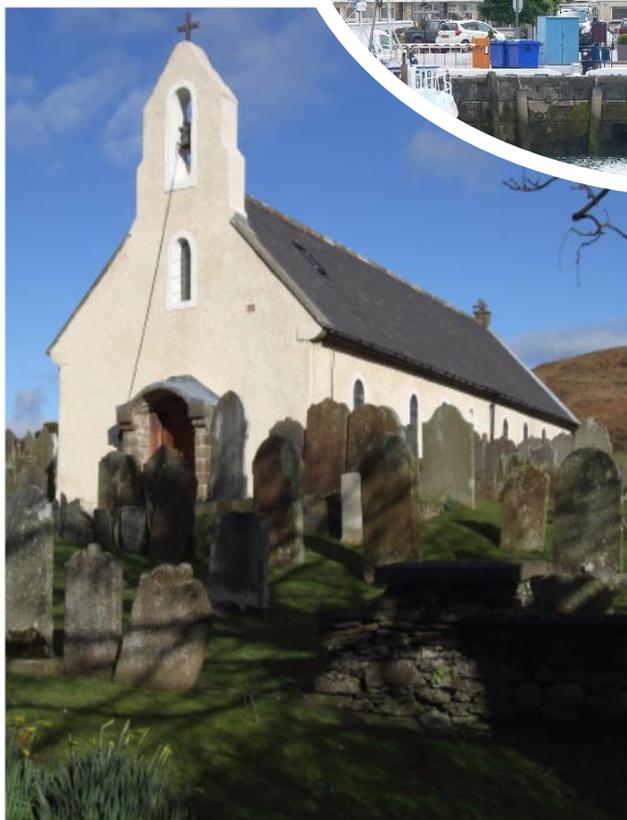


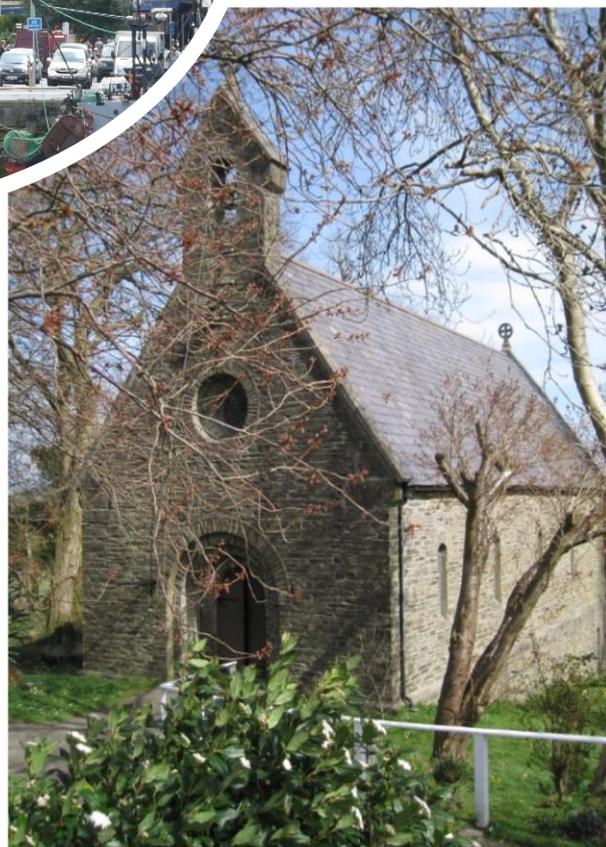
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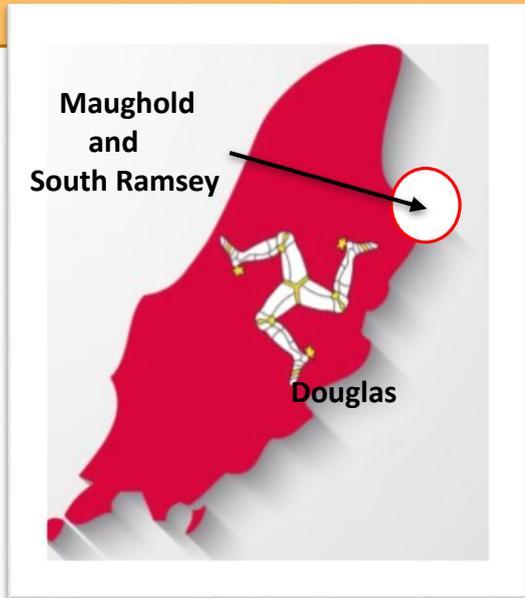
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Our Island

Your home?



Positioned in the middle of the Irish Sea between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales the Isle of Man has a rich history, colour and character. It has a mountainous centre framed by rolling countryside, long sandy beaches, stunning glens and a rugged coastline.

The island is a treasure trove of discoveries. From the famous TT Motorcycle Races, the ultimate 'must see it' event for motorsport fans, heritage and culture, family events, festivals and shows, nightlife, literature, music, comedy and local theatre to food and drink – there's something for everyone. With dark sky sites dotted around the island it's a great place to observe the northern lights, or simply stargaze.

"A stunning jewel in the Irish Sea. Magic"

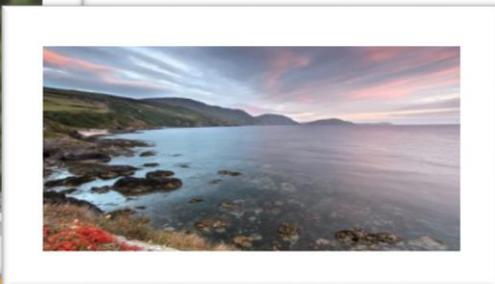
The island can be reached by ferry from under 4 hours and by air from 30 minutes. A Crown Dependency with a population of 84,000 the island is a self-governing possession of the British Crown, the head of state is the Lord of Mann, a role held by the Queen. The island's parliament – *Tynwald* – is the oldest continuous parliament in the world. It is a low tax jurisdiction with no capital gains tax or inheritance tax. The Manx language which is undergoing a revival bears traces of Old Norse and is closely related to Irish and Scottish Gaelic.

Education in the Isle of Man enjoys high standards of teaching and a strong appetite for sports and culture. There is no state run pre-school on the island, but there are many privately run options to choose from and parents may also be eligible for credits from the Government. The island has 32 Primary and 5 Secondary schools. It also has two highly regarded public schools.

The Isle of Man Government offers -

- maintenance grants, loans and tuition fees for university students.
- higher education on the island including arts, business and computer science.
- a wide range of successful apprenticeship schemes with real job opportunities.

An island steeped in Celtic and Viking heritage but also a modern, caring and supportive island with first-class hospital and emergency services, hospice and medical centres; state benefits, social care, mental health wellbeing and low crime!



At its heart lies the coastal town of Ramsey. The second largest town on the Island after Douglas – the island’s capital some 16 miles south of Ramsey. Sheltered against the magnificent backdrop of the North Barrule hills, Ramsey with a population of nearly 8,000 is a popular shopping and business centre.



The town enjoys a growing foodie and nightlife scene, culture and entertainment and is the proposed site for a multi-million pound marina. **The marina, hotel and mixed residential and commercial properties is designed to bring new economic opportunities to the town.**

Ramsey has a strong sense of community spirit and culture reflected in its Primary and Secondary schools. To the south of the town lies the stunningly beautiful rural parishes of Maughold and the Dhoon. Ancient Celtic heritage, village communities, breath-taking scenery and a successful Primary school just along from Dhoon Church.

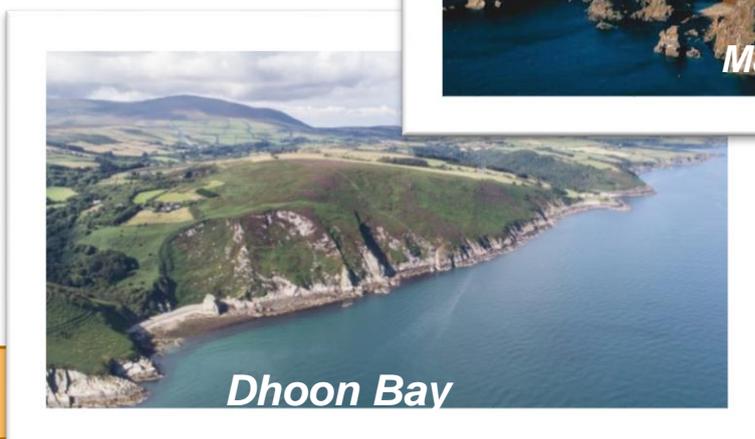
The Parish is a union of large seaside town and rural parishes. Wealth but also some unemployment. A population from children and teenagers and young families, to a new generation of adults, pensioners and the very old.

Churches old and new. Ancient and modern. Big and small. Diverse styles of ministry and worship. Many traditions, one Mission. **A parish with challenges, with character, expectations, hope and an openness to radical change.** Lay and ordained ministers working together.

A Parish that has its financial problems. Buildings need investment, renovation and imagination. Are the churches reaching all of their communities? The honest answer is no. Ramsey in particular is both a challenge and a real opportunity. The town has huge potential ecumenically and evangelically.

In Christ, the Parish finds hope and encouragement. Churches focused on God’s people. Reinvigorated, focused communities of faith witnessing to God in their communities. Now that’s a challenge!

“Rich in culture and history but life moves forward. Looking ahead gives you opportunities”



St. Paul's Church Ramsey



St Paul's church, built in 1822, is situated in the heart of Ramsey, lying between the main shopping street and the sea front, with car parks to front and rear and set against the magnificent backdrop of the North Barrule hills.

It is a large church, extended several times over the decades, with beautiful stained-glass windows and its own spacious hall, fully equipped kitchen and ancillary rooms. A wider community asset that plays a pivotal role in the life of Ramsey. The church is also welcomed into the local primary and grammar school for lessons and assemblies as well as being a venue for carol services. **There is however work to be done to see the vibrant nature of community use reflected in the use of the church for worship. The current regular congregation of 30 is keen to help bring that about.**

Worship at St. Paul's is -

- Eucharist centred and full vestments are usually worn.
- supported by a small robed choir and organist.
- encouraging of lay involvement.
- strengthened by Licensed Liturgical Assistants.

“Large and spacious. Open to change. Opportunity calls”.

In terms of the building itself, major renovation works have been undertaken on the church in recent years, in particular structural work on the tower. The need for remedial work on the roof of the church and the hall, and improved disabled facilities in the hall remain priorities.

The hall area is used by the church for meetings and fund-raising events, and in addition a weekly café and a monthly afternoon tea are provided. The local community use the hall extensively with weekly meetings of a Parent and Toddler group, dancing classes, fitness sessions, bridge, art clubs, the WI, and pensioner groups. The hall is also home to the town's drama group, is booked for private parties, and is used as the local polling centre.

Following the recent closure of a local Methodist Church and a United Reform Church the hall is now also used for worship by a Local Ecumenical Project (LEP) developed between the two, the first such LEP seen in the island. It is unclear at this point how long the LEP will wish to continue to meet in St Paul's Hall, but for now all involved are keen to work together, share worship whenever it is practicable, and be open to all possibilities for the future.





Kirk Maughold Church

We are immensely proud of the long history of our church, and look forward to sharing its story with you. A rural church, in the lee of Maughold Head, within its historic walled graveyard are the remains of three ancient monastic keeills. Historically significant are the pre-Norse and Viking cross slab collection.

In the immediate vicinity is a small village of scarcely a dozen homes, with the rest of Maughold scattered over a four mile radius. The modern graveyard is a few hundred yards down a quiet road. The management of the graveyards is the responsibility of the churchwardens of the parish.

The simple church building was heavily restored in 1900, but the remains of the Norman era church can be seen. It can accommodate about 100 people. Inside stands the mediaeval carved stone Parish Cross and upstairs in the small balcony we have a good organ and take great pride in our choir. We have an elderly congregation and averages about 25 each Sunday but we welcome children and young people.

“A story built on the faith of those in Mann from the 6th century to the present time”.

Our Celtic heritage is reflected in the annual celebration of St. Maughold's Day in July, with our morning Eucharist service held in one of the keeills (weather permitting!), followed by a community lunch. The fitter members of the congregation may choose to walk across the fields and down the cliff to visit St. Maughold's Well. This spring is the source of water for our baptisms and is an ancient site of pilgrimage.

The ageing church hall in an out of the way corner of the parish is a short distance from the church, and is used for our social events, and those of the community. Financing the church and church hall will always be a challenge.

Social events include pancake races, worm charming competition, beetle drives, games nights, harvest supper, summer garden party, participation in the island-wide Flower Festival and joining in the community celebrations of the traditional Maughold Parish Day.

We have just published a small guide book to the church and churchyard which is selling well, and we recently organised a guided tour followed by afternoon tea, which was well supported.

This church –

- consistent with its history, has a traditional leaning throughout its liturgy, music and use of vestments.
- is ready, with an emphasis on inclusivity and mission, for a new era of outreach and spiritual development.
- is prepared to play its part to keep the Christian faith alive in any ecumenical project.

Kirk Maughold is not quite as old as Christianity itself, but it certainly points back to the beginnings of faith on this island. It is concerned with the lives of people today and tomorrow.



Christ Church Dhoon



An inviting, friendly and welcoming ecumenical worshipping community.

Vibrant and engaging, the Dhoon, a parish church since 2012, is passionate to know God through Jesus Christ and to make God known in the wider community. A community driven church, a place of heartfelt joy and laughter that values the individual.

And yet the church, long under resourced, a simple rural church, serving the southern regions of the parish, is also a place where people are free to think new thoughts, wonder in silence, reflect and pray.

A church, supported tirelessly by the Mothers' Union, that doesn't want to stand still, and which enjoys a great social life that connects with the wider community. The church is committed to actively making a difference in its local community, the largest centre of population in the parish outside of Ramsey.

"A church that likes to make a holy racket!"

Dhoon church has strong links with the successful local primary school. Links which both are keen to develop. A Dhoon based ecumenical 'Open the Book' bible storytelling team is eagerly awaited by the children each month. Oh, and its great fun! Messy Church at the Dhoon may be the next step.

The Victorian church and the small, quaint hall built in the style of the arts and crafts movement sited alongside the church are both in need of major renovation. Growth is being hampered. Investment is needed.

To flourish in the future we must be able to evolve, embrace change, and not be afraid to innovate nor to make difficult decisions. The church is open to the challenge.

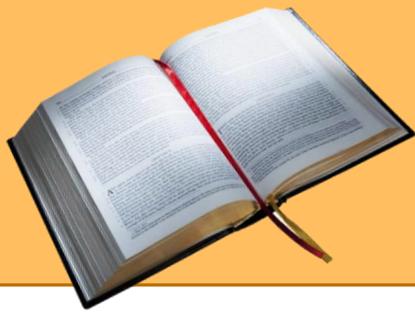
The Dhoon, a 'low' church, the only church in the area, is the Island's only official Anglican Ecumenical Welcome Church. Pastorally focused, the church is led by a local minister, a licenced Reader. The active worshipping community of some 25 enjoys contemporary worship that embraces different Christian styles. A diversity of worship, open to all, with a monthly service of Holy Communion.

The Dhoon church is not constrained by tradition. A church living in the present, looking to the future, enthusiastically selling the good news of the risen Christ.

***"Also famous for
its T.T. Café
and
Afternoon Teas"***



Christingle – Christmas Eve



Patterns of Worship

Each of the three churches has its own pattern of services.

St. Paul's Ramsey



11.00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist (CW) – 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays

Morning Prayer (CW) – 3rd Sunday

4.00 p.m. Winter & 6.30 p.m. Summer

Evensong (BCP) – 3rd Sunday

Midweek – 7.00 p.m. Tuesday

Eucharist (CW)

Kirk Maughold



8.00 a.m.

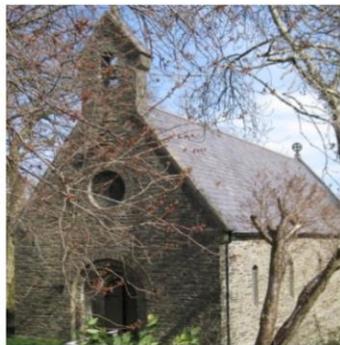
Holy Communion (BCP) – 1st & 3rd Sundays

9.30 a.m.

Sung Eucharist (CW) – 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays

Matins (BCP) – 2nd Sunday

Christ Church Dhoon



11.00 a.m.

Ecumenical Praise & Prayer – 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays

Ecumenical Holy Communion – 3rd Sunday

Benefice Services – The parish unites three times a year to worship together.



Northern Mission Partnership

Team Leader



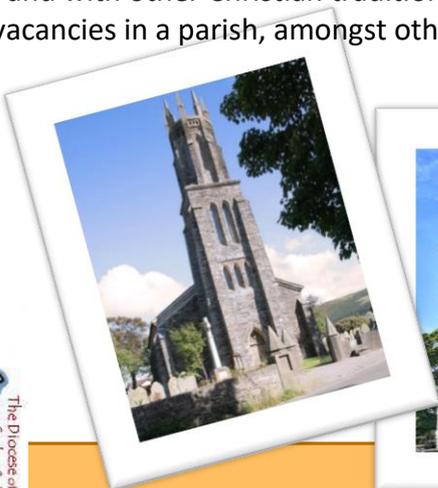
Formed in 2010 the Diocese's four Mission Partnerships – *North, South, East and West* – replaced the old Rural Deaneries with a shift of emphasis from administration to the concept of Mission. Anglican Churches working together in new ways to reach out to their communities. The bishop is looking to appoint somebody to this post who is able to take on the role of Mission Partnership Team Leader, a role broadly equivalent to Rural Dean.

The Northern Mission Partnership is made up of eleven church communities from across three parishes. Churches include Andreas, Sulby, Ballaugh, Bride and Jurby. The Mission Partnership provides a network of prayer and support, the means for shared mission across the north of the island and encourages communities to become more involved in the life of the church outside of Sunday worship.

The Partnership should establish a definite sense of partnership in the gospel between clergy and licensed lay ministers. It should look to share resources, meet challenges together and exploit opportunities.

“Greater involvement in the life of our communities.”

As Team Leader of the Northern Mission Partnership you will be expected to convene meetings of the Ministry Team and the Mission Council; assist the Council in planning and reviewing mission strategy in the community, and with other Christian traditions; exercise a pastoral ministry among the Team and the Council; and during vacancies in a parish, amongst other responsibilities, have oversight of divine worship and pastoral care.



Values, Vision and Mission

We are churches with a prayerful dependence upon God, who are committed wholeheartedly to Living for Jesus, and serving God's people. Committed to being church, a friendly, invitational, welcoming, sociable and caring church, that more people may discover God's love for them.

Churches that value a close sense of community. That blend evangelical and sacramental traditions, distinctive styles and churchmanship.

You will need to help us build upon our values, vision and mission. Help us overcome challenges, discover new opportunities, provide encouragement, guidance and leadership. You will need to be imaginative and community-minded, have an active presence within our communities especially in the town of Ramsey among the young, old and anyone in between!

VISION – to be churches that live by faith, are known by love and are a voice of hope.
Churches that –

- serve all with joy in our communities.
- welcome all, especially those who have yet to come to know Christ.
- are inter-generational, diverse family communities.
- inspire people to meet with God.
- bring hope, joy and transformation to their communities.

VALUES – flexible, collaborative, adaptable and hospitable
Churches that –

- meet with Jesus and in the power of the Spirit make a difference in people's lives.
- have worship, prayer and service at the centre of their lives.
- have teaching and worship that is Bible based, inclusive, diverse and welcoming.
- provide positive, active support and pastoral care for those in need.
- work alongside other churches and organisations who share these values.

MISSION – to love God. Love people. Reach up, reach out and reach in.

- Churches that –
- see outreach and ministry to children, teenagers and their families as key to them.
 - bring more people to Christ.
 - don't allow old habits, fear of change and resistance to change to get in the way of mission.
 - source volunteers for outreach work.
 - have a diversity of worship in useful, convenient and versatile buildings.



Our new Vicar?

Is this you?

*Collaborative
Enabling
Nurturing*

- Enthusiastic, approachable and encouraging.
- Embrace shared leadership and willing to delegate.
- Able to inspire and nurture faith.
- Is Christ-centred and outward-focused.

*Leader
Teacher
Strategic*

- Embrace strategic challenges. Forward-thinking.
- Someone who can listen and then lead.
- Effective communicator, preacher and teacher.
- Able to stimulate vision and broaden expectations.

*Pastoral
Experienced
Wise*

- Widen pastoral care.
- Value engagement with children and young people.
- Welcome and empower lay ministry.
- Resilient and organised. Extensive parish experience.

*Unifying
Balanced
Broad*

- Embrace inherited and contemporary worship.
- A lively, infectious faith. Fun to be with.
- Open to new needs in the community.
- Ready to use social media creatively.



Is that you? Then an invitation.



Would you like to come and work as vicar of a parish that is a union of a large seaside town and rural countryside in the north of a beautiful island nation?

On behalf of the worshipping communities of Maughold and South Ramsey the Churchwardens would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone considering becoming the future incumbent of our family of churches.

The Parish is looking for a gifted individual who will complement the many strengths of the parish and further develop its spiritual and community life.

We would like to appoint someone who will lead us spiritually and work alongside us to develop the potential of our churches as a visible reflection of God's presence in our communities.

“Shape and deliver with others a sustainable future”

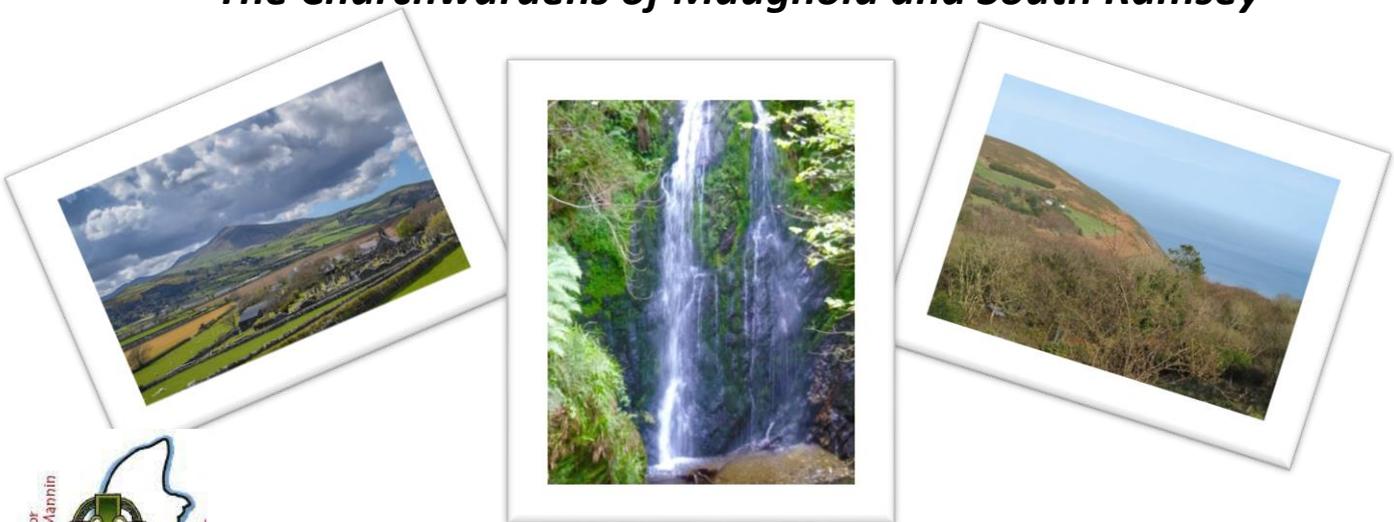
The appointment will encompass taking the leading role in the Northern Mission Partnership, which at the moment incorporates two other neighbouring parishes.

We offer a large and attractive vicarage, and a lovely place to live and work. Committed friendly congregations, a supportive loyal church council, dedicated lay leadership and expenses paid in full. An openness to radical change. A place where people can discover God in their midst.

Together we can inspire people on their spiritual journey. Be open and welcome to all. Develop our invitational skills and mission culture. Bring families into the heart of our churches and develop our church buildings. Discern together God's leading to build on our rich heritage, the work we're already doing and respond to the challenges of the time and place.

We believe that this post is an exciting, challenging and rewarding opportunity and we hope you think so too.

The Churchwardens of Maughold and South Ramsey



Come and See!

If our Parish seems like the sort of place where God is calling you to minister, please do visit us and see for yourself.

We would love to show you around our parish, and our beautiful island.

We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful home.



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