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Foreword



Like many people these days I find myself wondering whether I should turn down the heating or switching off unnecessary lights. I worry about energy bills both at home as well as in the church and parish centre. But it was important for me to be reminded recently of the realities that so many others are facing.

I am always overwhelmed by the gratitude of those at Burngreave Foodbank when I deliver the food we have collected. In recent months, our donations seem to have become even more important as more people have come to rely on them. At the same time, many donors of food are finding it harder to be generous. Christmas is going to be a struggle for lots of people, so our extra donations of Christmas treats are even more important. We have had to adjust our collection dates for these to fit in with the needs of Burngreave to 2nd and 23rd November but you can bring contributions to church at any time.

The other reality check I have had is to hear from fellow area deans across the Diocese about churches that are having to choose between heating their building and helping to pay for their clergy. Some congregations are choosing to meet in their church halls during the winter and a few churches may go out of business altogether. I am enormously grateful that St John's does not face such difficult choices and that we are able to contribute to the needs of churches in other parts of the Diocese.

One of the ways that we can help spread the load as individuals is to

consider whether we are able to forego the £150 rebate on our council tax or the £400 rebate in our energy bills. Obviously, this is not possible for everyone but those who can afford it may think of contributing to the South Yorkshire Cost of Living Fund set up by South Yorkshire's Community Foundation: www.sycf.org.uk/costoflivingsouthyorkshire. The Cost of Living Fund provides grants to local community groups which are helping people through the current cost of living crisis, e.g. by providing warm spaces during the winter.

Those outside the church might be forgiven for thinking that the Bible is obsessed with sex but in fact it has much more to say about poverty and how people of faith should respond to it. Caring for those who are less fortunate than ourselves is a vital part of our Christian discipleship. I am very thankful for the generosity of so many at St John's. In addition to being charitable, as Christians we are sometimes called to be prophetic and ask why poverty is such a pressing issue for so many.

Matthew



Here's a photograph of Alison Wooding's very happy wedding to Reverend Malcolm Young at her Parish Church of Cullingworth on 1st October

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From the Editor's Chair



I'm still a child at heart. As Autumn came along, I still couldn't resist collecting conkers and it has been a bumper crop this year. Incidentally, you seen anyone recently having a game of conkers?!!! I've had plenty of fun with our grandchildren searching for the horse chestnut trees in the woods and collecting bagsful to hand over to their grateful parents!! Better than this, though, is hunting out the sweet chestnuts and enjoying the simple pleasure of opening up their spiky cases to find

nuts big enough to peel and eat raw. Collecting hazel nuts is also fun, but the excitement from our grandchildren's point of view is cracking them open with a pair of nutcrackers. Mostly they are empty, but when you do find a nut, well! It just mirrors life; you never know what you'll get.

I've always been a forager, picking bilberries and wild raspberries as a youngster, and our freezer is currently full of bags of blackberries and pulped apples, which will keep us in fruit crumbles well into next year. All these free fruits and nuts are like manna from heaven and, as a child, I thought manna was actually mushrooms. And I would forage those now if I could be confident about what was edible and what wasn't.

By the time you read this, the Feast of All Saints will have passed, along with the Hallow'een thing, and then Bonfire night. Susan and I will be going to an organised community bonfire with our grandchildren and I will be indulging in some roast chestnuts, which I will have to pay for, of course, but at least the money will be going towards community funds!

Philip Walshaw

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Love One Another: A Sermon by Alison Wragg

At a recent service of Choral Evensong, Alison gave a moving sermon and its conclusion, in particular, left members of the congregation and choir feeling quite emotional. It is reproduced here:

I was thumbing through a book recently by Mark Oakley with tonight's gospel reading (John 15:12-end) very much on my mind. A story leapt off the pages at me. It is a story which speaks so clearly into Jesus' words "If the world hates you" and his commandment to "love one another as I have loved you". The story goes like this...

Matthew Shepard was an American student at the University of Wyoming. Twenty plus years ago, at the age of 21, he went out for a drink and at the end of the evening two men offered to give him a ride home. They didn't take him home. Instead, they drove him to a remote, rural area. They hit him on the head, continuously, with blunt weapons, tortured him and then tied him to a fence. They left him there in freezing temperatures. Matt was there for 18 hours in a coma until a cyclist saw him and thought he was a scarecrow. Getting closer he saw a young man with his face completely covered in blood except for where his tears had partially cleansed his cheeks.

Matt was taken to hospital. His injuries were too severe for him to be operated on. He lay on life support for six days until, on 12th October 1998, he was pronounced dead. Matt Shepard was gay. His killers knew that. His killers didn't like that. Other people didn't like that. At Matt's funeral, his parents had to walk past members of the Westboro Baptist Church holding placards with homophobic remarks on them. His parents decided not to bury Matt's ashes anywhere for fear that his grave would be defaced. They kept Matt's remains at home... until, one Friday, at Washington Cathedral, 20 years later, his ashes were carried into a full cathedral. At a service full of lament and colour, sadness and resolve, Matt's remains were finally laid to rest in the cathedral.

The preacher at the service was Bishop Gene Robinson, the first openly

gay bishop in the Episcopal Church. In his sermon he recalled the day five years after Matt's death, when he was consecrated as a bishop. He was in the vestry putting on a bullet-proof vest, as the FBI had told him he must because they had received too many death threats. As he was doing this a note from Matt's mother arrived, it read... "I know Matt is smiling down on you today." Bishop Gene kept the note with him throughout the service. The vest had to remain on for several months.

Matt was a victim of a hate crime. His final internment in Washington Cathedral came just after National Hate Crime Week. In verse 18 of our gospel reading tonight Jesus warns his disciples of the hate they will encounter because they are his followers. They no longer belong to the world as they once did. He has made them part of himself and they will inevitably attract hatred just as Christ himself did. That hate culture still exists today. People are made to feel they don't fit in because they are seen as being different for all manner of reasons, be it their ethnicity, their gender, their sexuality or disability to name but a few. People are made to suffer in many different ways... isolation, teasing, bullying to mental, spiritual and physical abuse.

Much progress has been made since Matt's death around inclusivity. This church and many, many more have become part of 'Inclusive church' who's statement says... "We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate... We believe in a church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

The first six verses of tonight's gospel reading cuts to the heart of just that, the width and length and height and depth of Gods love... Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." That love is limitless and unconditional and is for everyone. The Greek word used in John's Gospel for this love is agape (a-GAH-pay). The agape love which Jesus commands is more a 'doing' than a 'feeling' word'. It's not a fluffy sentimental love but a love of action, of

doing. It doesn't require that we approve of the actions of the person whom we love or even that we enjoy their company. But it does require that we act on behalf of that person demonstrating our love in a practical way. An agape person will do what is possible to feed the hungry, and to give drink to the thirsty, and to welcome the stranger, and to visit the sick. It is a self-giving love not a self-seeking love.

I firmly believe that it is in those actions of love that we meet Jesus and in my ministry that is one way I am spiritually fed. It's not about being seen as 'doing good' but it's my response to the love I receive from God, given to me freely, no strings attached. We must love one another as God loves us, embracing our differences. At the heart of his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul describes in detail what true Christian love is really like. He points out that no matter what great knowledge or gifts a Christian possesses, the true measure of spiritual worth lies in self-giving love. Agape, the self-giving love of God...

Matt was an Anglican and wonderfully loved by his church. They showed him that no matter what happens, no matter what anybody says or thinks, the love of God for him was certain and true and for ever... even beyond death. At the end of his sermon the bishop, in tears, said that he had three things to say to Matt in that cathedral... 'Gently rest in peace here. You are safe now. Welcome home.' The bishop then told the congregation that if they thought being there at the service was enough, they had misunderstood. They were there to be transformed by what had happened and to leave the place to make sure these things don't happen, and that means working out how you will vote, what you need to challenge, what you need to support, who you need to look at again, who you need to be alongside, and seeing to who you need to help through life, people who will remind you of the love of God for you.

The policewoman who was called to the scene of Matt's attack says, as she approached the fence, she saw something next to his body. It was a deer, lying quietly beside him. It looked as if it had been there all night long. She said the deer saw her, stood up, looked her right in the eyes and then ran away. 'That was the good Lord, no doubt, no doubt in my mind,' she said in her report, 'that was the good Lord.'

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Following on from our article in the October edition of Inspire, we have now chosen four prints by a local artist John Harvey. John mainly paints scenes from within Kent, typically including oast houses, hop fields and the coast. See www.johnharveyartist.com



These prints now adorn our lounge. This is one of them Thank you again to everyone who gave so generously to our leaving gift.

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The Answer Lies in the Soil

**Book review by John Green:
“Regensis - Feeding the world without devouring the Planet”**

George Monbiot - Allen Lane 2022

Those who can remember listening to “Round the Horne” in the 70’s will recall Rambling Sid Rumpole ending every sketch with these words. They came to mind when reading the early chapters of George Monbiot’s new book - “Regensis”. He is a prolific writer and environmental activist who has written about climate change issues for many years in the Guardian and in numerous books. Ideas of re-wilding, plant-based diets and consuming less meat and dairy are familiar themes but this book delves much more deeply into the current scientific research that underpins these recommendations. The pages of reference notes occupy 104 pages out of a 339 page book, which highlights the amount of research that underpins the writing.

The opening chapters includes an almost magical description of soil structure that left me with the same feeling as looking at images of deep space from the new “James Webb” telescope. He describes the soil structure from the macro - insects, worms and other animals, through organic content to the micro-organisms that produce and store nutrients in **undisturbed** soil. He explains that the problems start when this complex system is disrupted by agriculture and he goes so far as to lay most of the blame for climate breakdown on modern agriculture.

“Farming is the greatest cause of habitat destruction, loss of wildlife and the extinction crisis”

Much of this relates to meat and dairy production. To produce 100 grammes of protein it takes **2** sq.m of **land** for soya/tofu, **6** sq.m for vegetable protein, **7**sq.m for chicken, **27** sq.m for milk protein and **163** sq.m and **185** sq.m for beef and lamb. Clearing rainforest to create

grazing for cattle or palm oil production is a well known problem but near to home, it takes **4 sq.hectares** to raise one hill sheep. Hill grazing stops tree growth and the possibility of carbon capture so we are having to plant trees on the moors instead of stopping grazing and allowing re-wilding.

Arable farming comes in for similar criticism. Current large scale ploughing, sowing and harvesting has become a global business. 70% of farmland world-wide is owned by 1% of “Farmers” ie banks and investors. The agri-business model relies heavily on standardised seeds, fertilisers and pesticides. 4 companies control 90% of the grain trade and high levels of market control are seen in the seed and fertiliser business, as well as the trade in commodity futures. This was once a mechanism for market stabilisation but the trading in futures themselves has now taken over. There is more grain traded than is actually grown!

A global farming model has emerged that has narrowed the range of food sources (mostly grains) to produce a standardised approach. Globalisation of our food chain makes it less resilient, as recent problems with grain exports from Ukraine have demonstrated. 20% of the world’s wheat and 15% of maize are shipped from Black Sea countries through the Turkish straits and 25% of rice and soya pass through the Mallaca straits, controlled by China. 40% of the world relies on imported food, a proportion that probably applies to us in the UK. The author points out that 50% of crops grown are to feed animals, provide bio-fuels or go to waste. Much of the fertiliser we use in the UK is wasted by run-off to water courses (66% of Nitrogen and 50-80% of Phosphates). This run-off causes algal blooms in rivers and lakes and potentially dead zones in the seas.

So what’s to be done? Changing agriculture is central to his recommendations: moving to perennial cereal crops, reducing livestock farming for meat and dairy, growing green manure crops to maintain ground cover for weed suppression and relying on no-plough regimes are the main themes. Current cereal crops are annuals that thrive on disturbed soil and are harvested at one time in the year. Perennial crops in undisturbed soils cover the ground, suppress weeds and allow the soil

organisms to store and release nutrients and are less susceptible to bad weather at harvest time.

However, he does go beyond this to a time when there is no agriculture, as such and we rely on laboratory grown proteins, fats and carbohydrates derived from micro-organisms. We are seeing something of this in the current vogue for vegan foods that mimic traditional foods such as burgers, chicken and steaks. Most of us 'flexitarians' are probably resistant to highly processed foods but Monbiot makes a good case for how it could be done. A manned mission to Mars becomes possible if you can grow your (test-tube) food in transit. Whether Tesco's will ever stock it is debatable but we may not have a choice in the long term, if we are to avert a climate disaster.

He is realistic about the resistance to such futures and lays the blame at the feet of poets who have promoted the dream of a Golden Age and a pastoral Arcadia. The bible also emphasises the shepherd as the beloved of God; for example, Abel the shepherd versus Cain, the tiller of the soil and the New Testament describes Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He claims all of this history creates a "root metaphor" - an idea planted in our sub-conscious that influences our response to new ideas.

This pastoral myth has given us a benign view of farming that is not born out by reality. As someone who kept sheep for a few years I can testify that - to make a small fortune out of farming it's better to start with a big one. When we moved to Sheffield and sold our Lincolnshire flock of 40 sheep, Ron Barr who helped us, came over with the proceeds of sale. After deducting the costs of feed, fencing and veterinary bills we spent the profits on a meal for four at the Dore Moor Inn! We probably didn't make much money because we couldn't claim subsidies. The author reports that hill farmers currently lose £16K pa and only manage to survive because their income is actually subsidy.

Food appeals to all five of our senses and in our society we have the added pleasure of feeling part of the pastoral myth which he describes. We are pleased to eat eggs from 'happy hens', or locally sourced meat and vegetables but discomfited by evidence of 'food miles' from

imported foods such as avocados. I do wonder if a vegan diet would be tolerable if we just ate seasonal, local foodstuffs - no banana-based smoothies, then!

But behind all these concerns we derive such sensual pleasure from a wide range of foods, resistance to change is inevitable. However, on a recent visit to Waitrose to choose a takeaway meal, we were confronted with a wide variety of Indian, Chinese and Thai options, so long as we wanted chicken. Cubes of protein, produced in a semi-industrial process, flavoured with the sauce/spice of your choice is not far away from what George Monbiot is describing as the future. It's just how you 'grow' the cubes of protein that differs!

There is much more in this book than I have been able to describe. It is an engrossing view into the research and development of what I hope will be a food future with much less environmental impact, that will address the question -

“How do we ensure everyone is fed while farming becomes less intensive and less extensive?”

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Sunday 6th November – 3rd Sunday before advent

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6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Sunday

10.30am Service of Remembrance

6.30pm Parish Communion

Monday 21st November

7.30pm PCC meeting in the annexe

Wednesday 23rd November – 10-12.30pm

Christmas Foodbank Collection

Sunday 20th November - Christ the King

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 27th November - Advent I

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12.30pm Baptism

6.30pm Advent Procession

Monday 28th November

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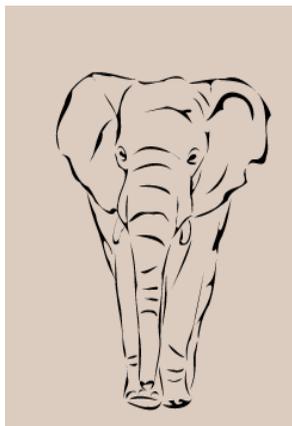
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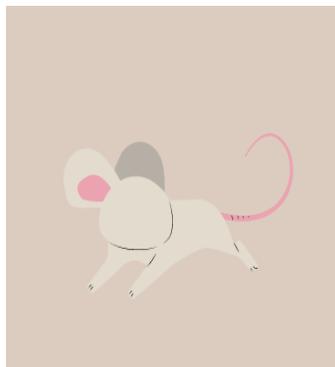
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"What are you doing?" The mouse wrinkled its nose. "I've been trying to get you a present as a surprise," the elephant mumbled, but now I think might have ruined it."

"Are you ever scared of growing older?" asked the elephant. "I don't think so," replied the mouse. "Why?" "Sometimes I am," admitted the elephant. "I'm scared of forgetting things." "Well," the mouse began, "if ever you think you've forgotten something, ask me, and I'll remind you." "But what if you've forgotten as well?" asked the elephant. "Well in that case," the mouse said, "I'll just make something up."





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Restaurant Review: The Grouse Inn, Froggatt (or Longshaw - you decide)



I thought I'd applied my erudite emotions relating to the Grouse's culinary desirability sometime in the distant past, but as I can't find any record of this, and as I'm about to sample the current lunch offerings this Wednesday next - with a couple of chums - it seemed a good idea to review said establishment and report accordingly. As I haven't actually been there yet, (see above for relevant dates), there will be a slight time gap before the next paragraph. Watch this space!

Wednesday has arrived, complete with much needed rain, and designated driver (one of the above-mentioned chums), is just about to arrive. I can't believe that I have written the last sentence: what a load of drive! Anyway, another brief pause for journey, meal plus any other exciting events to happen, so again – watch this space!

I know this is a different opening to the “Restaurant Review “rhetoric, but why not have a little excitement in life? The actual bit about food, old Derbyshire Inn, cheerful waitress etc. (fill in the bits I haven’t mentioned) will happen soon. If you can’t wait, ignore all the above “introductory” stuff and progress on to “Meal (part one)”.

Meal (part one)

This is where life becomes tricky. Having suggested “progressing” to this “Meal” bit of the review, one’s expectation would probably be some sort of observations about food, ambiance etc. - perhaps a comment on some specifically defining aspect of the restaurant, pub (or whatever) in order to suggest how desirable (or undesirable) the place is, and whether it would be a good idea to visit. Not easy. The Grouse is a very pleasant, classic “Derbyshire” hostelry. It’s old (17th century), stone built, quite comfortable with traditional wooden tables and chairs, attractive fireplace with roaring (well, burning brightly I suppose) log fire all making it a genuinely pleasant place to be on a cool, wet Wednesday afternoon. So, what’s the problem you may well ask? Actually, you probably aren’t asking. More than likely the above soulful rhetoric has probably induced a feeling of cheerless boredom and a need to re-read the Vicar’s letter in order to bring some levity back into life. I’ve now lost the thread of what I was going to say, so perhaps a comment on the meal might be apposite at this point.

Meal (part two)

A pretty standard “pub” menu with the “specialist” dish being the “Homemade” steak pie which is offered in two sizes – large (£13.50) or small (£9.00). Both are made with shortcrust pastry and are accompanied by peas and chips. Guessing that the “small” would be quite large (which indeed it was) I decided to give “small” a go, and with the addition of a pint of Marston’s Pedigree beer (£3.50) the overall combination worked well.

I’ve just remembered what I was going to say when I “lost the thread”, namely that it just seems rather depressing that Pub food menus seem

to churn out the same old tat with varying degrees of ability (usually limited) in every establishment one visits. Actually, in this instance (the Grouse) the ubiquitous pie was pretty good! The “problem” (re-read “Meal (part one) if you have no idea what I’m on about) seems to now be ameliorating as the meal progresses. Perhaps “sameness” in pub menus is to be applauded as an example of cohesive English hostelry cuisine. Discuss! Decided to follow the pie with a Bakewell pudding (£5.95) replete with custard. Tasty and local, so very acceptable. Filter coffee with small jug of hot milk (£2.50) completed an acceptable meal.

Verdict

After re-reading all the above, the inference seems to be “damned by faint praise “as far as the Grouse and its offerings are concerned. Not strictly true as steak pie, a pint of beer and a cheerful log fire constitute, if not heaven, at least a feeling of comfortable well-being.

Worth a trip, especially as the landlady is really nice - and incidentally, has befriended a Ukrainian lady who was actually present in the Grouse’s busy kitchen helping with food preparation.

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Rambling on

with Philip Walshaw



On a clear day you can see Lincoln Cathedral from Sheffield. You don't believe me? Well at the top of Greenhouse Lane (a short distance from the top of Porter Clough at Ringinglow, there is a viewing point where a round stone table has been erected with a stainless steel compass that points to many places as far as the eye can see. Lincoln is a mere 42 miles away. Go a visit it and see what you can make out. The table was placed there by the Sheffield Rotary Clubs in February 2005 to celebrate 100 years of Rotary International Service.

After working out the various landmarks, you can go for a walk and search out the Ox Stones. Never heard of them? Well, they are two distinctive gritstone rock formations which you can see from the Ringinglow to Burbage road and are easily accessible along relatively flat terrain on this 3 mile circular walk.

From the car park off Fulwood Lane at the top of Porter Clough, either follow the road away from Ringinglow, round the bends, or cut through the top of the Clough, and turn left over the stile opposite the viewing

table. Walk across the first field and slightly up the second one. On reaching the second stile, turn right and follow the path that forks left up towards the heather moorland and white marker post.



Keep going until you reach the road, which you need to cross. Go through the gate on the opposite side and then another gate immediately on the right. Follow this path right up to the Ox Stones. After taking in the fine view (hopefully on a clear day) walk towards the white triangulation point and follow

the path towards Lady Canning's Plantation. After going through the gate, turn right and follow the track that skirts around the plantation until you reach the old Roman Road. (You can take a short cut by navigating your way through the plantation.) Turn right and continue until you come to Sheephill Road and follow this to the Roundhouse (calling in at The Norfolk Arms for refreshments, if desired). Turn left and then right along Fulwood Lane, past the Mayfield Alpacas Animal Park, back to the car park. You can, of course, catch the bus to Ringinglow and start the walk from there.

Philip Walshaw





The answers to the clues below are jobs/occupations/professions. A prize awaits the person who submits the most correct answers. In the event of a tie, a winner will be chosen by a lucky draw. Send your entry by email to jpwalshaw@gmail.com or by post to 19 Cairns Road, S10 5NA to

reach me by Wednesday, 16th November.

1. Useful person (8)
2. Eric has change! (7)
3. Seek advice from worker (10)
4. To shape to rearrange (9)
5. Chime can be altered (8)
6. I live with nice green changes (5,8)
7. Trainer on the move? (5)
8. Cheat messed it up with endless trick (9)
9. Admire cap – it's different (9)
10. St Michael transformation (9)
11. Absurdly mega retainer (10)
12. New issue of Paris Match (10)
13. Rider after record (4,6)
14. Revised the chart (8)
15. Deer gathering around notice (8)

Answers to September Quiz (Districts of Sheffield):

1. Nether Edge 2 Ringinglow 3. Loxley 4. Crosspool 5. Bradfield 6. Brightside
7. Parson Cross 8. Meersbrook 9. Crookes 10. Lodge Moor 11. Ecclesall
12 Darnall 13. Grenoside 14. Crystal Peaks 15. Woodhouse

Entries were received from: Janet and Malcolm Anker, Eric and Cindy Baldwin, Ruth Cheshire, Pam and Ian Dall, Michael and Rosemary Hannon, Alan and Pauline Heath, Lynn and Steve Lawless, John and Brenda Staniforth, Janet Styan, Sam and Sonia Wood, Barbara and Peter Wozencroft.

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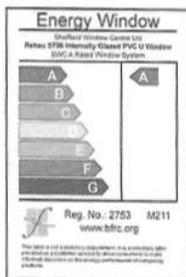
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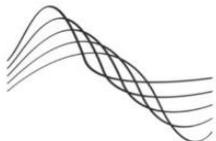
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