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Church Lawton Parish Magazine

April 2024

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"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

John15:1-2



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**** Members of our team are very pleased to visit you in your home, to listen to you, talk with you, and pray with you. Nothing is too trivial, and nothing is beyond the reach of God's love and grace.**

All you have to do is pick up the telephone and call.

We will be delighted to hear from you, and respond to your need.



**Please scan me to donate
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April Letter

Dear Friends,

The implications of Easter

I wonder if you've ever been through an experience, and it was only afterwards, looking back that you realised the full significance of it and its implications.

As I read the gospel accounts of that very first Easter it seems to me that although Jesus explained carefully to his disciples why he had to die and that he would rise again, it was not until after Easter Sunday that the disciples joined the dots and understood what Jesus' death and resurrection really meant.

It was as they looked back and reflected on their experience of those events that they were able to see how all of Jesus' ministry and teaching led to the cross and the empty tomb. They came to understand that because Jesus is uniquely both God the Son and the son of Mary, he is able to offer himself on behalf of us all as the sacrifice that is needed to

bring us forgiveness of our sins and the restoration of our relationship with God.

And because of the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus rose victorious from the dead and left behind the empty tomb. Through his resurrection, he is able to offer us the certain hope of new life beyond the grave, with him for evermore.



When we move from the gospel accounts to the letters that were written to the early churches, we find the implications of

Easter worked through for these new believers, and many of these passages find their way into the words we use in our public worship, known as the liturgy.

One of my favourites is
The Easter Anthems:-

*Christ our Passover has been
sacrificed for us: so let us
celebrate the feast,*

*not with the old leaven of
corruption and wickedness: but*

*with the unleavened bread of
sincerity and truth.*

*Christ once raised from the dead
dies no more: death has no more
dominion over him.*

*In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.*

*See yourselves therefore as dead
to sin: and alive to God in Jesus
Christ our Lord.*

*Christ has been raised from the
dead: the first fruits of those who
sleep.*

*For as by man came death: by
man has come also the
resurrection of the dead;*

*For as in Adam all die: Even so in
Christ shall all be made alive.*

As you look back on Easter,
considering again its implications,
I pray that God will renew your
hope and joy in him and in his
resurrection power - so that it
overflows and blesses those
around you.

God bless,

Heather

Emmaus

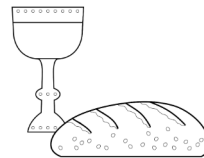
(Luke 24:13-32)

In the breaking of the bread
Our eyes were opened,
We knew Him then.
The Lord was with us
In Emmaus,
There was no doubt.
He was alive and with us,
The scriptures made sense.
What a difference!

But thinking back
To that journey –
To the grief that overwhelmed us,
The discussions, disagreements
And debilitating disappointment –
A different opening of the eyes,
We never *were* alone.

Before the word and bread,
Because of the word and bread
He was there,
He is here,
Always,
Walking with us.

By Daphne Kitching



Meru's Musings

Teasers

A horse jumps over a tower and the tower disappears it's not an illusion or a dream, so where could this happen?

Three men are walking across a green and luscious field. Only two of them are wearing rubber boots and yet the feet of third man remain dry. Why?

Jason is lying dead. He has an iron bar across his back and some food lying in front of him. How did Jason meet his sorry end?

Basic Latin Timely words and phrases

Ab ovo usque ad mala - from the egg to the apples; from the beginning to end.

Ad infinitum - Endlessly ; infinity

Ad tempus-For the time being

Aeternus Everlasting

Annus— A year

Centisimus - Centennial

Dictum factum—No sooner said than done

Dies— Day, daily

Ex post facto—After the fact

Festina Lente -Make haste slowly

Interim—Meanwhile, interim

Luna—The moon

Sayings of our elders.

God and Man:

God often visits us, but most of the time we are away from home.

When God does a favour, He doesn't boast about it.

The rainbow is a sign that God has forgiven us.

God is closest to those whose hearts are broken.

About tomorrow, let God worry.

Some don't believe in God, but God believes in them.

Don't try to bargain with God.

God loves these three, the one who doesn't get angry, the one who does not get drunk, and the one who does not insist upon his privileges.

Man makes plans, God changes them.

God has no religion.

You must believe in God, despite what the clergy say.

Good deeds:

He who feeds strangers may have fed angels.

Deeds of kindness weigh as much as all the commandments.

Meru Ullah



**9.00am
14th April
'What a Wonderful
World'**



In Messy Church children and their parents/ carers have fun learning about the Christian faith together through different activities—crafts, cooking, games, songs...

**If you would like to know more about
Messy Church please contact
Jackie Moss on 01782 771067
Or come along on the day.**



Alsager Animals in Need

We are your local animal rescue group covering Alsager, Church Lawton, Kidsgrove and Talke. We rescue and rehome cats and dogs.

Rescued cats are lovingly cared for in our four bespoke cattery and local kennels are rented for the dogs. We use Vets for pets in Alsager which give excellent service and care, especially for our very severe cases.

How you can help us:

We are always looking for people to help foster or re-home these lovely animals.

POPPY WHEN SHE 1ST ARRIVED IN EMACIATED STATE



Poppy, a Lurcher X bitch came to us, emaciated and weak, hanging on to life by a thread. Poppy has made a full recovery, is a very affectionate dog improving on the lead and looking for a forever home. Please ring Lisa on 07970194929 for further information.



We were inundated with kittens in 2023, some needing 24 care and bottle feeding through the night. We still have kittens and lovely adult cats needing homes for homes not on busy roads or with children under 5.



LEONIE

A beautiful natured approx. 12- to 18-month-old tabby spayed female.

Came into us a pregnant stray. Would suit a 121 situation in a quiet home with no other pets and with someone around more to give her lots of cuddles and attention that she so deserves.

Every cat and dog are fully vaccinated flea wormed, neutered and microchipped before rehoming and every home is checked to ensure it is the right home for the animal. We also keep in touch with the new owners to give advice if needed.



LANDO

A 4-year-old long haired tabby cat. He is FIV positive meaning he will need to be an only, indoor cat. He is very affectionate and very food orientated. A very big affectionate boy, who loves to play and loves a fuss and to be near you all the time. Neutered vaccinated, Flea & wormed and ready to go.

Donations

Last year we had 39 cats and kittens on the register and we're very grateful for the donations of cat food. These can be dropped off at 6 Brattswood Drive Church Lawton at any time under the under the carport by the front door or can be collected - please call Angela on 07749 248030

We have an ambulance used most days to collect animals and frequent visits to the vets, but it is always in need of repair, so any cash donations would really support us.

Please put any donations in an envelope to 6 Brattswood Drive with your name address so we can send a thank you or please look at our Facebook for details Alsager Animals in Need.

Participate

We are always looking for people to help at our coffee mornings held on the 2nd Saturday each month at the Civic Centre Alsager at 9:30 to 11:30 am telephone Lisa on 07970 194929 or Hilary 07939 255444 for more information.

For any more information on Alsager Animals in Need please look at our Facebook page.

Thank you
Angela Lisa & Hilary

The Pet Crisis

More than half of us in the UK own a pet. That is 17 million households.

But we are abandoning them at an alarming rate. The RSPCA warns we are offloading our animals at “unmanageable levels,” and stretching their welfare services to the limit.

The turning point was the pandemic. Stuck at home during lockdown, we went animal-mad, and our pet dogs soared from nine million in 2019 to 13 million in 2022.

But four million puppies purchased during the pandemic was not a good idea. Since then, a fifth of all those puppies have been reported as having behavioural problems such as clinginess, aggression, or being very hard to train.

On top of that, the cost-of-living crisis has left many people struggling to even feed their pet. According to the Office for National Statistics, the cost of owning a dog is estimated to have jumped by 12.8 per cent – around £256 – over the past year to total around £2,500.

All in all, it is the ‘perfect storm’. The RSPCA received 20,999 reports of abandoned animals last year. That is 5,000 more than in 2020.



ASHTON ON MERSEY SHOW BAND

(www.aomshowband.co.uk)

This 34 musician band has toured Europe & the USA, playing classical, musicals, jazz & pop music. The band, which celebrated it's 50th birthday in 2023, now presents a concert on

**Saturday 19 Oct. starting 7 30pm (doors open 7pm)
at the Civic Centre Alsager (ST7 2AE)**

Tickets £15, available from the Home Coffee Shop, Alsager.
The event includes free refreshments and a raffle.

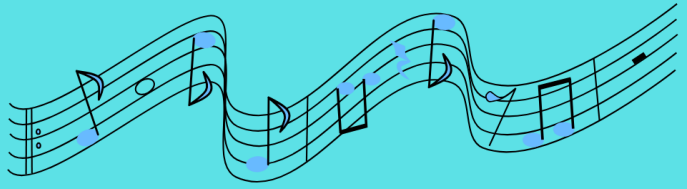
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Anna Chiu

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Saturday April 13th @7pm



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What 3 words ///porch. realm. obviously



From the Church Registers

Funerals

On 12th March Beverly Young Age 64 years

On 15th March Audrey Joan Turner Age 90 Years

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

(23rd Psalm)

Church Collections for February 2024

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|----------------|------|-----------|
| Week Beginning | 4th | £700.17 |
| Week Beginning | 11th | £1,067.98 |
| Week Beginning | 18th | £765.81 |
| Week Beginning | 25th | £259.07 |

Our thanks to everyone who has helped us by giving faithfully and generously towards our costs of mission, ministry and maintenance.

During this unprecedented challenging time, you can also keep up to date via our website where you can find out about our worship, church life, giving and accessing our monthly parish magazine.

APCM Meeting 21st April 2024 at 12 noon

The APCM is an important event in our church calendar. We review the year past, receive the accounts from our treasurer and elect our Church wardens and members of the Parochial Church Council.

The APCM is an opportunity for us to thank God for what he has done and for what he continues to do in us and through us, and to express our appreciation to those who have done the bulk of the hard work in running our church.

A copy of the **revised Electoral Roll** will be displayed at All Saints' Church on 7th April for the two weeks leading up to the APCM.

Our Ministry team with the Churchwardens, Treasurer and PCC members have worked very hard this year and we would value your attendance on 21st April after the morning 10.45am service as we present our reports to you and look towards to our future together.

Christian Aid Week 12th—18th May 2024

This year Christian Aid is following on work in Burundi, one of the most densely populated countries in Africa .

Heavily reliant on agriculture it is also one of the least prepared to combat the effects of climate change, including droughts, floods and landslides.

The global cost of living crisis has intensified the challenges there: more than 70% of the population live in poverty and more than half of the children are chronically malnourished.

With your support, more families can build reliable and diverse incomes that bring them food security, better health, safer homes, increased resilience and hope.

All Saints' Christian Aid service is at 10.45 am on 12th May, a retiring collection will be taken to support



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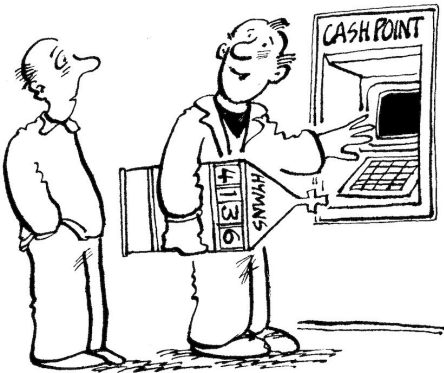
Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road? (Theological Version)

Billy Graham: The chicken was surrendering all.

Rick Warren: The chicken was purpose driven.

John Wesley: The chicken's heart was strangely warmed.

C.S. Lewis: If a chicken finds itself with a desire that nothing on this side can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that it was created for the other side.



...between you and me, it's the only way I can remember my PIN number!

Heaven

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday, when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

Choir

Seen in a parish magazine: 'Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.'

Beyond

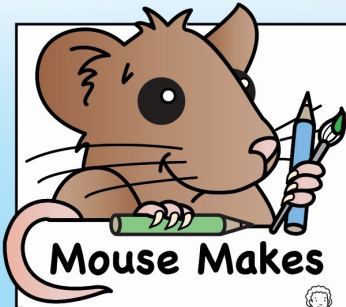
I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart.

Rolled

From a church magazine: "The restoration of the churchyard was finally completed by the re-surfacing of our driveway. The following Sunday, the church wardens praised everyone who had helped, and gave special thanks to the vicar and his wife who had rolled in the gravel.

The 5th commandment

In reply to a question in Sunday school, one little boy said that the fifth commandment is: 'Humour thy father and thy mother.'



Mouse Makes

Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing.

They fished all night but caught nothing.

As the sun rose a man on the shore asked;

"Have you caught anything?"

"Not a thing" they answered.

He said to them *"Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some."*

So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net.

Then John recognised the man,

"It is the Lord!"



How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?

Read
John 21:14



**How many disciples were there?
Who were they?**

Read John 21: 11

How many fish did they catch?

Read John 21: 11



READ
the story in
John 21



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Green Driving

Tyre pollution is a major pollutant and some studies suggest it creates more emissions than exhausts. Obviously, you can drive less, use public transport where possible and consider getting an electric car. It is also important when you are driving to drive more carefully. The tiny particles that tyres shred happens most often during harsh acceleration and braking. Driving on better quality tyres reduce emissions and improve fuel efficiency.

Why Moths Matter

MOTHS MATTER Why do Moths Matter?

Many moths are very important pollinators - pollinating the flowers they visit when feeding on nectar.

Moths are an intrinsic and beautiful part of garden wildlife. In some parts of the UK you could see up to 400 different species on your plants and flowers.

Over 50 moth species have become extinct since the turn of the century.

Moths and their caterpillars play a vital role in the ecosystem.

We often think about butterflies but here are some of the reasons that moths are just as important. There are around 2,500 types of moth in the UK and they're a key part of the

food chain. Sadly, they're also in decline. But there's lots we can do in our gardens to boost their numbers.

You can start by growing scented plants, this helps moths find their food, nectar, even when it's dark. Letting your grass grow longer, leaving thistles and knapweeds to flower is another easy way to provide moth food. You can also grow plants for moth caterpillars to feed on. Read on to find out how.

Discover which moths are living in your outdoor space by exploring at night with a low-intensity torch – one that's not too bright. This ensures you don't interrupt the moths' life cycle or risk attracting their predators.

Do not flush wet wipes

Water UK had introduced a policy in 2019 saying that certain wet wipes could be flushed down the toilet. This has now been removed because 3 billion of them are flushed every year and do not break down.

Instead they combine with fats, oils and grease to form fatbergs which block the sewers.

Government research has found that wet wipes contribute to 93% of blocked sewers. So make sure you put them in your landfill bin, not down the toilet.

Make your own compost

You can save money on compost for your gardening and reduce the amount of food waste you make. Here is a simple guide on starting to do it. You may not need to buy a bin if you can find an old one lying around.

How to make simple compost

You will need

- A compost bin, with a lid*
- A well-drained, easy to access area
- Green compostable ingredients
- Brown materials, like straw and crunched-up paper
- A gardening fork

Compost worms are brilliant recyclers so put them to use on your green waste. The finished compost will enrich your garden soil, benefiting even more earthworms! This rich soil also boosts flowers, veggies and other plants.

- 1 Carefully make holes in the base of your bin if it doesn't have any. Then place it on or close to bare soil to let worms wiggle in.
- 2 Start putting stuff in... mix brown materials, like straw and paper, with nitrogen-rich ones like veggies and tea bags.
- 3 Stick a fork in and turn over the contents of the bin (ideally once a month) to let more air in. The more you turn it, the quicker you make compost.
- 4 It can take from six months to two years, but when it's ready you'll find rich, dark, fabulous compost. Use it!

Check out the worms that have moved in!

Don't worry if there are lumps, bumps and bits of eggshells.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | tea leaves | raw fruit and veg peelings | grass cuttings | straw | scrunched newspaper | soft prunings & dead plants | coffee grounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | woody stems | cooked food scraps | cat or dog poo | meat or bones | weed seedheads | perennial weed roots | diseased plants |

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www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk *An old recycling tub or a smaller ready-made compost bin (recycled plastic ones are available) could save space.

Recycle your make-up containers at Tesco

Most large Tesco stores now have recycling bins for make-up containers as part of a scheme run by Maybelline. So take it there. There is also a QR code you can use to find out more about the scheme on the bin.

They accept:

- Compacts and palettes such as eyeshadows, blushers and powders
- Mascara including the plastic tube and wand
- Eyeliners such as the retractable plastic liners and liquid liners
- Lip products such as plastic lip gloss tubes and lipstick bullet tubes

- Plastic tubes and bottles such as foundation and concealer tubes
- Other makeup packaging such as caps, pumps or trigger sprays

What they won't accept:

- Glass bottles and cardboard packaging (this can already be recycled at your local council recycling scheme)
- Makeup brushes and nail polishes (even if they've been cleaned)
- Aerosols (most parts of the UK recycle aerosols)

Happy Recycling

Carol Henshaw

All Saints' Community Page

What a wonderful evening we had on Wednesday 13th! In a service of Evening Prayer to celebrate Serving our Community.



We welcomed the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, Lady Alexis Redmond MBE, and her consort Sir Phillip, our very own High Sheriff of Cheshire, Dr Dennis Dunn MBE JP DL and his consort Denise, the Mayor of Cheshire East, Councillor Rod Fletcher and consort, and the Chairman of Lawton Parish Council, Councillor Gareth Mitchell and consort.



We also welcomed the Bishop of Chester, the Rt. Revd. Mark Tanner

who was our preacher, and the High Sheriff's Chaplain, the Right Revd. Dr David Edwards, who led our prayers.



The wonderful band of the 2493 (Alsager)

Squadron of the Air Cadets played us in to begin the service, led us in the National Anthem and played us out at the end.



Everyone enjoyed light refreshments in the Lawton Memorial Hall. It was truly an historic evening for our church, and I am very grateful to all who worked hard to make it happen.



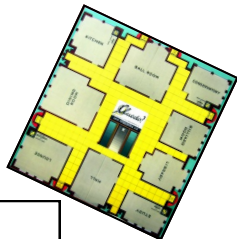
Diary Dates

Saturday 13th April at 7.00 pm
Audley Male voice Choir see advert page 11

Tuesday 28th May 7pm Bring and Share Meal
Including a welcome to Ruth and Solomon from Kenya and their work for ICFEM– more details to follow

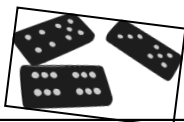
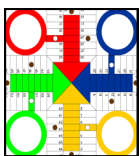
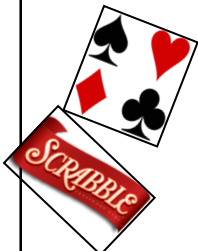
D-Day weekend Thursday to Sunday 6th– 9th June more details to follow

Friday 19th July 7pm Murder Mystery and Bring and Share Supper



Fancy a game of Logo, Dominoes, Rummikub, Snakes and Ladders, Ludo, Scabble or other games.

Then come and join us on
9th April
(due to Bank Holiday)
Enjoy a challenge or teach others.



All Saints' Church Lawton is open daily

The church is open daily for private prayer 10am to 3pm.

Come in and spend a few quiet moments in the tranquil and peaceful setting. There is a prayer station at the front of church or simply choose a pew.



Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Rev Sister Heather Kemball warmly invites you to join her for Morning Prayer at 8.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Prayer for April 2024

based on John 20: 19-end

Almighty Father,

In these weeks after Easter, help us to receive afresh the new life Jesus' resurrection makes possible.

Lord, come to us. Walk through the locked doors of our fears.

Bring us your peace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Send us onto our daily front lines to share your resurrection peace and hope and love with those who are lost and lonely.

Thank you for meeting us in Jesus, our Lord and our God.

We are your Easter people. Hallelujah.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Bible Readings for April Services

| Date | Epistle | Gospel |
|------|--------------|----------------|
| 7th | Acts 4.32-35 | John 20.19-31 |
| 14th | Acts 3.12-19 | Luke 24.36b-48 |
| 21st | Acts 4.5-12 | John 10.11-18 |
| 28th | Acts 8.26-40 | John 15.1-8 |

Meru's Answers



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Ans= On a chess board.

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Ans= The ground is not wet

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Ans= He is a mouse caught in a mouse trap.



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Please send any material for inclusion in the May edition of Lawton Light!

by April the 10th

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Services & Speakers April 2024

| | 8.30am | 10.45am | 6.00pm |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 7th | Easter 2 | | |
| | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Service of the Word |
| | Martin Oram | Martin Oram | Margaret Cruxton |
| 14th | Easter 3 | | |
| | | Praise & Prayer | Holy Communion |
| | | Bev Boulton | Bev Boulton |
| 21st | Easter 4 | | |
| | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Evening Prayer |
| | | Heather Kemball | Heather Kemball |
| 28th | Easter 5 | | |
| | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Evening Prayer |
| | | Margaret Cruxton | Margaret Cruxton |



April Rotas

| Date | Time | Service | Readers | Prayers |
|------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 7th April | 8.30am | Holy Communion | | |
| | 10.45am | Holy Communion | Margaret Mellor Ian Massey | Bev Bouton |
| | 6.00pm | Service of the Word | Margaret Cruyton Kieran Hutchinson | Bev Boulton |
| 14th April | 9.00am | Messy Church | | |
| | 10.45am | Praise & Prayer | Di Williams Linda Jones | Alan Kemball |
| | 6.00pm | Holy Communion CW | Heather Kemball Harold Dowler | Margaret Cruyton |
| 21st April | 8.30am | Holy Communion | | |
| | 10.45am | Holy Communion | Janet Parker Ruth Griffiths | Yvonne Banks |
| | 6.00pm | Evening Prayer | Bev Boulton Bev Boulton | Harold Dowler |
| 28th April | 10.45am | Praise & Prayer | Bev Nixon Alan Kemball | Jane Baker |
| | 6.00pm | Holy Communion BCP | Jane Baker Heather Kemball | Jane Baker |



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