



The World Peace Prayer

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

Bible verse and prayer for 2016

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:1-2

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Letter from Andrew Housley



Dear Friends,

Well done to Team GB! What a fantastic achievement to beat the medals record set at London 2012. While staying at our campsite in France, both Dutch and French caravaners would often walk into the bar to be greeted by a crowd of Brits cheering as they watched another medal being won. A similar cheer was heard when, on 14th August, Liverpool beat Arsenal 4-3. The Housleys joined Liverpool supporters from across Britain and Europe as the bar was taken over by red and white for both teams.

Being on the winning side can raise spirits and inspire. No doubt future Olympic medal winners were watching Rio 2016 and dreaming of the day when they too, bring home a medal to cheering crowds lining the streets, which often happened during the Paisley years when Liverpool brought home another trophy.

In recent months and years I have met church members who, while facing challenges, have been comforted by knowing that they are on the winning side. The inspiring bible verse Hebrews 12:1 encourages us with the words, *'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.'*

The race we run is towards the open arms of our heavenly Father, who gives us a new status by being known as His children. As we travel towards those loving arms, we are encouraged by the whole company

of heaven as they cheer us on. A reminder that we are never alone in our struggles.

I have always found the last verse of the hymn *Love divine, all loves excelling* to be a great comfort as well as a verse I want to shout, as if singing 'You'll never walk alone' at Anfield.

*Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

When we sing this verse, we sing it with a shared passion that we are all made victors by a heavenly Father's love and that His love will be experienced more intensely when we are finally awarded the victory of new life. Our faith in this victory needs to be sung about and shared so that people will see and hear the church's confidence that we are on the winning side.

Andrew

Services in September

	St Michael	Holy Trinity
4th September <i>Trinity 15</i> Green Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33	8.15am Martin Holy Communion 10.30am Hall Service 10.30am Bill Matins 4pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Holy Communion
11th September <i>Trinity 16</i> Green Exodus 32.7-14; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Martin Service of Baptism	10.45am Andrew Family Service
18th September <i>Trinity 17</i> Green Amos 8.4-7; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13	8.15am Martin 10.30am Andrew Parish Praise 4pm Martin Holy Communion	10.45am Mark Morning Praise
25th September <i>Trinity 18</i> Green Amos 6.1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Family Communion 4pm Andrew/Jennifer McKenzie Choral Evensong	10.45am Martin Holy Communion

Worship & Learning

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4th September: Stark choices

Luke 14.25-33

- Jesus tells the crowd that discipleship involves difficult choices.
- It may require renouncing family ties and economic security.
- He tells two parables that caution against making a hasty decision.

A personal prayer

God of all my choices – be in my decision making.

God of all my goals – be in my hopes.

God of all the paths I could take – be in my journeying.

God of all I am – be with me always,

and give me the courage to look for and to find
my true identity in you, today and always.

Amen.

11th September: Lost values

Luke 15.1-10

- Jesus tells the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.
- The shepherd and the woman search and rejoice when they find what they have lost.
- Jesus says there is joy in heaven over sinners who repent.

A personal prayer

God of the lost and the found,
when I lose heart, help me to find hope;
when I lose strength, help me to find courage;
when I lose security, help me to find trust;
when I lose patience, help me to find grace;
when I lose faith, help me to find you afresh and to rejoice.
Amen.

18th September: It's complicated

Luke 16.1-13

- Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest manager.
- The manager is commended for his shrewdness.
- In order to make sense of the parable, Luke adds a number of Jesus' sayings about wealth.

A personal prayer

God of all riches,
help me to play by the rules of integrity,
but not be ruled by routine.
Help me to stick to the paths of honesty,
but not miss the signs of opportunity.
Help me to think outside the box,
and not be boxed in by expectations.
Help me to live generously and act shrewdly,
that I may be worthy of your trust.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

25th September: Mind the gap

Luke 16.19-31

- Jesus retells a folk tale about a rich man and the poor man at his gate.
- In the afterlife, their fortunes are reversed.
- This warning about the consequences of our choices is a recurring theme in the Bible.

A personal prayer

Lord, help me not to mind the gap
between me and those who have more than me,
between my lifestyle and the lifestyle of others,
between my achievements and the achievements of others.
Rather, may I be blessed with the generosity to share,
and the wisdom to be content –
that trust, compassion and thankfulness may stay close to me.
Amen.



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Benefice News

Communion in the Community

The Holy Communion Services in Stockley Crescent, St Michael's Hall and Bickerstaffe School are a wonderful opportunity for outreach. Please invite friends!! "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26.

- Stockley Crescent: Tuesday 6th September at 1.00pm.
- St Michael's Hall: Wednesday 14th (with soup lunch) and 28th September at 11am.
- Bickerstaffe School: Friday 30th September at 2.40pm.

Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast will be Saturday 24th September at St Michael's Hall. If you would be able to help with the cooking, please speak to Andrew. New members welcome!

Charity Collections

If you plan to sort through your children's wardrobes over the summer, we would be grateful to receive good quality **children's clothes** and other school items such as football boots, and goggles, which will be donated to Litherland Moss School.

We continue to collect **men's clothes** for Bootle Salvation Army, and the Skelmersdale Food Bank remains as important as ever during the school break when there are no free school meals available to needy families. Non-perishable **food items** are therefore very much appreciated. Please leave any items at the back of church. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Confirmation

The Confirmation Service this year will be at St Michael's on Sunday 2nd October at 4pm. Confirmation groups will start early September for those in Year 9 and also an adult group. Please speak to Andrew if you would like to be confirmed.

Book Club

The next Book Club will be in the Derby Arms, Wednesday 21st September at 8pm. The book to be discussed will be *Birdsong* by Sebastian Faulkes.

Curious?

Curious? is a contemporary youth service for young people. It meets on fourth Sunday of each month at Cottage Lane Mission at 6.30pm. It is a wonderful opportunity for the young people from the Ormskirk area to meet in friendship and also to grow in their faith.

Fusion Youth Events for the 11plus



The aims of the Fusion Youth Events are:
To bring together teenagers (11-18 years old) from all churches in Ormskirk and surrounding areas for encouragement, fun and friendship; to give opportunities for young people to invite friends to join in; to encourage and give opportunities for

Youth Leaders whose numbers are small; and to periodically introduce meaningful Christian input.

Friday 9th September Laser Quest St Helens

Sunday 23rd October Worship event – CURIOUS

Sunday 13th November Ten Pin Bowling Southport

Friday 9th December Youth Club Night Christmas party event.

Choral Evensong

On Sunday 25th September at 4pm, the choirs of both Aughton and Bickerstaffe will once again unite to lead us in Choral Evensong to celebrate St Michael and All Angels. The Ven. Jennifer McKenzie, Archdeacon of Wigan and West Lancashire, will preach the sermon.

Murder Mystery Night



A Murder Mystery Night will be held on Friday 16th September in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

We will meet at 7.30pm for 8pm at Aughton Institute, Bold Lane L39 6SG. Ticket price £15 which includes a hot supper. For tickets contact Margaret Ellams via or mobile 07753 801345.

Margaret Ellams

MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning



Caroline Taylor and Barbara Fairclough are holding a Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning on Friday 30th September in the Stockley Crescent Community Hall from 11.30am to 4pm.

Please come and support the world's largest coffee morning. Purchase and enjoy delicious cakes and sandwiches with your coffee and take the opportunity to buy raffle tickets for the prize draw. **Everyone is welcome.**

Holy Trinity Dates & News

Dates for your diary

8th September	Shared Ministry Team meeting.
10th September	Church yard working part from 10am.
13th September	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting.
18th September	Men's Service at St Paul's, Skelmersdale.
25th September	Choral Evensong at St Michael's.
2nd October	Confirmation at St Michael's.
5th October	Friends of Holy Trinity meeting at 7pm.
9th October	Harvest lunch at Four Lane Ends Mission 1pm.
22nd & 23rd Oct	Rhoda Critchley's Art Exhibition at the Mission.

Church Yard Work Party

The annual church yard work party will meet on Saturday 10th September from 10am. All members of the church and community are welcome to help in tidying the church yard. Please bring your own tools.

Children's Fun Sheets

Children's Fun Sheets and crayons are available at the back of church, plus fun bags. If you see any children in the service, please make sure they have a sheet and a bag.

The Harvest Project: Compassion UK



A couple of years ago, both Holy Trinity Church and Bickerstaffe School raised funds to support a child living in Bangladesh through the charity Compassion UK. His name is Dipok.

For this year's Harvest Project, we are going to raise funds so that we can continue to support Dipok in his education.

Compassion is an international Christian child development and child advocacy ministry. Partnering with local churches, they are committed to the spiritual, economic, social and physical development of children living in extreme poverty in 26 countries, enabling them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. More information can be found on their website www.compassionuk.org.

During the Harvest Service on Sunday 9th October, there will be a presentation of their work following by a thanksgiving offering.

Harvest Lunch



We will enjoy a Harvest Lunch on Sunday 9th October at 1pm at The Four Lane Ends Mission. Hot pot and apple pie will be served (£8 each) and a sign-up list will be available in due course.

Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings by Rhoda Critchley

We are proud to invite you to an exhibition of Rhoda's paintings and drawings to be held at Four Lane Ends Mission on Saturday 22nd October 10 am until 4pm, and Sunday 23rd October 12 noon until 4pm.

Some of her artwork will be up for sale and all proceeds will go to the Church. Refreshments will be available. Rhoda loved her art and we hope you will be able to join us on this special weekend.

Tom, Susan and Judith

Thank you

Dorothy would like to thank everyone at Bickerstaffe Holy Trinity Church for their kind thoughts and prayers during the years Stan was ill and unable to attend church. Also for the messages and cards from Stan's many friends, it was indeed a great comfort to me and Stan during his illness.

Two of Stan's greatest pleasures was serving Holy Trinity Church and The Red Cross, he would have been very humbled to receive £400 for his church and £250 for the Red Cross Society.

Dorothy Sephton and Peter Bradshaw and family

Parish Registers



On Wednesday 24th August, a service of celebration was held for the life of Edward Webster, late of Wash Farm, Bickerstaffe.

Please continue to pray for Mr Webster's family.
Thank you.

Finance News

Financial Statement For the 7 months ended 31 July 2016

Collection	10749.94	DBF Quota	15883.56
Donations & Gift day	4291.00	Fees assigned	54.00
Fees	3496.00	Vicars expenses	565.12
Fund raising events	2363.35	Water & electric	875.59
In lieu of flowers	1762.00	Organ Maintenance	199.00
Dividends & Interest	181.19	Insurance & Council tax	4651.76
Gift aid tax refund	4008.27	Maintenance	750.00
Churchyard maintenance	248.00	Printing	223.96
Church Magazine	-379.16	Web fees	60.19
Friends of Bickerstaffe	1505.00	Sundries	100.10
		Churchyard extension	480.00
Total Income	28225.59	Total expenditure	23843.28
		Surplus year to date	4382.31

Gift aid tax refund is the amount owing at the end of July to be claimed from HMIT and includes £376.25 for the Friends of Bickerstaffe.

Work commenced on the project to extend the church yard. Estimated cost of the extension is £10,000.

Fund raising events

Coffee morning -March	510.00
Attic sale FLE	58.40
Ukele Band	538.00
Park Praise	153.65
Summer Fayre	1068.30
Photo exhibition	35.00
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Christ Church Aughton Ministry Centre



Christ Church Aughton is in the process of appointing a co-ordinator for their Ministry Centre. The Ministry Centre since it was opened five years ago has become a tremendous resource for mission, with so much happening throughout the day and over the

whole year. A large number of volunteers make it happen – and they need to be cared for.

Our present co-ordinator, Nick Walkden, believes it is the right time to move on. He writes: “It has been a privilege and an honour to serve here and I am so pleased to have got to know so many folk here and come to regard them indeed as my extended church family.

There is more information on our Christ Church Ministry Centre Facebook page. The closing date for applications is Friday, 9 September.

Building the Kingdom: A service for men

All men from the Diocese are invited to come along to worship and encourage each other in their life of faith. Sunday 18th September at 6.30 pm, St. Paul’s Church, Skelmersdale. Preacher: Rt Rev Paul Bayes, Bishop of Liverpool. For More information, contact Rev. Chris Spittle via e-mail chris.spittle@talktalk.net.

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Creationtide Prayer Time

The Church of England, has endorsed the observance of a "Time for Creation", from 1 September (the first day of the church year for the Orthodox Churches) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). During this season congregations are encouraged to give particular focus to environmental issues. Time for Creation links in naturally with the time when we celebrate harvest thanksgivings.

'The world has been created for everyone's use, but you few rich are trying to keep it for yourselves. For not merely the possession of the earth, but the very sky, the air, and the sea are claimed for the use of the rich few. ... The earth belongs to all, not just to the rich.'

St. Ambrose of Milan (340-397)

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We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest,
And we bless each other,
That the beauty of this world,
And the love that created it,
Might be expressed through our lives,
And be a blessing to others,
Now and always.
Amen.

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Creator God,
on windswept beaches
your saints of old held their hands up to you
in wonder and amazement,
felt your power
through the roar of wind and surf,
and, exposed to the elements,
felt a unity with the One
who had created all things.

This world does not often allow us such
intimacy, Father.

We are crowded out by circumstances of our
own choosing,
seeking fellowship with each other
rather than with you.

Forgive our unwillingness
to follow in the footsteps of your saints,
to meet you in the solitude of your creation.
Forgive our unwillingness
to get our feet wet

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W H E N (*author unknown*)

When a new days begins - smile gratefully
When there is darkness - be the first to shine a light
When someone falls - be the first to lend a hand
When there is injustice - be the first to condemn it
When there is something difficult to do - dare to do it anyway
When there seems to be no hope - find some!
When times are tough - be tougher!
When you're tired - keep going
When someone is hurting - help them heal
When someone is lost - help them find the way
When you feel great - help someone else to feel great too
When the day ends - feel that you've done your best
And that is *when* you can thank God for all you are able to do
Supplied by Sheila Beeby

Smile Time

A Sunday school teacher was endeavouring to instil in her class the difference between right and wrong.
'For example', she said, 'If I were to go into a man's jacket and take his wallet with all his money, what would I be?'
A little boy raised his hand, 'You'd be his wife,' he said.

Seen on a church noticeboard...

Worn out?
Come inside for a service

Internet skills for local Senior Citizens

Bickerstaffe Parish Council, in partnership with Lancashire Adult Education College, is continuing its successful series of free ICT courses starting in September as detailed below. All are welcome, but places are limited.

Last term saw Bickerstaffe senior citizens learning how to surf the web and develop their computer literacy. If you are interested, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk, on 07715 156 744.

Course Title	Day	Start Date	Finish Date	Duration	Time
ICT Functional Skills Taster Session*	Friday	16.9.16	16.9.16	3 hours	9.30am – 12.30pm
ICT Functional Skills*	Friday	23.9.16	30.6.17	28 weeks	9.30am – 12.30pm
Make the most of your iPad	Friday	11.11.16	9.12.16	5 weeks	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Tips for Buying a PC Laptop/Tablet - Taster session	Friday	16.12.16	16.12.16	3 hours	1.30pm – 4.30pm

All courses are taught by tutors from Lancashire Adult Learning College and all courses will take place in Bickerstaffe. These courses are organised by Bickerstaffe Parish Council - contact the Clerk on 07715156744 for more information or to book a place.

*Passing the Functional Skills Course gains the student a qualification which can be used for employment purposes. The taster session is for students to assess if the course is for them - basic literacy and numeracy skills are needed – but if you're in doubt, sign up for the free taster session anyway.

M58 Motorway By Owen Taylor

It was in the early 1970s when the Parish Council first expressed concern about reports of a proposed Skelmersdale to Aintree link road passing through the centre of Bickerstaffe, virtually splitting up the Parish's four Hamlets.

Several members of the public protested vociferously at the Annual Assembly, all wanting to know the exact route of the intended Motorway. The Parish Clerk, R. Pennigton, informed the meeting that frequent attempts had been made to obtain a copy of the map showing the proposed link road, but to no avail, however he would keep petitioning the authorities until successful. By 1973, the news everyone was waiting for became a reality. The new 15 mile route would be named the M58.

In the Bickerstaffe section, a major roundabout was to be positioned at the junction of the A59, near Four Lane Ends and unfortunately, four houses on Church Road would need to be demolished to allow the carriageway way to pass through. One tenant was photographed in a local newspaper, guarding his property with a shot-gun!

Enormous amounts of earth were removed, two tree-lined ponds in a Hall Farm field, were completely erased from the landscape. A large chasm was cut through open, arable, farmland, a tremendous achievement by the road builders. The bridge engineers too, faced immense challenges, especially trying to do their job and keep the local traffic flowing.

An archaeological survey of the Motorway route began in 1976, following a Public Meeting at Edge Hill College. Volunteer help was offered by the West Lancashire Archaeological Society, who in turn,



Two of the houses on Church Road, in the path of the Motorway.



A pensive Billy Huyton rests on the old bridge along Church Road.



Coal Merchant, William Taylor, stands by the detour road.

asked other interested parties to join the team. Each section of the Motorway Route was allocated to an individual Field-Worker, who organised groups to walk and look for anything of interest, also to research documentary evidence of the area.

The organiser of the Bickerstaffe Section, was local Councillor, John Turner. He was supplied with detailed maps and plans, by the Road Construction Unit for the North West. Archaeologist, John Hallam, was in charge of the survey, his help and advice was readily available.

Recommendations by the officers, gave a list of sites that should be closely observed. The Bickerstaffe, 'No. 5' Section, needed to be examined carefully for evidence of Prehistoric Activity. It then went on to mention the Neolithic stone axe found at Stanley Farm in 1921 and

the hoard of Roman Coins discovered at the same site in the 19th Century. Following on, it stated, 'Little Hall Croft appears to be a 17th Century Burial Place, but will be cut off by the Motorway, furthermore, unexplained aerial features should be looked for, where the Motorway crosses Ash Field and Little Kiln Hey, as it may reveal evidence of early industrial activity. Quite recently, a layer of Coal-Ash was observed when foundations were being laid for a bungalow in Church Road.' The report also stated, 'The extraction of sand, by Pilkington Bros, in the Bickerstaffe section, may have contaminated any archaeological evidence'.



Church Witness Walkers take a detour, through the temporary Bickerstaffe hills.

The only item of interest was found in the Simonswood Lane area, an old, broken, white earthenware, 'Madonna with Child' statuette. Otherwise, clay-pipe, cup, saucer and plate fragments were the norm for the No. 5 Section.

Residents, who were initially concerned about the impact the Motorway would have on the environment, were delighted with the finished project, designed to cause little disruption to the immediate neighbourhood, combined with a vast, tree planting scheme, to muffle traffic noise.

The Bickerstaffe Section of the M58 was opened on Saturday 20th September 1980. Local drivers had a field-day trying it out.

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16th Sept	Team 2	I McCarthy, M Johnson
23rd Sept	Team 3	A Banks, G Banks, N Rimmer
30th Sept	Team 4	Barbara Fairclough, B Winstanley
7th Oct	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice

Church Flowers Rota

4th September	Mrs Violet Heyes
11th September	Mrs Jenny Banks
18th September	Mrs Brenda Winstanley
25th September	Mrs Jeanne Hall
2nd October	Mrs Norma Rimmer
9th October	Harvest Festival - <i>Helpers/Donations welcome</i>

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17th October: Peter Speirs will give a
talk entitled 'A Little Quaker History.'

Please visit the website for our latest
programme of events. Meetings start

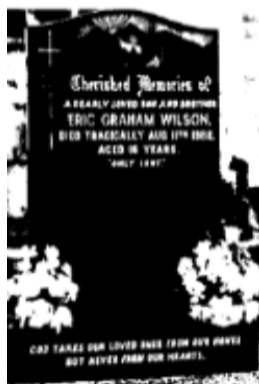
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Bickerstaffe Mothers' Union



Our August meeting was a service called 'The Wave of Prayer' we remembered our members worldwide.

The Mothers' Union began in 1876 so has been active for 140 years. This month we were able to send a cheque to the 'Big Summer Appeal' for £100 which proceeds from our Strawberry Tea last month. Next month members are going out to Golden Days at Standish.

Irene McCarthy

The Women's Institute



At the September meeting of the Bickerstaffe W.I. we welcome an excellent speaker, Mr. Michael Gradwell, who was the senior investigation officer in the Morecambe Bay tragedy when several Chinese cockle pickers were drowned.

Mr. Gradwell will tell us all about this terrible disaster. Please join us on Monday 26th September at 7.30pm at Four Lane Ends Mission. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information contact Margaret Fairclough on 01695 729161.

A blessing....

Bless this house and those within,
Bless our giving and receiving,
Bless our words and conversation,
Bless our hands and recreation,
Bless our sowing and our growing,
Bless our coming and our going,
Bless all who enter and depart,
Bless this house, your peace impart



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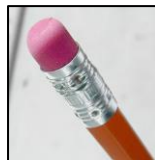
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The deadline for the October
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As always, please pass articles
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I will do my best to publish
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all your support.

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church Bickerstaffe

1st Sunday 10.45^{am} Holy Communion



**2nd Sunday 8^{am} Holy Communion
10.45^{am} Family Service**

3rd Sunday 10.45^{am} Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 10.45^{am} Holy Communion

5th Sunday 10.45^{am} Various Services

**The Sunday Club for children
meets during the morning services**

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should be made to the Vicar**



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