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NEWSLETTER



December 2018

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PARISH DIARY – DECEMBER 2018

Except where indicated below, the main morning service at ST GILES SHIPBOURNE is at 9.30am.

Every weekday at 8.00am Morning Prayer will be said at Plaxtol Church and every weekday evening (except Friday and Saturday) at 4.30pm Evening Prayer will be said at St Giles Shipbourne.

SUNDAY	2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Toy Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church
		6.00pm	Benefice Advent Carol Service at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jeremiah 33 vv 14-16 1 Thessalonians 3 vv 9-end Luke 21 vv 25-36
Thursday	6th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Saturday	8th	6.30pm	Kent County Association of Change Ringers' Carol Service at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	9th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Baruch 5 Philippians 1 vv 3-11 Luke 3 vv 1-6
Monday	10th	7.30pm	Shipbourne Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall
Thursday	13th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne with Shipbourne School Choir
SUNDAY	16th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		12.00pm	Said Communion at Plaxtol Church
		4.00pm	Benefice Community@4 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Zephaniah 3 vv 14-end Philippians 4 vv 4-7 Luke 3 vv 7-18
Wednesday	19th	1.30pm	Shipbourne School Carol Service at St Giles Shipbourne
Thursday	20th	9-11am	Christmas Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne with mulled wine and mince pies
		9.30am	Benefice Playchurch at Plaxtol Church
Saturday	22nd	8.30-10am	Order Collection Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
		3.30pm	Plaxtol Bethlehem Live (see advert)

SUNDAY	23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Nativity Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion (said) at Plaxtol Church
		5.00pm	Carol Service at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Micah 5 vv 2-5 Hebrews 10 vv 5-10 Luke 1 vv 39-45
Monday CHRISTMAS EVE	24th	5.00pm	Carol Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.30pm	Midnight Choral Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
Tuesday CHRISTMAS DAY	25th		NO 8am Holy Communion in the Benefice
		9.30am	Family Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Communion at Plaxtol Church
Readings:	Isaiah 52 vv 7-10 Hebrews 1 vv 1-12 John 1 vv 1-14		
SUNDAY	30TH	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Holy Communion (1662 with hymns) at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	1 Samuel 2 vv 18-20, 26 Colossians 3 vv 12-17 Luke 2 vv 41-end
Monday NEW YEARS EVE	31st	11.30pm	Prayers, Haggis supper and ringing in the New Year at St Giles, Shipbourne

PASTORAL LETTER

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

My iPad-mini beeped the other day, telling me that a message has just arrived. It was from my Mum, and unusually cryptic: "The star has risen!"

I had no idea what she meant. Then, this morning, a parcel arrived with her characteristic handwriting on it, and the penny dropped instantly. I had asked her to knit two replacement Wise Men from the nativity set she had kindly made for me some years ago, and from which two wise men had gone missing on the very first occasion that I used it. "The star has risen!" meant that the wise men had started their journey... albeit by Royal Mail... to the little Bethlehem which is a model stable somewhere in this benefice.

The majority of December is taken up with the season of Advent; this year it begins on Sunday 2nd. Advent is a season of preparation in which we wait with longing not just for the festivities of

Christmas (still 25th!) but for the coming of Christ. We recall the Old Testament prophecies that fuelled the hope for a Messiah, an anointed Saviour, or *Christos* in Greek. These texts are filled with titles such as Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and the strange name Emmanuel which means “God with us”.

The most ancient of our Advent hymns, originally in Latin, uses this and many other titles to voice the sense of Advent longing: *O Sapientia* (holy wisdom), *O Adonai* (Almighty) *O Radix* (root of Jesse), *O Clavis* (key of David) *O Oriens* (morning star), *Rex Gentium* (king of the nations) and finally *O Emmanuel*. The verses of the hymn give their names to the last seven days of Advent, and even make a reverse acrostic, so that the letters I have emboldened above spell **ERO CRAS** - “Tomorrow I come!” So the countdown is definitely on. The most important question is how to use the time of preparation wisely... how to prepare our hearts to receive the good news that God is with us in. To help with this the Rectory garden will be open on the Mondays during Advent, between 10am and 2pm, with a chance to be quiet, to contemplate Gabriel’s message, the empty manger, and celebrating a simple lunchtime Communion in the Stable Chapel.

As Advent gives way to Christmas we shall be celebrating with both old and new traditions: ‘Bethlehem Live’ in Plaxtol on Sat 22, a Nativity Family Service in Shipboure on Sunday 23rd; Carol Services in Plaxtol and Shipbourne on 23rd and 24th respectively; Midnight Mass at Shipbourne this year, and Family Communion on Christmas morning in both churches at the usual times. Please check this magazine, our webpages, both hosted by their respective parish councils’ websites, and noticeboards near or at the churches. We look forward to you being with us, and to celebrating with you the good news that God is with us.

Peter Hayler
Rector

St Giles, Shipbourne Christmas Nativity Family Service

Sunday 23 December 2018 at 9.30am



Everyone is most welcome

For further details please call Mary Perry on 01732 810797

Community Bread Basket



There will be no Community Bread Basket in December.

We look forward to seeing you on 26th January 2019.

All the volunteer team wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

Collection for Foodbank



Since the former Bishop of Tonbridge's Lenten Appeal on Poverty, the United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol have been linked with the Parish of All Saints', Chatham and its Community Project based at the Magpie Centre.

The Project seeks to offer support and resources to the local community as well as linking with other agencies within the Medway area. Among other things the Magpie Centre runs a Café, offers advice and information, helps with CV writing and IT skills. There are lunch clubs, singing, exercise and walking groups, a craft group, after school and youth clubs, as well as a support group for those experiencing Depression and Anxiety.

Community Bread Basket would like to contribute to our link with All Saints' by running a collection of food and household goods each month, which will take place over each Bread Basket weekend. There will be boxes in both Shipbourne and Plaxtol churches throughout each weekend so that people can leave any donations. These will then be delivered to Chatham promptly.

Dates: Jan 26th/27th.

Suggested Donations:

- Tinned and packet food which is well in date
- Cleaning products and toiletries
- Children's nappies
- Small kitchen equipment
- Bedding
- Curtains

Thanks!

Donna Hayler



Bethlehem Live !

Come and join us with Mary & Joseph
& the donkey going to Bethlehem
from Plaxtol school to the Rectory

Saturday 22nd December
3.15 for 3.30 start at school
Come in high-vis jackets & wellies &
bring torches

Come dressed as angels, shepherds, sheep, kings
etc. Contact Jo Rolls on jorolls@gmail.com
if costumes needed

*Mulled wine, hot chocolate &
mince pies afterwards*
Donations invited.



To all parents with babes-in-arms, toddlers and pre-school
children!

Please come to our United Benefice

"PLAYCHURCH"

Everyone welcome! Come and join us!

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Next Dates and Locations:

Thursday 20 December 9.30am at Plaxtol Church

The Nativity Garden at Plaxtol Rectory

Need quiet space during Advent?

The Nativity Garden at the Rectory will be open on Mondays 3rd, 10th and 17th Dec, from 10am - 2pm.

with a meditative lunch-time communion in the Stable Chapel.

*"I will search in the silence
for your hiding place;
in the quiet, Lord, I seek your face."*





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AN ADVENT RECITAL GIVEN BY VOCE SACRI
1st December 2018 at All Saints' Church, Tudeley
6.30pm-7.45pm

The 16 voiced chamber choir Voce Sacri will be giving their second recital on Saturday 1st December in All Saints' Church, Tudeley, in a programme built around three different settings of O Magnum Mysterium, by Palestrina, Victoria and Byrd, interspersed with advent carols some with lesser known settings including Veni Veni Emmanuel, Away in a manger, The truth from above and Adam lay Ybouden.

75 minutes to ponder the wonders of the birth of Jesus.

Free entry with retiring collection to cover costs.

Voce Sacri are a group of singers who have extensive experience of singing in choirs in Kent and Sussex.

A number of them are regular members of local churches in the area and also sing with the Plaxtol Scholars.

Further details from Marius Carboni
mcmarius5@gmail.com
01732 810618

SCOTTISH DANCING IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Our Tuesday class continues to be popular and well attended. Last session for 2018 is on Tuesday 27 November at 7.15pm after which we will take a break - and a rest! - until the New Year. We are very grateful to Margaret Thompson for turning up every fortnight to teach us the steps - it all seems to go so well until the music starts! Dates for January are yet to be fixed but will be published in time for anyone interested in joining our enthusiastic-but-challenged group, to come along.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Helen Leach
811444

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Please visit the website for Shipbourne Parish Council Meeting Agenda's, Minutes and News. (<http://www.shipbourne.com/>) If you have any ideas or would like something added, such as a news item, please email the Parish Clerk.

Retirement of Cllr Libby Cohen from the Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Cohen for all of her hard work and contribution to the Parish over the last 20 years, her depth of knowledge will be greatly missed.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Shipbourne Parish Council currently has a vacancy following the retirement of Cllr Cohen. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk for further details

Highways Matters

If you notice any potholes, broken or missing signs or blocked gullies, please report them to the Parish Clerk so that she can notify Kent Highways.

Kent Police

To report a non-urgent crime, call 101. Kent Police have launched a new online reporting service:

The public can now **report crimes and incidents** as well as **non-injury road traffic collisions** ONLINE directly through the website (www.kent.police.uk)

M20 Closures – Autumn 2018

The link for the Highways England M20 works website

is:- <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m20-junctions-3-to-5-smart-motorway/>

Planning Applications Discussed at the November Meeting

Planning Applications

TM/18/02518/FL - Martins Oast, Back Lane, Shipbourne - Demolish Granary. Erect a detached four bedroomed house. Detached open oak-framed carport/garage.

Full responses are available on the TMBC website at www.tmbc.gov.uk/planning

Planning Decisions from TMBC - Approved

TM/18/02248/FL - Section 73 application: removal of condition 3 (Agricultural occupancy) pursuant to planning permission TM/69/10766/OLD (Outline application for an agricultural dwelling adjoining Woodlands). Higlens Farm, Back Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9PP.

TM/18/02195/TNCA. Remove variegated Holly (Bramble covered and interfering with overhead lines). Mallow House, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9PE.

Thames Crossing – Consultation

Highways England have launched a consultation on its updated proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing. On the south side of the Thames, the proposed new road will link to the A2 and M2. On the north side, it will link the A13 and the M25. **The Highways England consultation deadline is 23:59 on 20 December 2018.** Further details on the consultation and supporting documents can be accessed via the following weblink:

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation/>.

KCC New Waste and Recycling Collection Service 2019

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council in partnership with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council have awarded an eight-year contract for a new recycling and waste collection and street cleansing service to Urbaser Ltd, a resource and waste management company.

The new contract, which will begin on 1st March 2019 in Tonbridge and Malling and on 30th March 2019 in Tunbridge Wells, will see Urbaser Ltd providing a greatly improved recycling service to 101,000 homes as well as street cleansing services across both boroughs.

Initially services will continue as normal. There are significant logistical arrangements required to introduce the new improved recycling services and our contract specifically provides for a 'bedding in' period for a number of months.

'Frequently Asked Questions' regarding the service are now on their website <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/recycling,-rubbish-and-waste/household-waste-information-and-advice/new-improved-recycling-collections-2019>
These will be updated as more information becomes available.

Community Transport Grant Scheme

KCC has just launched a second round of funding for capital grants for Parishes to establish their own community transport schemes.

KCC's Community Transport Toolkit which is available on the KCC website on the community transport page:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/community-transport>

If you think that there would be sufficient interest in setting up a scheme, please email the Parish Clerk.

Mrs Sarah Huseyin - Parish Clerk
e-mail: shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com
Telephone: 01732 886402

TABLE TENNIS

Has anyone got a table they no longer use and would like to sell? We have a lady who has offered to run a class in Shipbourne Village Hall if there is sufficient interest - and if I can find a table! As there would only be room for one table and therefore a maximum of four players at any one time, we could possibly think of having other games - board games (chess, draughts?), card games (whist, bridge?) to run alongside in the small meeting room. If the VH owned its own table, it would also be available for practice nights. I'd love to hear from anyone interested.

Helen Leach
811144 or 07762241720

SHIPBOURNE WI

Politics was the order of the day on 14th November, and not just at Westminster. Sir Paul Britton was the guest speaker at the main meeting of the WI. Sir Paul worked as a senior civil servant at Westminster and his stories and anecdotes of political life were full of interest and often highly amusing. He discussed the way the country is governed and the impact of many well-known politicians, for good or for ill. This was an outstanding insight into political life at the highest level. Thank you, Sir Paul!

During the business meeting arrangements were made for our Christmas activities including a lunch, carols at Borough Green and a party.

The next Committee Meeting is on 5th December, with a lunch at The Swan at West Peckham on the same day. The main meeting will be the Christmas Party, when there will be no speaker, but a delicious tea!

On behalf of Shipbourne WI, may I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Glynis Coates

THE WEATHER IN OCTOBER

Average day temp. was 19⁰c, average night temp. was 6.5⁰c, highest day temp. was 27⁰c, lowest night temp. was -2.5⁰c, total rainfall was 46_{mm}, with the average for the last 20 years for October 80.6_{mm}, the highest was Oct. 2000 with 214_{mm}, the lowest was last year (Oct. 2017) with 22_{mm}.



Tip for the winter: make sure you know where your main stopcock is and check that it works!

Lionel Stielow

SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL NEWS

November started with the ever popular Bonfire and Fireworks event which this year attracted a record crowd of families. Thanks to the hard work of the PTA, it raised in excess of £4000, which will be used to help improve the learning opportunities and experiences of our pupils.

During November, we also thought of those overseas who are less fortunate than us, packing shoeboxes with gifts for Operation Christmas Child. These are now on their way to a number of locations overseas.

All classes have been busy developing their skills in Design Technology, with classes creating moving pictures, vehicles and crisp packets using sustainable materials. In music, we spent time together to learn about Dvorak, composing our own pieces to reflect the feelings of homesickness.

Learning in RE has been focused on Diwali, the Hindu festival of light when good conquers evil. The children have enjoyed hearing the story of Rama and Sita, and Hampton Class enjoyed dressing in traditional Indian clothing to present an assembly to the rest of the school.

The term will end in the time-honoured tradition of a nativity play presented by Tinley and Hampton Class, a visit to the pantomime for the whole school, carol singing at the Farmers' Market by the choir, a Christmas party and finally the Christmas church service at the end of a very busy term.

Brenda Mullinger

SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Shipbourne School is looking for a new Co-opted (formerly "Community") Governor as well as a Local Authority Governor to join its Governing Board.

Ideally, you will have strong links with the local community, as well as an interest in enriching the education of the children at Shipbourne School. We have a number of parents already serving as governors, and whilst this does not preclude parents from applying, we are keen to diversify the personnel within the Governing team.

A musical talent or artistic ability would be welcomed. This would tie in well with the School's termly focus on different artists and musicians.

Being a Governor at Shipbourne is very rewarding, and we would be pleased to receive applications from individuals with enthusiasm to take on the role to work with us to continue the improvement of our already "Good" school.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Mary-Clare Mark-Davies c/o Shipbourne School, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, TN11 9PB or give the school office a call on 01732 810344.

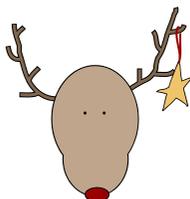
BULK REFUSE SERVICE (4th Saturday of month)

Upper Green Road (opposite Village Hall) 8am - 9am on

Saturday 22 December 2018

Saturday 26 January 2018

The Newsletter Team send all our readers, contributors and distributors warm wishes for Christmas and 2019



SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET

Firstly, a big thank you for those of you who supported us to reach the final of the Kent Food and Drink Awards. The market was judged and at the dinner we were pronounced

WINNER of 'Best Farmers' Market' category!

How to Enjoy Christmas Shopping

Get away from the mad trolley rush and the bustling crowds and enjoy a leisurely Christmas shop at Shipbourne Farmers Market. Combine shopping with a walk across the fields to Ightham Mote or a breakfast at the Chaser!

We will have everything (well almost!) of what you will need food-wise at the market plus lots of ideas for cards and gifts. Start shopping (and ordering) early to avoid disappointment.

Starting with **Cards** 'St Giles' in the snow' is now available taken from a painting by Amanda plus many other cards including personal cards made on the spot! How about a **Wreath** for your door, handmade in Shipbourne and **decorations** (for your tree) handmade felted animals.

As for **Drinks**, our local distillery (Greensand Ridge) will introduce Apple Brandy to complement their range of gins and rum. There is also **local beer** plus **white and red wines**

Soups:- Start your Christmas meal with smoked salmon soup or stilton and broccoli (and buy some healthy wholesome soups for January).

Then for **Meat** choose from different types of beef joints, white or bronze local free-range turkeys, or a venison joint (which will serve 10, a whole haunch will serve 20!) or goose. **Fish**:- smoked salmon and prawns.

To go with the meat, we have all sorts of **seasonal vegetables**, plus exotic mushrooms. If you are not into meat try **Vegetarian dishes** including quiches, pies, and tarts.

Follow this with **Christmas confections** such as a Christmas pudding, or mince pie and Christmas cake, Christmas bread and mincemeat.

For your **cheese** course Stichelton (an unpasteurised Stilton) or Baby Winterdale truckles. Serve Chutneys or pickled walnuts, mustards and oils (rapeseed, walnut and cobnut).

Finally, **Chocolates** and truffles, from classic to more adventurous and seasonal flavours or **nuts** (Kentish cobnuts and walnuts) followed by **Brazilian coffee**, bought by Sidelia directly from the growers in the high mountains.

Don't forget **Marmalades**, jams and honey for Boxing Day morning.

As for **Gifts** what about a local landscape painting or Christmas wax melts in Christmas spice, a Christmas pot pourri, soaps in Christmas spices, (frankincense, myrrh and sandalwood) or a soap dish gift set.

All of the above will be available in December but it would be best to **fill in an Order form** from various stallholders as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

December 13th Shipbourne School choir will be singing carols and Christmas songs to entertain you whilst you shop.

December 20th Mulled wine and mince pies to get you into the Christmas spirit. This will be the **LAST market** before Christmas for most stallholders.

Simple! So easy to shop at the Farmers Market

All our stall holders wish you a Happy Christmas and we will see you again on the 18th January 2019

STOP PRESS: Shipbourne Farmers' Market has made it to the finals for the category of **Best Farmers' Market** in the national **Farm Retail Association Awards 2019**



COOKERY CORNER

SPICED RED CABBAGE

Serve with the main event on Christmas Day but make enough to go with cold meats on Boxing Day

Serves 8, prepare in 15 mins and cook for 1½-2 hours

- 1 tbsp local rape seed oil
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 tsp ground coriander, ½ tsp ground cinnamon, ¼ tsp freshly grated nutmeg
- 750g red cabbage, finely shredded
- 1 large eating apple, cored and chopped
- 2 tbsp soft brown sugar
- 5 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 4 tbsp cranberry or redcurrant jelly

Heat the oil in a large heavy pan, add the onion and cook for 3 minutes until softened. Stir in the spices and cook for another minute.

Add the shredded cabbage and stir to coat with the spices.

Stir in the apple, sugar, vinegar and 4 tbsp cold water. Season with salt and pepper and bring to the boil. Cover and simmer very gently for 1½-2 hours, stirring occasionally, until really tender and the liquid has evaporated.

Stir in the jelly and serve hot or cold.

Taken from a recipe by Mary Gwynne (Chairman of Peshurst Farmers Market, editor of BBC Vegetarian Good Food and now writes a seasonal eating column for the Waitrose weekend newspaper).

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the January newsletter by the slightly earlier date of **12 December 2018 (earlier deadline than usual due to the Christmas/New Year break)**. Please note any articles received after this date will be held over to the next issue. Please email articles to lindsay_miles@btinternet.com or call 01732 810439.

THE GARDEN SHED

December can be a wonderful month for the garden, especially on those clear, frosty and sunny days that make for the best part of winter. Make the most of these days to tend to your garden and enjoy its special seasonal character.

Plants can look truly beautiful when the bare stems of trees and shrubs are transformed with the silver lining of a sharp frost. But there is still constant evidence of colour during early winter, from flowering heathers and the yellow flowers of the *Jasminum nudiflorum* to *Hamamelis mollis* and the *Iris unguicularis*.

There is also still plenty of work for the keen gardener, though the pace of work is much more gentle than in other seasons.

Though there are markedly fewer pests around during this season, practising good garden hygiene will help minimize disease problems in the spring and summer. Clear any debris or fallen leaves around plants where problems could lurk. But don't forget to provide some places where wildlife such as hedgehogs can hibernate. You can also help your wildlife friends by leaving a pile of leaves, twigs etc. in an out-of-the-way corner of the garden.

As the year is now entering its coldest phase, this is your last chance to protect plants and pots vulnerable to frost damage. Herbaceous perennials are very easy to protect now that they have died back. Just put a thick layer of straw or leaf mould over the crown of the plant. If necessary, use some wire netting to keep it in place.

Never use plastic! Even dormant plants need to breathe. If the weather permits, this is the right time to dig in well-rotted stable manure to revitalise your soil. You can prune deciduous trees and shrubs to keep them healthy and to shape them.

Now that there are no more leaves it is easier than ever to see what you're doing. First, remove any dead or diseased wood, and clip any crossing branches to avoid rubbing. You should trim any plant that is taking up too much room in your small garden. Remember, the harder you prune, the stronger your resulting growth will be. If you want to restrict your plant's size, light pruning will have a better effect than hacking away. Always try to open up the centre of the plant to allow air circulation. Diseased material should never be put in the compost.

Feed with organic fertiliser after pruning and give it a good mulch.

Prune tall bush roses by half to prevent wind rock.

With relatively few chores beyond protecting, pruning and fertilising, you can use a bit of time-off from garden work for a little extra Christmas shopping. Have a Happy Holiday!

Anne-Marie Klain-Verdegem



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