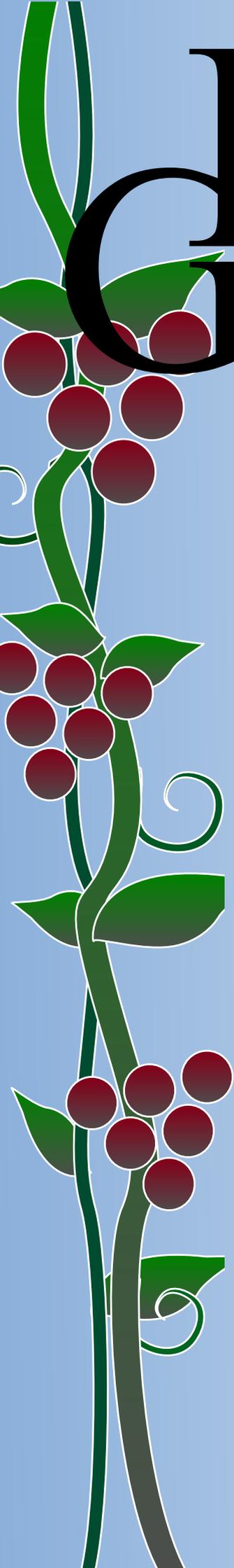


# Parish Grapevine

A monthly round-up of  
news, views, events  
and services at  
St George's, Heaviley,  
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and St Gabriel's, Adswold  
*in the*  
*Parish of St George, Stockport.*  
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## Who's Who in the Parish of St George, Stockport

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<b>PCC Treasurer</b>	Steven Kelly 439 9458	<b>Guides</b>	Heather Worth 07894 507 466 For girls aged 10-14. Meet Thursdays 7.30-9pm in the Parish Room.	<b>Handbells</b>	Debbie Heaton 07981 331 758 Play for All-Age and Taizé services, plus other special events. Ringers of all ages (with or without experience) always welcome. Rehearsals in church arranged around the ringers' availability.
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### Front cover photo

St George's Church tower and steeple. Bell ringing will start again on 9th August as the church re-opens for public worship (see pages 5 and 7).  
(Photo by Andrew Regan)

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## From the Editor:

Dear Readers,

IT DOES SEEM that, in this country, at least, we are beginning to have coronavirus beaten, although with the caveat that it may return in the colder weather. What a joy it was to be able to go into St George's again, and to speak to friends there. You will read in this special August issue of *Grapevine* the plans for reintroducing services on Sundays and Wednesdays. As everywhere, church life is going to be different for the foreseeable future, but as Psalm 16 tells us, 'You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever'! Of course, we know that we don't need to be in a building to experience that joy, but it is still wonderful to be back.

I would like to thank all those people who have worked so hard to clean and prepare St George's for re-opening, and who are still giving their time and energy to welcome us into the building, and to make sure it is safe and clean for everyone who comes in. Despite the horrors of the pandemic and the lockdown, the thoughtfulness, enterprise and goodness of so many members of our church community have really shone through the gloom and depression. It reminds me of a description in Acts of the early church, where 'joy and generosity' become the

hallmarks of the believers. Significantly, perhaps, Luke goes on to tell his readers that 'each day the Lord added to their fellowship'. Without minimising people's suffering during these difficult months, we can still rejoice that 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it'.

On a personal note, it was wonderful to be able to see our daughter and family this week. Skype is a great thing, but nothing compares with the pleasure of holding a little girl who smiles when she sees you and holds out her arms to be cuddled. Bath-time – or 'splishy-splashy' time as it is now known in our house – is a lot more fun with a baby apparently attempting to do a back-crawl while holding tightly to a rubber duck. I may even have to let her borrow the duck.

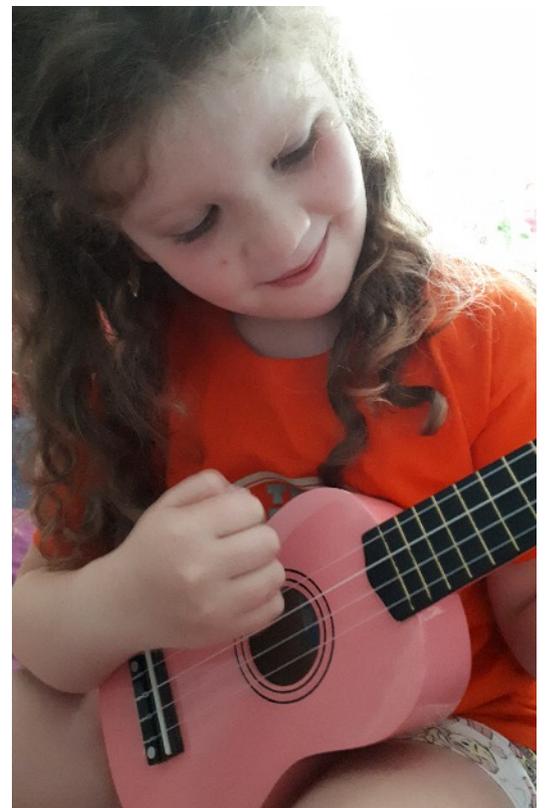
So, 'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!' We look forward to our September edition of *Grapevine*, where we plan to be back to 24 pages. I hope we have lovely August sunshine, and that you are all able to enjoy the rest of the summer.

God bless! Richard Parr. Editor.

## Elizabeth is learning the ukelele



"Just before the coronavirus, I started learning the ukelele. Over lockdown Mummy and Auntie Elaine have been learning too and we have been practising together. On a Sunday afternoon, we do a ukelele-a-thon over Skype. We have learnt lots of hymns and songs. My favourites are 'the lion sleeps tonight' and '10,000 reasons'. My favourite song to sing and play with Mummy is 'Love shine a light'. I really enjoy learning new chords and spending time with Mummy and Auntie Elaine."



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## Elaine writes:

**M**y husband is full of good ideas – it’s official!

I have been the recipient of these “good ideas” for many years now, which has resulted in me getting stuck in a peat bog up to my thighs after being told to jump from tuft to tuft of grass.

Another occasion which comes to mind is when we had to climb down a waterfall when the mist suddenly descended leaving us with no compass bearing (in the days before GPS).

Tip toeing through the heather on the North York Moors in a howling whiteout snowstorm was another memorable trip out (this time saved by GPS) and whilst I feel I should have learned my lesson, a recent “short cut” meant that we had to descend a 1:3 gradient on slippery mud and rocks on a narrow pathway with a whole load of nothing to our right. Are we having fun yet?

Following someone who is full of good ideas requires a significant level of trust (or insanity in my case!)

What struck me, on our recent foray into my own personal terror movie, was that the prospect of embarking on something hugely challenging was not as impossible as I had thought.

In the beginning, the steep drop looked as though it was the end of the world, but journeying, bit by bit along the path, revealed a turning and another path to confront.

Each drop and turn brought us nearer to our destination – and, to my mind, safety – but to reach that destination meant encounter, encounter with my own fears and my own feelings of inadequacy.

I am usually a really positive, glass-half-full type of person who sees the world in terms of possibilities and opportunities, but when I am under the kinds of stress which make me feel unsafe then the light at the end of the tunnel is narrowed down to the tiniest pinprick.

Stepping from the darkness into the light requires courage and faith and we don’t always realise that the things we have decided we can’t do are things we very probably can. If we are prepared to encounter those situations we’d prefer to avoid, then we might discover things about ourselves which remain hidden.

We don’t have to embark on a journey alone: there are others who we can trust to help, along with trusting in God who promises in so many passages in Scripture, to be with us.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and rely not on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him and he will make straight your path.* Proverbs 3 verses 5 and 6.

With every blessing, Elaine

## St George’s Church is re-opening for public worship

WE HAVE BEEN moving carefully as restrictions have eased, and for a few weeks now the church has been open for private prayer. As things have evolved, we now have the opportunity to come into church to worship once again. The first services in church will be on **Wednesday 5th August at 9.30am** for Morning Prayer (also live streamed), and then at **10.00am** for Book of Common Prayer Communion (not live streamed.) Our first Sunday service in church will be on **Sunday 9th August at 10.15am**, when there will be Common Worship Communion, which will also be live streamed.

There will be stewards on duty to guide you, and hand sanitizer available for you to use. Please wear a face mask if you can, but we will also have some disposable masks available for you to use. There will be a one-way system in church (you will be guided), and alternate rows of pews will be blocked off to ensure social distancing. Families who live together in a bubble may sit together, but otherwise there will be markers in the pews as a guide to social distancing. As part of the government’s Track and Trace scheme to monitor the spread of Coronavirus, we will be asking you to complete a consent form so we can store details for 21 days. We are not permitted to sing hymns at the moment, but on Sundays there will be organ music, and a single voice will sing parts of the service. Holy Communion will be in one kind as bread only, and the stewards will guide you when it is time to move to the front to receive Communion. Unfortunately, for the time being, we are not permitted to offer refreshments after the services.

We very much look forward to seeing you again in church in the near future. Further details are available on our website, and on the church’s Facebook page ([facebook.com/stgeorgeschurchstockport](https://facebook.com/stgeorgeschurchstockport)).

### Services in church in August

### Live streamed services and events in August

Wednesdays: 9.30am Morning Prayer (also streamed)  
10am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sundays: 10.15am Holy Communion (also in church)  
5pm Story time for children  
9pm Compline

Sundays (from 9th August):  
10.15am Holy Communion (Common Worship, also live streamed)

Mondays to Fridays: 9.30am Morning Prayer  
Fridays: 1pm Messy Church Bake off  
Saturdays: 1pm Messy Church Craft

## Parish News Roundup

From the registers:

### Holy Baptism

13th July Alireza Kalantari

### Holy Matrimony

None last month

### Funerals

13th July: Margaret White

5th Aug: Lilian Lyons

### Communion Flowers were sponsored by:

- 5th July The Hayden family, with love, for Mark
- 12th July The Garlick and Lupton families, in memory of Arnold and Jean Lupton
- 19th July In memory of Wynne Knight Crook, from all her family
- 26th July The Alcraft and Hayden families, in loving memory of Vera Fallows  
Walter Stead and family, in memory of Pauline Stead

## 90th Birthday Congratulations

Congratulations to Geoffrey Oldham on your 90th birthday on 29th August. Now living in Clacton beside the sea. Love from Janet and all the family.

## Richard Heap

We are saddened to have to report the death of Richard Heap on Thursday 9th July, aged 80. The funeral took place at St Lawrence, Longridge on Friday 24th July. Richard was a sidesman at St George's for over 50 years, a member and secretary of the PCC for many years,



and also a patron of the benefice. Our deepest sympathies go out to his widow Janet, and to his daughter Alethea. A full tribute will appear in Grapevine next month.

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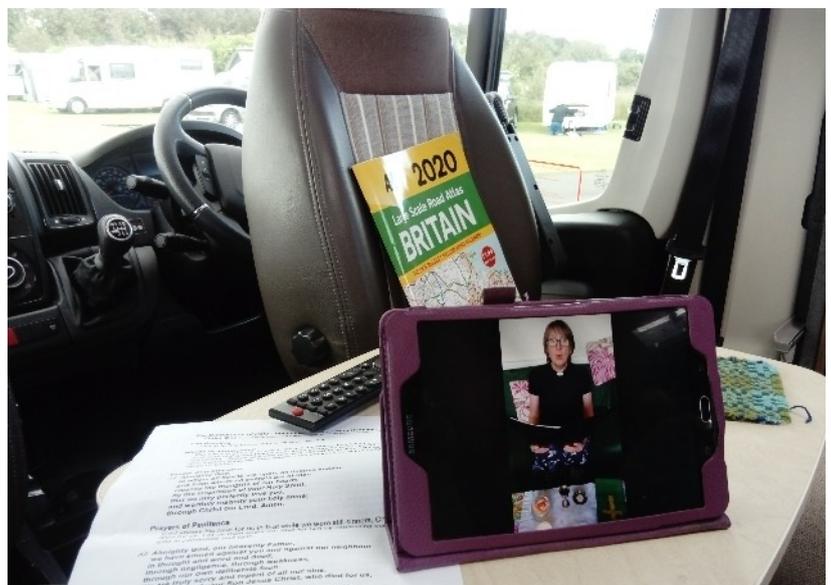
### Recent baptism

Alireza Kalantari was baptised on Monday 13th July, and when Elaine asked him for a comment afterwards, Ali said that he felt "New born".



## St George's on the road!!

This photo was sent to us by our churchwarden Hazel Jenkins, from a campsite in Northumberland. Even when people go away in their motor caravan, they can still take St George's with them!



### September 2020 Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Fri 21st August** Committee meeting: via email

## Ringling the bells again

Our church bells were last rung for a service on the morning of Sunday 15th March. On the immediately following Tuesday, churches were shut, and ringing suspended until further notice – it seems quite a long time ago! Now that churches are permitted to open again, and services will soon be possible, albeit in what will of necessity be a modified form, plans are also being made to get back to ringing. This too will be rather different from what we are used to, though perhaps not as drastic as the rather amusing cartoon on page 23 of the July edition of *Grapevine*!

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has communicated at length with the Church of England's Recovery Group and Public Health England to agree a suitable strategy to enable a safe return to ringing. Nevertheless, providing the necessary guidance hasn't been easy, as ringing rooms vary considerably from one church to another in terms of size, location and access. The recommendations, though somewhat 'one-size-fits-all', do provide a framework which can be applied to local conditions.

On the resumption of ringing, we will be limited to just fifteen minutes at each session; this is a little less than we normally ring on Sunday mornings, but it will be a start. Under normal circumstances we have more ringers present than there are bells to be rung, which enables people to have a break, but the guidance permits only one ringer per bell and does not allow ringers to change bells between each piece of ringing – a sensible precaution to prevent transmission of the virus through ringers handling different ropes. It does, however, mean that we will have to draw up a rota to ensure that nobody turns up unnecessarily. These particular requirements will mean that we shall be ringing for Sunday services only, and will not be able to hold practices until hopefully there is an eventual relaxation of present requirements.

The major problem in all towers is maintaining social distancing at 2m. At St George's we're fortunate in having a very spacious ringing room and a widely-spaced circle of ropes. Even so, to ensure there is 2m between ringers while ringing, we will need to leave out alternate bells and ring just five of the full ring of ten. This will sound very different from what everyone is used to hearing when church bells are rung. Traditionally the bells form a descending diatonic scale, but leaving bells out will produce a descending arpeggio. Choosing the bells to produce the best harmonious effect is therefore important and, though we have a good idea of what will work satisfactorily, a little experimentation may be necessary.

Ventilation is another important issue, and again we are fortunate in having windows in the ringing room that are easily accessed for opening and closing. A final consideration is access. In some churches the bells are rung from the ground floor at the base of the tower (as at St Bartholomew's, Wilmslow) or from a gallery open to the nave of the church (as at St Mary's Cheadle.) At St George's, access to the ringing room is via eighty-three steps of enclosed spiral staircases in two sections, divided by an internal enclosed walkway high in the south transept. Here again, distancing is the main issue, but one we can best solve by ensuring we leave sufficient time between our individual ascents and descents. All in all, there will be much to implement, but the application of common sense should enable a safe return to ringing.

Bells have always been not only a call to worship, but also a very audible reminder of the Church's presence in our community. Together with ringers all over the country, we are looking forward to getting back up in our towers and enjoying the application and teamwork required to make that very special sound!

*Andrew Mayes*

## Recipe of the month: Quiche with Hummus

*The recipe I found for this was somewhat vague, so I have expanded it and hope it will make sense. I have made it twice: first time exactly as it is below, the second time I was making it for some people who couldn't eat peppers so I used ordinary hummus and for the chopped pepper I substituted some courgette and mushrooms.*

Pastry to line tin

1 pepper, or two halves, whichever colour you like, or mixed, chopped

Good handful frozen peas

1-2 sticks celery, depending on size, chopped

½ pot red pepper hummus

3 eggs

small tub single cream

seasoning, including cayenne or chilli

1 mozzarella ball, sliced or torn apart

parmesan cheese optional

Line dish/tin with pastry. About 8-9 ins/20-22 cm.

Fry peppers and celery, add peas. When cooled, put in the pastry case. Mix the hummus, eggs, cream, add seasoning including cayenne and pour over the vegetables in the pastry case. Top with pieces of mozzarella. If wanted, sprinkle the top with grated parmesan. Bake at 190C for 30 mins.

*Pamela Ferguson*

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### Sudoku puzzle: easy

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### Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 23)



### Crossword

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#### Across

- 1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)
- 3 See 1 Across
- 8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
- 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)
- 11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)
- 14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)
- 15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)
- 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
- 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)
- 21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)
- 22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)
- 23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

#### Down

- 1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)
- 2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
- 4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
- 5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
- 6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
- 7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
- 10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)
- 12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)
- 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
- 16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)
- 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)
- 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

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## On the Lighter Side

ARCHAEOLOGISTS IN EGYPT just discovered a mummy covered in chocolate – they believe it is Pharaoh Rocher!

‘Never in my whole life would I imagine my hands would consume more alcohol than my mouth!’

Notice from the Association of Psychiatrists:

Dear Citizens,

During the quarantine it is considered normal to talk to your plants and pets. Kindly contact us only if they reply.

Thank you

I can't see my parents, but estate agents can now sell houses. So, I have put my house on the market and my Mum and Dad are coming for a viewing at 4.30pm.

The Seven Dwarves have been told that they can now meet in groups of six. One of them isn't Happy!

We'll remember 2020 as the year our bins went out more than we did!

*Contributed by Kate Stephenson*

## Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

5	7	1	4	9	2	3	6	8
2	8	3	1	6	5	9	7	4
9	4	6	8	7	3	1	5	2
4	2	7	9	5	1	6	8	3
3	6	9	7	4	8	5	2	1
8	1	5	2	3	6	7	4	9
7	9	2	5	1	4	8	3	6
6	5	4	3	8	9	2	1	7
1	3	8	6	2	7	4	9	5

Intermediate Sudoku solution:

7	5	9	4	2	1	8	6	3
6	2	8	3	5	7	9	4	1
1	3	4	6	8	9	2	7	5
2	9	1	5	7	4	3	8	6
8	6	5	9	1	3	4	2	7
4	7	3	8	6	2	1	5	9
9	1	2	7	4	5	6	3	8
5	4	6	1	3	8	7	9	2
3	8	7	2	9	6	5	1	4

Crossword

J	O	H	N		A	N	D	J	A	M	E	S	
O		E			O		U		A			I	
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A		V		A		E		T		D		S	
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H		N		C		T		F		M		S	
A	S	L	E	E	P		B	Y	P	A	T	H	
N		Y		P		P		I		R		A	
				S	T	A	L	I	N	G	R	A	D
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B	A	C	K	B	O	N	E		B	A	C	A	
O		H		L		T				G		C	
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## New Seniors' Exam

**Now here is one you may pass, but probably not**

This test will keep that dreaded disease that affects your memory at bay!

New Seniors' Exam: you only need four correct out of ten questions to pass.

- How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- Which country makes Panama hats?
- From which animal do we get cat gut?
- In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- What was King George VI's first name?
- What colour is a purple finch?
- Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- What is the colour of the black box in a commercial aeroplane?

Remember, you need only four correct answers to pass.

Check your answers opposite.

- Answers to the quiz**
- How long did the Hundred Years War last? 116 years
  - Which country makes Panama hats? Ecuador
  - From which animal do we get cat gut? Sheep and Horses
  - In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? November
  - What is a camel's hair brush made of? Squirrel fur
  - The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? Dogs
  - What was King George VI's first name? Albert
  - What colour is a purple finch? Crimson
  - Where are Chinese gooseberries from? New Zealand
  - What is the colour of the black box in a commercial aeroplane? Orange (of course)

What do you mean, you failed? Me, too!

(And if you try to tell me you passed, you LIED!)

Pass this on to your brilliant friends.

*Contributed by Peter Pilbeam*



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