

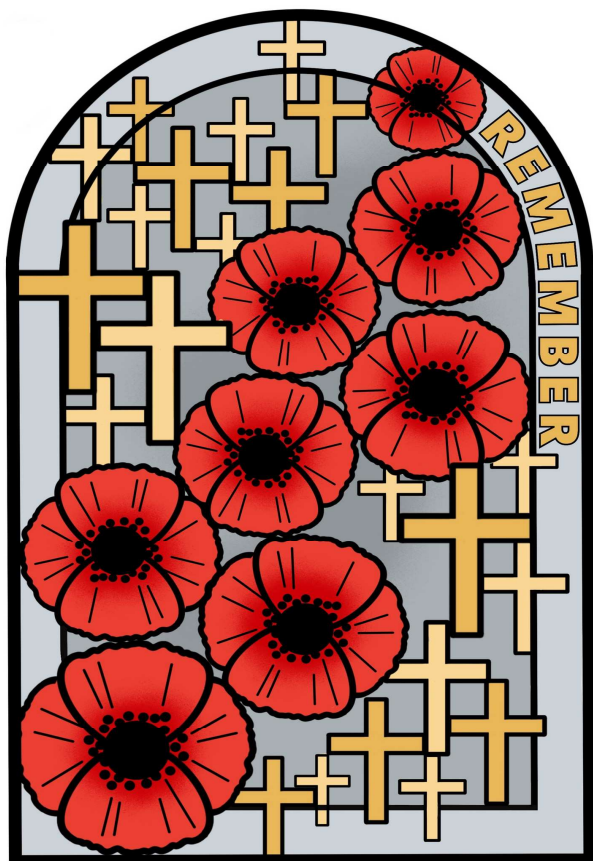
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

November is upon us, and you like me may be wondering how we got here so quickly! Time seems to have flown by this year.

November is that time of year when we remember the dead of two world wars and those who have died in conflicts since 1945 in our Remembrance services in church, or at local war memorials and as a nation at the cenotaph in London. We give thanks for the sacrifice of those who gave their lives, and also acknowledge that, very sadly, the peace for which God and we long, still seems a long way off.

Memory is such an important human characteristic. Memories can be joyful, funny, poignant or full of sorrow, in fact, memories can evoke all kinds of feelings in us, many welcome, some perhaps not. The memories we have of our lost loved ones are very precious, as we look back on the things we shared together, moments of laughter and happiness, moments of tears and sorrow and sadly, moments we can never recreate.

As I've said above, some recollections are communal, such as Remembrance Sunday, when even if we don't have a personal connection to a fallen soldier, we collectively remember and mourn. Other memories are personal, and may even be unique as we think back to time spent with another.

The Church, and the Christian faith, have memory and recollection at the heart of our doctrine. Whenever we celebrate Holy Communion together, we are doing what Jesus told us to do 'in remembrance' of him. And as with other memories, sometimes we may receive the sacrament with great joy and anticipation, at others with a sense of confusion or sadness, either way the sacrament is the most precious memory the Church has of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Remembering is only a part of what happens when we celebrate the Eucharist. This sacrament is a participation in the life of Christ. It contains all the elements of human memory, and the joy of the real presence of Christ. Our sure and certain hope as Christians is that we will one day be in the closer presence of Christ and that those we have loved and lost will be there as well.

Yours in Christ,
Revd Denise

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Service Details

Sundays

9.30am Parish Eucharist with hymns and Junior Church
every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday in the month.

9.30am Worship for All - a simple Sunday service for everyone
of all ages, including Holy Communion,
every 4th Sunday in the month

**Please note the service time for Sunday 10th November will be
10.30am to enable us to observe the two minutes silence for
Remembrance Sunday at 11am**

Tuesdays

10.30am Holy Communion

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Welcome to Saint George's

It doesn't matter if children wriggle about or move
around or make a noise.

It's ok for your child to have a snack in Church,
we really don't mind.

If we can help in any way, please let us know.

You can speak to Revd Denise after the service,
or contact her on:

therevd.dowen@yahoo.co.uk
or 0145732193

Or speak to the warden, Val

Parish Share



I've written a few articles in recent magazines about the parish share. I've tried to explain why we have a parish share scheme and what it is for. As Christians we have a responsibility to share our resources with those in need and as parishes, we have a responsibility to make a contribution towards the support we receive from St John's House in Bury. This is in addition to the costs of the day to day running of our own church buildings which we also, of course, have to pay.

Many churches struggle to meet the full amount of share they are asked for, and many ask why pay it because we can see no benefit from it. There are benefits as I've mentioned above, we do receive help from the diocesan officers in Bury. We also receive a great deal of financial help from the national Church of England. This diocese is given millions of pounds each year to help pay the costs of clergy stipends. This is because we are unable to cover the stipends as individual parishes or as a diocese. In other words, this diocese does not cover its own costs, partly because parish share contributions have been falling for a while. We are 'those in need' that phrase I used earlier. Without the help of the national Church, there would be in fewer parish priests in this diocese.

However, we know that we follow a generous God for whom all things are possible. Our generosity should reflect God's generosity and it should be our joy and delight to contribute to the work and mission of the Church both locally and more widely. We thank God for what He has given to us and we pray that we can share those gifts with others.

Revd Denise

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Whatever we part with for God's sake shall be made up to us in kind or kindness. – *Matthew Henry*

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Readings and Psalms for October 2024

Sun 1st All Saints Day

9.30 Wisdom 3.1-9; Psalm 24.1-6; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44

18.00 Lamentations 3.17-26,31-33; Psalm 27.1-6,16-17; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 6.37-40

Tues 5th 10.30 Philippians 2.5-11; Psalm 22.22-27; Luke 14.15-24

Sun 10th 3rd Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday

10.30 Jonah 3.1-5; Psalm 62.5-end; Hebrews 9.24-end; Mark 1.14-20

Tues 12th 10.30 Titus 2.1-8,11-14; Psalm 37.3-5,30-32; Luke 17 7-10

Sun 17th 2nd Sunday before Advent

9.30 Daniel 12.1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10.11-14(15-18), 19-25; Mark 13.1-8

Tues 19th 10.30 Revelation 3.1-6,14-end; Psalm 15; Luke 19.1-10

Sun 27th Sunday next before Advent - Christ the King

9.30 Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; John 18.33-37
Worship for All

Tues 26th 10.30 Revelation 14.14-19; Psalm 96; Luke 22.15-11

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*** Please note the change of service time to 10.30am for Sunday 10th November. This is so we can observe the two minutes silence at 11am.**

200 Club

October winners

1st prize £25 no 36 Gillian Cotton; 2nd prize £15 no 82 Joan Sykes ;

3rd prize £10 no 13 Jean McManus

Thank you for your continued support of the 200 Club. There are still some numbers available so if you would like to join the club please speak to Rose. The cost is £12 per number you hold for the full year.

Christmas at St George's



Virtual Christmas Fair

St George's Virtual Christmas Fair is already up and running on Facebook. Here you will find lots of affordable gift ideas all from small local businesses and there is also a Church stall. Why not take a look at: <https://tinyurl.com/virtualChristmasFair>

If you would like a stall at either fair, please speak to either Chris Crabtree or Val Fallows

Brunch with Santa

This will be held on Saturday 7th December. There will be a morning sitting and afternoon sitting. If you would like to book a place, please send an email to: brunchwithsanta@yahoo.com

Stating how many adults, how many children, name and age of each child

Advent Calendars

Val is making Advent Calendars to sell at the church fair. There is a choice of jigsaw and wooden tree ornaments for adults. The ones for children contain toy cars, jewellery making, jigsaw as well as sweets or chocolates. All advent calendars are £6.

Some dates for your diary - November 2024

Fri	1st	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	3rd	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
		6.00 p.m.	All Soul's Service
Mon	4th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	5th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	6th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	7th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	10th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist and Remembrance Service with hymns
Mon	11th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	12th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	13th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
		7.30 p.m.	Informal Meditation and Prayers, St John's, Roughtown
Thurs	14th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	15th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	17th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	18th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	19th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	20th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	21st	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	24th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	25th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	26th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	27th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	28th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice

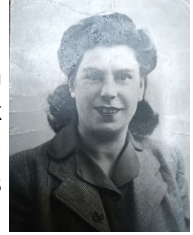
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Mum and her wartime work.



My mother, Olive Beesley, was born in 1922 in a small village near Wigan. When, at the outbreak of Second World War, she wanted to enlist in the Services, she was told as a 'mill girl' she was already on essential work.



Later she went to work at the Royal Ordnance Factory at Euxton near Chorley. This immense factory, now known as Buckshaw Village, was a major contributor to the war effort as it made munitions of all types. Olive was tasked with putting detonators onto the tops of shells. It was dangerous work and was the place she learned to smoke a cigarette; in the canteen I hasten to add! She told me that if there was a 'bang' i.e. an explosion near to them in the factory they were herded into the canteen, given a pint mug of hot sweet tea and a cigarette. They then went straight back to work!

Later in the war she moved to Newton le Willows, lodged with her sister and worked at ROF Risley, again making munitions. I asked why move from Euxton; I was told that there was a free bus service from Newton to Risley which they didn't have from Wigan. A thrifty generation my mother's.

She married my dad at St Peter's church in Newton le Willows in 1945. After the war it rankled with her that there was no official recognition for her and the other munitions workers who had played such a vital role in the background. Like the Land Army and the Lumber Jill's, who had to wait for their badges, nearly 70 years passed before the munitions workers were finally acknowledged.

ROF was succeeded by BAE systems and they have provided the small blue enamel badge with the words, 'Front Line Duty' in yellow over crossed munition shells. An accompanying citation records the efforts of these young, mainly women workers.

On 10th November with two other family members, I shall march in the capital past the Cenotaph and the 'Monument To The Women Workers' wearing Olive's badge and a yellow scarf as a tribute to The Canary Girls, so called because the chemicals they worked with turned their skin yellow.

I'd like to think that I shall make Olive proud.
Ann Winstanley.

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War and Peace

John Lennon wrote: *'Imagine there's no countries, It isn't hard to do, Nothing to kill or die for, And no religion too. Imagine all the people living life in peace.'* But on Remembrance Sunday, we should reflect on war past and present, and consider the *real* way to peace.

The way of war: *'What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill.'* (James 4:1-2). James reminds us that war has its basis in our own hearts, with the selfish desires that exploit, bully and kill others to get our own way. Sadly, when nations allow these inner selfish attitudes to determine their policy the result is war. Only God can establish true peace.

The way of peace: Isaiah, 2,700 years before John Lennon, also imagined a future of peace without any war: *'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.'* (Isaiah 2:4).

Only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can bring true peace to our lives and world. Jesus did not experience the horror of battle, but He did die an horrific death at the hand of the Romans. He gave His life sacrificially, as He took God's anger at our sin on Himself and went on to conquer death in His resurrection. He did this out of love for us, and calls us to love others in the same way: *'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.'* (John 15:13).

How can we demonstrate such love ourselves? We can be confident in God's plan to bring an end to all wars when Jesus returns.

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Stories of answered prayer during World War II

Premier has produced a series of podcasts on extraordinary stories from World War II.

When we prayed: Miracles of World War II, is in seven podcasts, hosted by Pam Rhodes. Premier says: "Join us on a journey back in time to witness how God answered the nation's prayers during one of history's most tumultuous periods."

King George VI called the UK to a national day of prayer on seven critical occasions throughout WWII, and each time, those prayers were met with extraordinary outcomes. This series, produced in cooperation with the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer, weaves together firsthand accounts from those who lived through the war, insights from their families, and analysis from historians, offering a powerful look at the divine intervention during the conflict.

The series is produced by Premier, and can be heard at:

<https://www.premier.plus/podcasts/when-we-prayed-miracles-of-world-war-ii/>

or <https://www.eternalwall.org.uk/news/142/when-we-prayed-miracles-of-world-war-ii>

Advent

Please keep an eye out in the church notices for the Advent Course
which will take place during December.

and

Our Mission Community (MC6)
is having an Advent Quiet Morning on Saturday 30th November.

It will be at St George's Church in Mossley
with refreshments from 9.30am, the Quiet Morning will begin at 10.

There will be four short reflections on the theme of 'Light in the
Darkness' with time for individual prayer in between.

It will finish with Holy Communion at 12 noon.



A chance to prepare for the seasons
of Advent and Christmas.

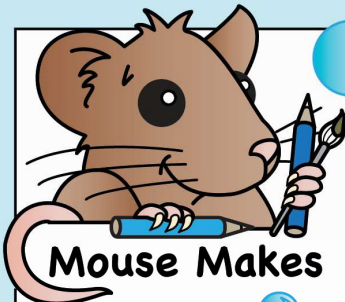
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Coat Appeal

Tameside and Stalybridge Rotary Club are running their winter coat appeal
again this year. Last year they distributed over 400 coats and fleeces to local
centres and homeless projects to help people who struggle to keep warm
during the winter months.

If you have any coats or fleeces, men's women's or children's, that you are
able to donate, please bring them to church and we will arrange for them to
be collected.

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"DO AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU."

The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their dusty feet. Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing, wrapped a towel around his waist and began to wash the disciples' feet just like a servant would do.

Then Jesus said:

*"Do you understand what I have done for you?
Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed
your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.
I have set you an example, that you should
do as I have done for you."*



READ
the story in
John 13:1-17

By washing his disciples' feet, Jesus showed that as God's people we are never too important to serve and care for others.

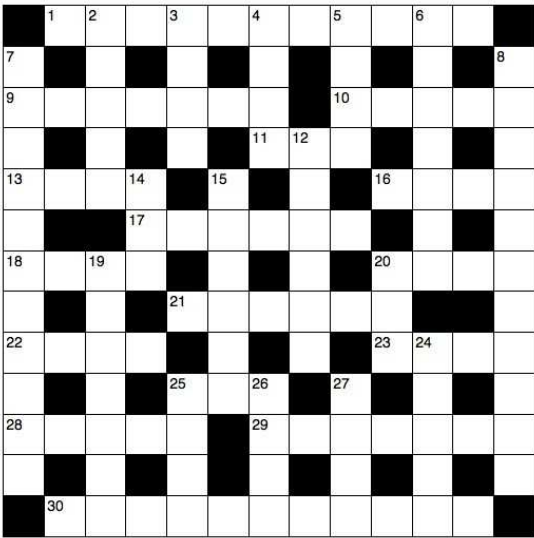
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November Crossword



Across

1 In David’s battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11), 9 ‘No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God’ (Ephesians 5:5) (7), 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5), 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1), 13 Taverns (4), 16 ‘Be on your guard; stand — in the faith’ (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4), 17 ‘He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever’ (Psalm 103:9) (6), 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1–2) (4,4), 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4), 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6), 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4), 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4), 25 ‘My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers’ (Luke 19:46) (3), 28 Annie (anag.) (5), 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7), 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

2 ‘We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands’ (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5), 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4), 4 ‘You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me’ (Psalm 92:10) (4), 5 — Homo (‘Behold the Man’) (4), 6 ‘He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead’ (Acts 17:31) (7), 7 ‘Our — is in heaven’ (Philippians 3:20) (11), 8 ‘This is a day you are to — ’ (Exodus 12:14) (11), 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6), 14 ‘Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it’ (John 12:14) (3), 15 Liverpool dialect (6), 19 ‘Remember the — day by keeping it holy’ (Exodus 20:8) (7), 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3), 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5), 25 ‘If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me’ (Mark 8:34) (4), 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4), 27 See 18 Across



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A Prayer for Peace



O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken
and hurting world.

Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in
Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Sudan.

We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work
of rebuilding may begin.

Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our
differences we may build together for justice and peace.

In Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Dear All,

You like me may have been appalled by the images and news stories
coming from the places across the world where for war and conflict are
causing so much suffering. As we enter the season of Advent on Sunday
1st December, when we wait with eager expectation for the coming of the
Prince of Peace, will you pray this prayer? I intend to light a candle at 6pm
each day and spend a few moments in quiet prayer using the words
above. If you are able, please join me.

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October Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16,
Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27,
Market.

DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users.
11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle.
21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

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Baptisms

6th October

Ford Remus Barrowclough-Lacey

Harper Leigh Sherriff



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Stalybridge, SK15 1DL*



11.30am – 2.00pm – Lunch provided.

1st November

*Pub games - Darts, table top
skittles & more!*

15th November

Play Your Cards Right!

6th December

*Christmas Crafts - what will we
be making?*

20th December

*Christmas Party time - time to
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From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Nov	Norman Clinton Ridgway	1991	14 Nov	Michael S. Oliver	2003
2 Nov	Roy Worsnip	1972		Zoie Vidler	2003
3 Nov	Samuel Currie	2010	16 Nov	Alice Whalley	1998
4 Nov	Susan Ann Mann	2006	18 Nov	Olive Bowden	1993
5 Nov	Furness James Hall	2006		Florence Wilson	2006
	Eric Gregson Eastwood	2009		Winifred Sarah Nield	2011
	Beryl Gertrude Wykes	2017		Edward Broadhurst	2013
6 Nov	Fanny Seaton	1927	20 Nov	Jonathan Ratcliffe	1917
	Sydney Dring	1981		Kenneth Cyril La Touche	1982
	Doreen Berry	1988		Brian Hitchon	1984
	Dennis Holt	1994	21 Nov	John Patrick Higgins	1952
	Catherine Tetlow	2008		Edith Haigh	1993
7 Nov	Leslie Percy Butterworth	2015	22 Nov	Stanley Brierley	1991
8 Nov	Norman Andrew	1986	23 Nov	Doris May Brayshaw	2002
9 Nov	Edward Priestley	1989	24 Nov	Gary Lee Hughes	1985
	Grace Barber	2008		Phylliss Watson	2013
10 Nov	Roland Wilson	1984	26 Nov	Julian William Parkhurst	2014
	Harold Mellor	1986	27 Nov	Kathleen Irene Humphries	1994
	Clifford Thomas John	1994	28 Nov	Gwilym Samuel Rees	1974
	Jessie Dennis	2005		Paul James Smyth	1983
13 Nov	Walter Raymond Skelton	1998		Andrew John Philip	2001
	Lucy Louise Yvonne	2011		Beckwith	
	Taylor			Joan Entwistle	2005

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens.

The cost for the inscription is £10 per entry

TAMESIDE (S.A.S) GROUP

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