



St. Bede's
Episcopal Church

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THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

We strive to know Christ more deeply and to bring others to his redeeming love and grace.

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Rally Readies Pledge Season, Rector Search Begins

Lively displays of St. Bede's worship and ministry opportunities kicked off the coming pledge stewardship campaign for 2027 with a harvest feast prepared by the Hospitality Committee at the September 20 coffee hour.

Below, Senior Warden Tom Potter explains the search for our new rector and how we can get involved.

The Search begins.

St. Bede's has engaged Rev. Ken Dorsch to provide supply services for most Sundays (8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services) through the end of the year. Rev. Jane Besse will conduct Wednesday 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer in the Chapel.

I received the name of a recently retired priest moving to the Portland metro area who is interested in work as an interim. This person will not be in the area until the end of September or early October when I plan to



From left to right displays feature: Hospitality; Women's activities; Parish Commemoration; summer and worship events; Good News Pantry Garden; Outreach; Stitchery; and Bible Study.

have a meeting to see if St. Bede's would be a place the priest is interested in serving.

There are two opportunities for members of St. Bede's to get involved in the process of calling a new Rector: A Parish Profile Committee and a Search Committee. If you are interested in helping with either of these committees, please contact me. My hope is to have a Profile completed before the end of this year (This may be difficult given the time and parish members personal travel plans). A consultant from the diocese has been assigned to St. Bede's to assist us with the search and evaluation process.

Typically, the Profile Committee is comprised of 5-6 members that together have the following skills:

- Technological skills for creating and designing virtual documents, updating the website, and creating forms
- Writing skills for being the first writer and editor of various sections

of the Profile and for being 'scribes' for the listening sessions

- Historical knowledge of the faith community, for finding and evaluating historical sources, prioritizing and incorporating them
- Analytical skills for interpreting survey data, and responses to faith community listening sessions

Search Committee Skills:

- Good organizational skills (Essential for the Chair of the committee)
- Team player
- Person of prayer
- Communicant in good standing (attends church regularly, giver of record, gives of time and talent)
- Willing to work for the good of the church and not partisanship
- No hidden agendas
- Can maintain confidentiality
- Comfortable with the work of assessment
- Willing to set aside time necessary to engage in the search work.

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The diocese document "A GUIDE FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES NAVIGATING CLERGY TRANSITIONS" outlines the processes we are beginning for the search. Go to the website ecwo.org/transitions to read about the process.

St. Bede's needs Eucharistic visitors. A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the consecrated elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration of the Eucharist. Much of this work was done by Marlene+ as the rector. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact me. Training and completion of Safe Church program is required.

The Rally Sunday celebration on September 20 highlighted the many activities the church continues to engage in with the parishioners and the community. Remember, everything we have is a gift from God.

-Tom Potter, Sr. Warden

Bible Study Set for October

For the month of October, we will be studying the Old Testament texts of the Lectionary. Please join us in the Chapel at 9 a.m. as we open and examine the scriptures.

You can find the Sunday Lectionary online at lectionarypage.net.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Choices for SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 22:

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; PSALM Psalm 19; OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 5:1-7; PSALM Psalm 80:7-14; THE EPISTLE Philippians 3:4b-14; THE GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46.

-Josh Jeffrey

Rector Marlene Mutchler presided over the commissioning and blessing of two liturgical ministries to serve St. Bede's Parish, August 23, 2026. From left to right: Ben Sackett sponsor; Rosemary Sackett newly commissioned Acolyte; Rector Marlene; Josh Jeffrey, newly commissioned Eucharistic Minister; Margaret Musgnung, sponsor.

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Dr. Jeannine Jordan, Minister of Music and Organist

Earth and All Stars

E*arth and All Stars*, Hymn #412, is one I first heard at music conventions introducing new Protestant hymnals in the 1980s. It was called “new,” “unique,” “different,” “a joy to sing.” The text included surprising images from rushing planets, hail, wind, and rain, trumpets and pipes, loud pounding hammers, athlete and band, and loud praying members. It caught on like wildfire. Every church denomination I have served since that time included this hymn in their post 1980 hymnal and every congregation loves to sing that soaring refrain based on Psalm 98:1 --

***“He has done marvelous things.
I, too, will praise him with a new song!”***

Herbert Brokering wrote this groundbreaking hymn in 1964 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College. David Johnson, the college’s professor of music and department chair, masterfully paired the text with a soaring tune.

On October 18, join the Choir of the Congregation in singing *Earth and All Stars*, a joyful celebration of creation and community.



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the
 2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the
 3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the
 4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the
 5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the
 6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the

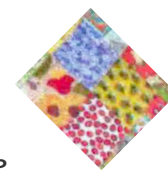
1 Lord _____ a new song! O vic - to - ry,
 2 Lord _____ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,
 3 Lord _____ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,
 4 Lord _____ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,
 5 Lord _____ a new song! Ath - lete and band,
 6 Lord _____ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,

1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!

Refrain
 He hath done mar - vel - ous things.
 I, too, will praise him with a new song!



St. Bede's Quilt and Prayer Shawl Ministry *Affectionately Known as "Stitchery"*



*May God bless the work of our hands, fill our projects with your love
and bring peace and joy to those for whom we create*



St. Bede's Quilt and Prayer Shawl members select materials for completion of their creations to share at the October meeting.

Members Gather, Plan Creations for Community

We had a great time in September getting together after a summer break. With our collective creativity and fabric stash, we helped each other find borders and binding for quilts that were begun this summer and just needed fabric for finishing touches. At our October meeting we enjoyed having "show and tell" on the quilts' progress. Bonnie just talked with Forest Grove Rehab and Care Center about delivering lap quilts on November 11. Taula, the Activity Director there, was excited that we would have lap quilts for them this year and even gave encouragement to have purple, red, pink and lime green quilts for some special residents that have no family but love those colors. We will certainly make sure that happens.

Come join us. Next Meeting November 7, 9:30-12:30.

We welcome new people to this ministry. No experience necessary. Questions? Contact Bonnie Shumaker, shumaker2b@yahoo.com or 503-324-7825.

-Bonnie Shumaker

Why St. Bede's Yard Care Budget Isn't \$5,300

When our yard care service discontinued their every-other-week service and offered only weekly service our cost was going to more than double for 2025. No other service offered a better or even equal deal.

Junior Warden Scott Richards offered to be the lead volunteer to allow us to discontinue the service. His many hours of labor along with help from other members is saving St. Bede's about \$5,000 a year. We get by with a budget of \$300 for yard supplies.

We hope those who can will give Scott a hand when he asks for help with the fall leaves and other winterizing activities. We are grateful for all you yard care folks.

- Lynne Chapman and Your Finance Committee



Charlie Rhyne (left) and Scott Richards (right) use rented trencher to install efficient irrigation system, late fall 2025.

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St. Bedians worship at Christmas service, celebrated by Rector Marlene Mutchler, December, 2025.

Stewardship Pledge Assures Our Rector's Ministry

Dear Parishioners,

As we give thanks now that our church has become a parish, we also recognize that this new season calls for a new level of commitment from each of us. Becoming a parish is a sign of growth, faith, and trust in God's call, but it also means that we must now take seriously the shared responsibility of sustaining the ministry God has entrusted to us.

At the center of that ministry is our rector. The rector is not simply the leader of Sunday worship, but a shepherd for the whole parish—offering pastoral care, teaching, guidance, and steady leadership as we grow into our identity as a parish. This is vital work, and it depends on the faithful support of the people it serves. A strong parish requires strong stewardship, and strong stewardship begins with each of us who is financially able to

make a real and prayerful commitment.

We also know that our budget is under strain. Like many congregations, we face the challenge of balancing our hopes with our resources. This is exactly why pledge season matters. Our pledges are not just



financial promises; they are expressions of faith, gratitude, and shared responsibility. They make it possible for us to worship, care for one another, reach out in love, maintain the life of the parish, and support the rector

in serving effectively. The proposed budget for the Rector is \$138,000. This includes salary, pension, clergy work expenses, and a new cost health insurance.

We ask you to pray seriously about your pledge for the coming year. Please give as generously as you are able and consider whether this may be a time to increase your commitment. Every pledge matters. Every gift strengthens the whole parish. And every act of stewardship helps ensure that we can move forward with confidence, stability, and hope in God's provision.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and your willingness to invest in the future of this parish.

Faithfully,
Your stewardship committee: Jerry Frawley,
Chairperson,
Tom Carlson, Lynne Chapman, Tom Potter,
Scott Richards, Sue Tippet

Cornelius Elementary Applauds, Commemorates Outreach Service

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the school supply drive for Cornelius Elementary. We raised \$2,200!! That's about \$500 more than last year! The school let me know what items they wanted our help with. Those items included snacks for pre-K and kindergarten, watercolor paint sets, markers and glue sticks, and office supplies including colored paper, cardstock, and laminating sheets. Your incredible generosity has helped get the school year off to a great start!

While I was delivering items on September 4 the principal asked me to stay for the assembly which was just starting. She projected a slide onto the screen in the gym which listed all the areas St. Bede's contributes to the school and gave me a beautiful thank you card for St. Bede's signed by all the staff. We got a nice round of applause from all the students and staff. The cover of the card is a picture of the mosaic that was made to commemorate the move from the old school to the new one.

Outreach contributed money to buy glass for the mural project, and St. Bede's name is written on one of the pieces of glass. The mural hangs in the entry hall of the school. You can see the card on the Outreach bulletin board.

Thanks again for making the school supply drive a big success!

-Katie Countryman



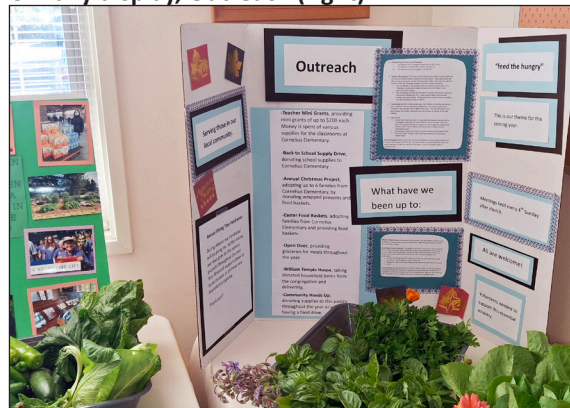
Katie Countryman delivers snacks (above). Mural thank you card from teachers is displayed on Narthex bulletin board (right).



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St. Bede's time of transition is expressed in the "With God..." hanging above. Bonnie Shumaker, Robin TenBroeck, and Fr. Ken Dorsch enjoy refreshments (left). Amy Tollerson reads the St. Bede's history binder (center). Close-up of Rally display, Outreach (right).



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MEET AND GREET: Jan Potter O'Shanecy, Clerk of the Vestry, Hospitality Chair



Jan celebrating her birthday at Cannon Beach with daughter Sarah and Granddaughter, Charlotte.

I can't believe I've been attending St. Bede's for 31 years! I came right after Easter in April 1995, looking for Sunday School for my two children. Chris was 7 and Sarah was 4. I loved Sunday School at the Congregational Church in Quincy, Massachusetts, and I wanted that experience for my children. I had not been attending any church since college, but I read about Eastern religions for a few years. Rather than reject Christianity, however, my reading affirmed my belief that there is one loving God for all people in this world.

Soon after I came to St. Bede's I became the volunteer church secretary. I enjoyed this position for many years, eventually being a paid secretary at St. Bede's, All Saints in Hillsboro, and Calvary Lutheran in Hillsboro. I retired when the pandemic started. I always thought I had the best job, working for devoted priests, reading scripture for work,

and getting to organize an office (one of my favorite things!). I used to play secretary when I was a little girl – no nurse or teacher for me.

My current ministries at St. Bede's include Clerk of the Vestry and Chair of the Hospitality Committee. I find joy in both ministries. Being clerk feeds my organizational side, and I've always loved to help people connect with one another. Coffee hour, potlucks and receptions are great places to get to know each other better and to celebrate the many special occasions at our church. Our latest event was celebrating my Godchild Kai as he begins his journey at Oregon Episcopal School.

Last year I became a grandmother. Charlotte Genevieve Johnson is almost one year old, daughter of my daughter Sarah, and I couldn't be more thrilled. She's beautiful! Sarah and her husband Brandon live and work in Corvallis, where they are both teachers at the middle school.

I'm also extremely proud of my son Chris. As many of you know, he has autism, but that has never stopped him. He works at a health care company as a data analyst, he owns his own home, he loves his many friends, and he's the proud father of his cat Chani.

My first husband died in 2002, and St. Bede's supported us through his six-year-long illness. I'll always be grateful for this support from my church community. In 2018, I married my second husband Mike at St. Bede's. He has three daughters, so together we have five adult children and six grandchildren to love.

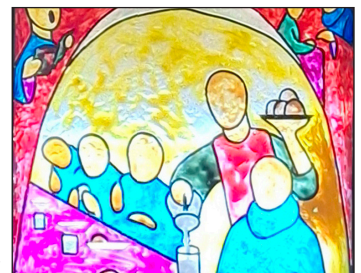
When I'm not at church or hanging out with my husband and friends, my favorite thing to do is read. This is a life-long habit. I love to sit on my front porch with a cold drink and a new novel (I love Elizabeth Strout and Ann Patchett). Or maybe a book about monastic spirituality (Richard Rohr and Thomas Merton come to mind).

I also love to put down my book and visit with people. A glass of wine, a few appetizers, and friends – there's nothing better. And there is always a new story to share.

-Jan O'Shanecy

Time to Sign Up for Fall Fellowship Dinners

All members of the Saint Bede's family are invited to sign up for the Fall 2026 Fellowship Dinners. The signup paper is in the narthex. Individuals, couples, and families are encouraged to sign up. We expect to form groups of 5 to 8 people, and each group will meet two to four times over four or five months as their schedules allow. Please join us.



-David Morelli

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Not-So-Scary Hauntings and Ghoulish Food Hosted October 25

This coming October 25th, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Morelli family will host their (almost) annual “Not too scary haunted house and ghoulish food potluck.” The event was halted for Covid and has been absent since then.

The potluck invites you to bring something that looks ghoulish or something that has an imaginative name. All beverages must be appropriate for children.

The haunted house began as a Saint Bede’s youth group event that continued until 2019. It is intended for the younger generation. There will be “lights out,” “lights on,” and “lights on - masks off” versions. And yes, we will be inviting the members of Saint Bede’s to volunteer as actors if any are interested.

We will also have a donut eating contest to see who can eat a donut dangling from a string the fastest. If it drops, you lose, because the dog gets whatever lands on the floor.

This invitation is open to anyone who hears about it, so your family may invite your friends. That is why it is a potluck -- we don’t need to know how many will attend.

-David Morelli



From last year’s bash: Fluffy Bunny (L) appears to hold a big carrot-look again! Frog baby Arnie Ferrrier did not scare anybody (R). Don’t be afraid to try your luck landing a dangling donut (below).



Women’s Group Meetings Begin October 5

The first women’s group meeting will be Monday, October 5th at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This month we will have a guest speaker, Sheila Lesh, who will tell us about meditative painting techniques. She worked with Margaret Musgnung on the Saints paintings that are up in the hallway! We will all get to try out this relaxing and spiritual painting.

All women are welcome!

-Kathy Nelsen



Brotherhood Fellowship at St. Bede’s

First Saturdays of the month men gather in the Parish Hall at 8am and start with prayer, followed by goodnatured conversation, compelling topics and camaraderie over coffee, donuts and bacon. Besides annual retreats and field trips to interesting venues, this is a great place to make friends. All men are invited.

In September, Nader’s inghtful Bible discussion focused on Psalm 39. We also discussed inviting members to choose a topic and deliver a presentation for the group.

October 3rd, Stuart led the meeting and Tim covered his Peace Corps experience. Monty is shceduled for November, followed by Dick in December. Please bring your stories to share.

-Monty Heying



From: Psalm 39, rsv:

*12 “Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and give ear to my cry;
hold not thy peace at my tears!
For I am thy passing guest,
a sojourner, like all my fathers.*

A REFLECTION ON: Authority



“By What Authority are you doing these things and who gave you this authority?”

(Matthew 21:1)

When I was sixteen, our local priest sent each one of us, teenagers, the English young person's version of Bible Study Fellowship until we had finished with our studies. His successor then continued to send me my adult study booklet while I was attending university and post graduate studies and resumed when I was living in Pennsylvania. In that way we stayed in touch. When Dean and I married, we moved to a different church where we discovered the booklet “Forward Day by Day” on the racks at the back of our new church. So, I continue the practice of daily study of the lectionary right up to the present time. Recently this again has become more vital for me as I joined the Sabeel weekly Thursday morning Zoom two-hour study of over 120 members from all over the world. I realize the lectionary can be interpreted in so many ways. All of them very appropriate.

This Thursday we discussed readings appointed for Sunday, September 27th: Jesus's teaching in the temple in Jerusalem when he was accosted and questioned by the priest and elders about his authority to speak to the people in that place. He no doubt had attracted a larger crowd than they had. It was another “power play move” which in a matter of days was to end in Jesus's capture by the Temple Guard, his being handed over to the authorities, the occupying army of Rome, and his immediate, but nonetheless legal death by crucifixion. Later on Thursday I thought about the task God had laid on St. Bede's to complete. As he had called Marlene to serve as a Hospice Chaplain, so he was now calling the people of St Bede's to find her replacement. Ostensibly we had been given the authority to complete this task ourselves when the bishop had declared us to be no longer a mission church, but now a parish church of the Western Oregon Diocese. I believe it is going to take input from every one of us to complete this task.

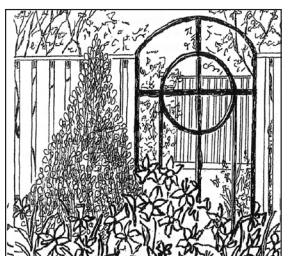
There is no doubt that this task will take much courage, hard work and prayer to accomplish. On Rally Sunday it was exciting to see the names of newer members of our community stepping forward to teach and serve. Already they are adding deep and different dimensions to St. Bede's Family. Remember we serve gathered under our chosen powerful and inspiring motto: “Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we strive to know Christ more deeply and to bring others to his redeeming love and grace.” May God Bless us All. Joyfully.

-Val Ivey, retired deacon

A Transition Prayer for St. Bede's

Gracious and loving God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide the Profile Committee, Search Committee, Vestry, and people of St. Bede's through this time of transition and discernment. We pray that your Holy Spirit continues to open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas; so that we may follow where you lead - knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. Amen.

-Jan O'Shanecy and Tom Potter



Historical Bede's

This feature will continue in the next issue, November 2026. Expect another journey in St. Bede's saga and special features.

October 2026

1 October, Thursday

5:30 – 6:30pm Pub Fellowship - Zesti
Carts

2 October, Friday

3 October, Saturday

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8am Brotherhood @ St. Bede's

9:30am Stitchery: Quilt & Prayer Shawl
Ministry

4 October, Sunday

9am Bible Study, Chapel

11:15 – 12:15 St. Francis Day Blessing of
the Animals

11:15am Coffee Hour

5 October, Monday

16:00 – 17:30 Women's Fellowship
Group

6-8:30pm Dairy Creek Community Food
Web

6 October, Tuesday

11-12am Good News Pantry Committee

3-4:30pm Building and Grounds Com-
mittee Meeting, library

7 October, Wednesday

11am Finance Meeting

5:30pm Good News Pantry Garden

8 October, Thursday

10:00 – 11:00 Endowment Revision
Meeting

5:30 – 6:30pm Pub Fellowship - Zesti
Carts

9 October, Friday

10 October, Saturday

11 October, Sunday

9am Bible Study, Chapel

11:15 – 12:15 Parish Stewardship Budget
Review Meeting

11:15am Coffee Hour

12 October, Monday

11-12am Good News Pantry Committee

5:30-7:30pm Benedict & Bede Spirituali-
ty Group

13 October, Tuesday

14 October, Wednesday

5:30pm Good News Pantry Garden

15 October, Thursday

10am Pastoral Care Committee

5:30 – 6:30pm Pub Fellowship - Zesti
Carts

16 October, Friday

17 October, Saturday

18 October, Sunday

9am Bible Study, Chapel

11:15am Coffee Hour

11:15 – 12:00 Worship Team Meeting

19 October, Monday

20 October, Tuesday

21 October, Wednesday

5:30pm Good News Pantry Garden

6:30pm Vestry Meeting

22 October, Thursday

5:30 – 6:30pm Pub Fellowship - Zesti
Carts

23 October, Friday

24 October, Saturday

RECURRING EVENTS

**AA Meeting: Sa 7am, Th 7:30pm, Fr
7:30pm, Su 7pm**

Holy Eucharist, Rte I: Sun 8am

Holy Eucharist, Rte II: Sun 10am

**Holy Eucharist w/ Healing Prayer:
We 10am**

25 October, Sunday

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9am Bible Study, Chapel

11:15am Coffee Hour

11:30am Outreach Committee

26 October, Monday

5:30pm Benedict & Bede Spirituality
Group

27 October, Tuesday

28 October, Wednesday

5:30pm Good News Pantry Garden

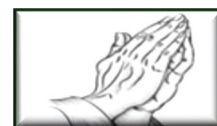
29 October, Thursday

5:30 – 6:30pm Pub Fellowship - Zesti
Carts

30 October, Friday

31 October, Saturday

ALL HALLOWS' EVE



IF YOU'RE JOINING US ON...



If you are joining via computer,
open Zoom on your device.
If you are joining via phone,
call 1-301-715-8592.
Meeting ID: 766 590 661
Password: 1609

Brotherhood at St. Bede's
Please contact Grant Davis at 503.357.5983
or Jim Nelsen at 503.347.7008

Women's Group meets First Mondays at 4
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