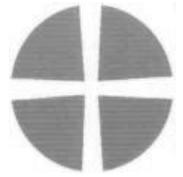


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Dear Friends,

I wonder if you have ever stopped to consider the power of a smile...

A few weeks ago I had a really bad day and I mean a really bad one. It all started before I had even got dressed with the phone call to end all phone calls. The details do not matter but suffice to say that it set the tone for the rest of the day, as everything I touched that day went wrong big time.

After a day of meetings and grumbles, I was really looking forward to getting home, so when I finally got home and I realised that we had nothing in for tea and it was my turn to do the shopping. I was none too pleased. I hate shopping at the best of times, and shopping at Tesco's is not included in my top ten list I promise you.

Anyway, I drove myself there and it rounded off my day. Half the customers in the store seemed to be just where I wanted to be, and the other half seemed determined to run me over with their trolleys. To make matters worse, everything had been moved around, again! In the end I got so cheesed off, I grabbed a few things and headed off to the nearest checkout. There I waited, probably looking very sorry for myself.

Just in front of me, was a young lady who had her young baby daughter sitting in the front of her trolley. The baby tilted her head to one side and must have thought, now here's someone who needs cheering up. From out of nowhere she gave me the most gorgeous smile I have ever seen.

You're probably going to think I'm completely daft, (you wouldn't be far wrong) but a simple thing like a baby's smile changed my day from being one of the worst, to being one now that I look on as being one of the best. I didn't know whether to tell the baby's mother but as I didn't know how she would react, I chickened out.

As I drove home I had a big smile on my face and people seeing me must have thought I'd won the lottery, which, in a way, I had. For that smile meant more to me than any amount of money. Alright, I

freely admit to being a big softie when it comes to babies and young children. I love their energy and laughter and the way they have of looking at life. I defy anyone not to feel better when a child gives you one of their smiles.

I firmly believe that Jesus must have had a wonderful smile, one that filled his eyes with love. A smile which must have warmed the hearts of anyone who felt alone, lost, frightened, forgotten, abandoned, unlovely and unlovable. A smile which said, I see you, I know you and I love you.

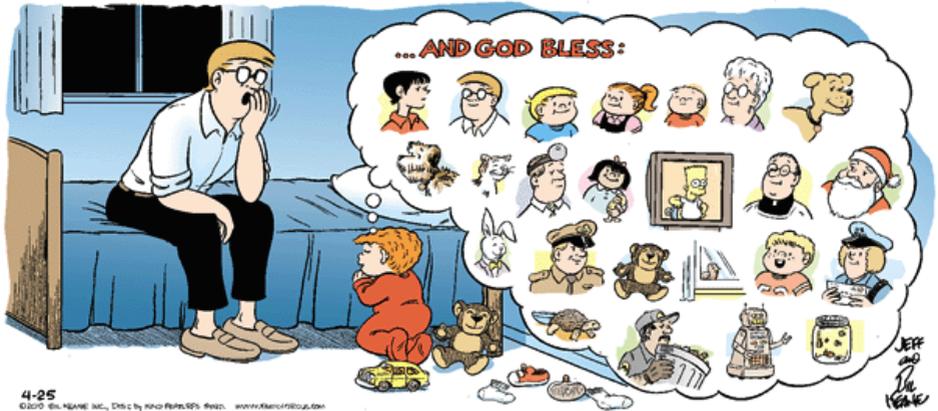
So, go on – smile at someone today and see what happens, you never know it might just be what they need.

Rosemary X



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10 SECOND SERMONS:

Never look down on anybody
unless you're helping him up.

Jesse Jackson

June July



Help us to remember
as the days grow warm and still
The people who need our help;
their plight is still here.
We may grow lazy now,
and enjoy our summer days;
Keep us from complacency;
teach us your loving ways.

Celebrations

Christenings

Birthdays

At Burn Park, on **Sunday April 15th** we celebrated the baptism of Poppie Drew. On **Sunday July 22nd** we will celebrate the baptism of Reggie Boshier. Please pray for these children and their families.

June

- 1st Alan Hutchinson
- 3rd June Beeby
- 7th June Whitfield

July:

- 4th Margaret Caffrey
- 6th Suzy Wake
- 7th Jack Wake
- 17th Philip Wake

Wedding Anniversaries

June

None Known

July

- 21st *Hugh & Olive Bevan*
- 26th *John & Kathleen Carter*



Can we celebrate your special day too? All you have to do is fill in the form and place them in the gold box at the back of the Church; spare forms to fill in are on the side of the box.



Letter to Mary

20th April 2018

Hi there everyone,

There's been so much happening this last month that I'm mixed up with time. So I thought I'd better write it down before the feeling of elation leaves me. Last week Rob and I joined in the performances of our pantomime Aladdin. We had so many practices in the weeks before that we were hardly away from the church hall, but it was worth it in the end. We enjoyed performing to three well attended

audiences and they laughed, joined in the songs and booed and shouted in all the right places. In fact everyone had a really good time. By the time we went home on the Saturday evening, the hall had been cleared, cleaned and returned back to its former self. We had our after show party on Tuesday night with a few games and food which had been provided by the cast for the tables. As I had learned to use the dishwasher we were soon finished and cleared away. We can now have a long(ish) holiday from the practices.

30th April 2018

Rob and I went to see Crazy For You last Friday (a musical comedy) at the Empire. The dance routines were really good and the energetic Tom Chambers has really come on since he won the Strictly Come Dancing Trophy a few years ago. Last Friday we were excited for Clare and Manuele as they opened their pub/restaurant for food and drinks. It's a 16th Century pub called the Wheatsheaf Inn in Chester le Street and the restaurant side is called Nonna Mafalda's Kitchen in memory of Manuele's grandmother who died in hospital in Italy last year. I'm sure she would have been delighted with all our hard work renovating the premises. There were 12 of our family there together for a meal which we all enjoyed. There were ample portions and Manuele did us proud with his cooking. Afterwards we retired into the bar and were joined by two more of our family.

Tomorrow afternoon there are 7 of us meeting in the Old Fire Station for a drink before going onto the Empire to see Gary Barlow in concert. We are all getting excited as Rob and I stood in a queue one morning last year for the tickets and I can't believe it's here already.

Our Annabel is excited because she is expecting the tooth fairy tonight. She's lost the second of her two front teeth. I was trying to get her to say "sister Susie sitting on a thistle" and she couldn't do it. Ha-ha!

15th May 2018

It was a beautiful morning this morning today and I had an appointment to go to the Lymphodema clinic at Ryhope St.

Benedict's hospital. My transport came early and we were soon there. I had the skin on my feet and legs inspected for the texture of them and for hot or cold patches for blood circulation. They were then measured for new stockings. Next visit I will have a Doppler test which will measure how much fluid my legs are holding. The driver dropped me off at my doctor's surgery so that I could put a request in for the prescription for 2 more pairs of stockings. It should be ready for collection in 2 days and then I can take it to the chemist to send away for them to be made specially to fit me. Hopefully they will be sent in time from the Netherlands for me to take away on holiday with me in 3 weeks' time.

16th May 2018

Tomorrow is our Amelia's fourth birthday and we'll be going to her house to sing Happy Birthday to her. We've bought her a new swimming costume like Annabel's and I've made a little basket up with some novelty surprises. I can't wait to see her reaction.

It's our coffee morning on 19th May, that's Saturday, from 10am to 12 noon. We are raising money for Christian Aid Week. I'll have to record the Royal Wedding at home or I will miss it. Last but not least we will be taking Clare to see Matilda the musical at the Empire on the 25th May. We are really looking forward to it.

Oh well, Mr. Ali our next door neighbour is waiting for his trousers to be shortened for the Mosque, so I'd better get up and get them finished for him.

Bye for now,

Lots of love,

June

xxxxx

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You'll always miss 100 of the shots you don't take.

Prayer Time



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

The hope is that:

-  people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family;
-  churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the UK and in other parts of the world;
-  people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ...to the ends of the earth. When he had said this...he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight...Then they returned to Jerusalem ... and were constantly devoting themselves to prayer..."

When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and that day about three thousand persons were added." Acts 1,2

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

Archbishop Justin Welby

Let's be expectant that God will answer our prayers - yet & perhaps - do not be surprised if God is calling you to be more involved in the lives of those who don't yet know Him. As Shane Claiborne puts it; 'If we pray to God to move a mountain – He might just give us a shovel...'

As we continue through the time of Pentecost, may we continue to pray that God's Kingdom will come, here in Sunderland, through this, His Church, here at Burn Park. Suzy





“For I know the plans
I have for you,”
declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Pause for Thought ..

CLIFF

FESTIVAL

www.cliffcollege.ac.uk

For the last three years, for the bank holiday weekend at the end of May, as a family, we have gone to CliffFest; but where is it and what is it?

CliffFest is held at Cliff College, which is situated at the edge of Calver village in the appropriately named Hope Valley in Derbyshire. All year Cliff provides theological education and training with a particular focus on mission and evangelism. Historically, Cliff was a Methodist Lay Training college, but now students are both lay and ordained and from a range of denominational backgrounds; their motto "Christ for all - all for Christ" sums this up. They aim to train people from all walks of life to be more effective Christians, more effective evangelists and more effective disciples of Jesus. The training takes many forms; long term study; including degrees and postgraduate courses; summer school; as well as one day courses.

Part of this is the festival which has been going for many years, in various guises. I remember attending for a day back in the 1980s on a coach trip from Park Road Church, on a day when it poured with rain! Luckily, the three years we have been for the whole weekend have been mostly fair weather as we, along with hundreds of others, camp in the fields around the site. However, you don't have to camp or bring a caravan to attend - there are college rooms available - and you don't even have to be there to join in, as some of the festival is broadcast live on the internet.

There are many different things happening each day - with provision for children of a Creche for babies and toddlers, Little Awesome for 3-5 year olds, Awesome for 5-11 year olds, Ignite for 11-14s and Furnace for 14-18s - new for this year was a specific programme aimed at 18-30 year olds; Radiate - but there is plenty for adults too - Bible Study in 3 different forms, seminars, workshops, prayer groups, creative groups, and entertainment at all different times of the day. Each day there is a Celebration - in three different places - for adults, young children and older children - worshipping God and listening to His word for us; and there is also Kick Start every day and Funky Sunday - all age worship - as well as an extra Celebration on Monday afternoon, usually with the President or Vice-president of Conference as speaker. As well as

spiritual activities, there are other activities such as a climbing wall, football cage, story-telling, cafés to relax in, stalls to browse in “The Market Place”, art installations to view, as well as just relaxing and enjoying the scenery. Also, new for this year were the Mocktail Bar and Orchard Pizzas!

Each year, the Festival has a theme; this year’s was “Ablaze” - looking at the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Church and the world. If you want to know more about what we looked at, you can find links to the videos of all the Main Tent Celebrations (and shorter videos of just the message) on the Cliff Fest Facebook page - the videos of the Main Tent Bible studies will also be posted on the page soon. I have brought back some resources which I am hoping we can use as a Church to help build us up in the power of the Spirit to bring God’s Kingdom to the people of Sunderland.



ABLAZE
25-28 MAY 2018

I asked Nick if he would tell you about what he did this year.

“I finished work on Friday, quickly got sorted and left for Cliff Fest 2018 (ABLAZE) with Suzy, Katrina & Phil, who was driving. We stopped off in Thirsk for fish and chips (in the pouring rain) before heading to Sheffield Station to pick up JT, then continued on our journey to the Cliff Fest campsite. When we arrived we were shown to our area where we set up our two tents before settling down for the night.

I didn’t get much sleep as I don’t normally do camping, so when I decided it was time to get up, around 6.15, I got dressed and went for a walk around the site, before heading back to the tent to get breakfast and wake up Katrina. After breakfast, Katrina and I went to the Main Tent where we got our morning Deluxe Hot Chocolate and took our seats for Kick Start; worship and fun with Pete Sheath & Inspire Band, Bob Hartman, Play it by Ear, Helena, Eddie the Donkey (BEST DONKEY IN THE WORLD) and David Jones. Pete & Inspire Band led the hymns which were really lively and had actions; as always, Kick Start was full of laughs.

Once Kick Start concluded, we then went back to the tent to see what other people’s plans were for the day. Katrina and I decided we would go to the Play it by Ear masterclass, or, as they called it, the Average Class, where they taught us ways to act and to project our voices while doing it. After that it was back to the tent for lunch, which was sandwiches or wraps.

We both then went to Inspire band's talk on how to lead a worship team where we learnt a lot about what to do, and hopefully at some point we will bring that into our Church. After this I went off to the Inspire band Scratch Choir while Katrina went to a different seminar. The Scratch Choir was fun and we learnt a hymn which we would later sing in Kick Start on Monday. After the Scratch Choir I went back to the tent before cooking food for tea. Following tea Katrina and I headed for the Main Tent to get ready for the celebration but stopped at the mocktail bar where I tried Bob Hartman's Mocktail (Bob's Your Uncle) and Play it by Ear's Mocktail (Play it by Ginger Beer), and we then went to get another Deluxe Hot Chocolate before going into the celebration (Evening Worship) where we were joined by Suzy. After the celebration, we had a short break before heading back into the Main Tent to watch Play it by Ear perform a play based on stories from the end of Jesus' life in a fun and entertaining way; then it was time for bed.

Sunday came along; again I was up by 6.30 so waited a little bit before waking Katrina up to go for breakfast and, as we both decided we fancied a cooked breakfast, we went and had a nice Full English in Chadwicks. After this we went to Kick Start where we again had our Deluxe Hot Chocolate and of course lots of fun. It was then time for Bob Hartman's story telling masterclass which was well worth going to. We got to learn different ways to tell stories while keeping people of all ages involved.

After lunch, it was time for Funky Sunday; we went on a journey in time from the birth of the earth through to Pentecost and beyond and we even got to sing Hark the Herald in the middle of May! (I look forward to trying to do that in a service in the future!) Then it was back to the tent for tea before heading off to the Big Tent for the evening Celebration. Following this was a small break before I went back in to watch Harry & Chris, two great comic musicians; they made me laugh all the way through. After this it was bed time again.

Monday was finally upon us where, you guessed it, again I was up early. I went to Kick Start alone as everyone else was too tired and wanted sleep. This again was great; it included Chris from Play it by Ear getting a pie in the face and then there was lots of snow, thanks to Eddie the Donkey's Christmas Edition of Challenge Helena. Following this I went back to the tent to see what the plan was for the last day; Katrina and I decided we'd go to see One Way UK's Masterclass which was brilliant, we were taught magic tricks and how to use puppets effectively in a

service - again something I look forward to bringing to this church. After lunch, we headed to a seminar where unfortunately I fell asleep for most of it, so Katrina will have to tell you more about that! From there we went along to the Greatest Showman Singalong which was great, we all got to sing along thanks to the lyrics on the screens. Then, back to the tent for tea and a rest, unfortunately we didn't get to the evening Celebration on Monday (as we needed a rest) however we heard all the music from our tent, and we did decide that we would go up to the Storytelling Tent for the bed time story, which was really good. After the bed time story we went back to our tents to go straight to sleep as the next morning would be the day we would have to take our tents down.

So Tuesday morning came, and sadly we had to go home, so we took the tents down and loaded the car. I'm sure we should have come home lighter than we went since we had eaten most of the food we had brought, however I think there was more in the car going home than we had brought - I suppose buying 4 puppets doesn't help! Anyway, we headed for home but first we had to drop off JT in Sheffield again for his train back to Uni at Leicester. We popped into Thirsk on our way for lunch at Weatherspoon's (which was really nice), before finishing our journey home.

Once we got home we all decided to have a nap before getting ready to go to a friend's 21st birthday party. What a time we had had!"

Well, as Nick said, it had been a busy weekend for most of us, but you can choose to go to as much or as little as you like. I am looking forward to catching up with the celebration we missed, by watching the video online, and I would encourage everyone who would like to know more about how the Holy Spirit can set us Ablaze for God, to watch the videos - maybe we can work out a way of showing them for those who do not have internet access - please ask me if you might be interested.

Suzy



Happiness is a singular
incentive to mediocrity.

Poetry Corner

Our Everyday Acts Of Worship

*Everything we do
Is an act of worship
That brings pleasure and delight
When it's done for God,
It touches His heart
And is our God-given purpose in life*

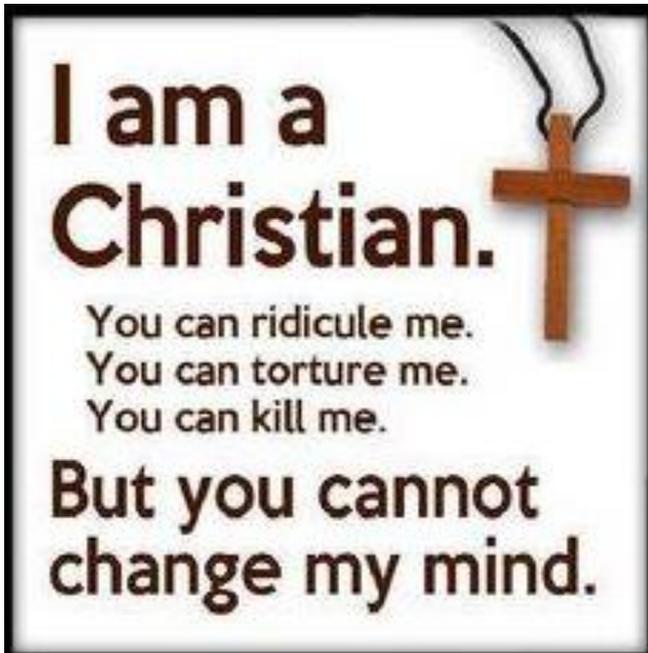
*For God created
Everything that exists
For His glory and His pleasure
And we, His children,
Have so much worth,
More valuable than priceless treasure*

*For worshipping God
Is truly a lifestyle,
Affecting everything we do
It's not just in singing
Spiritual songs,
But in our everyday happenings too*

*As we minister to those
We see in need,
Offering to them our service,
And even the mundane,
Everyday things,
To God, they're acts of worship*

*We need to be offering
As a dedication
Every area of our lives
As an act of spiritual
Worship to God
And a most holy sacrifice
For God cares so much
About every detail
No matter how great or small,
For God will walk
In our every day life
As we establish Him as Lord.*

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Time for Reflection

The Group of Frogs



As a group of frogs were travelling through the woods, two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs crowded around the pit and saw how deep it was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope left for them.

However, the two frogs decided to ignore what the others were saying and they proceeded to try and jump out of the pit. Despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up. That they would never make it out.

Eventually, one of the frogs took heed to what the others were saying and he gave up, falling down to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die.

He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, “Did you not hear us?”

The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He had thought they were encouraging him the entire time.



Moral of the story: *People’s words can have a big effect on other’s lives. Think about what you say before it comes out of your mouth. It might just be the difference between life and death.*

Now for some funnies ...

In this exam season, here are some grammar rules:

1. *Avoid alliteration, always.*
2. *Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.*
3. *Avoid ampersands & abbreviations etc.*
4. *Contractions aren't necessary.*
5. *It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.*
6. *Be more or less specific.*
7. *Who needs rhetorical questions?*
8. *The passive voice is to be avoided.*



One message you never want to receive from God is, 'I told you so'!

And, for those going on holiday to places unknown, you might find a Satnav useful. Here is a funny poem about one:

I HAVE A LITTLE SATNAV.

I have a little Satnav; it sits there in my car.

A Satnav is a driver's friend; it tells you where you are.

I have a little Satnav, I've had it all my life.

It's better than the normal ones; my Satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive.

"It's thirty miles an hour," it says, "You're doing thirty five"

It tells me when to stop and start and when to use the brake,

And tells me that it's never ever safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red and when it goes to green.

It seems to know instinctively just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear,

And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver has so helpful a device,

For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.

It fills me up with counselling; each journey's pretty fraught.

So why don't I exchange it and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed,

It washes all my shirts and things and - keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages and my tendency to scoff,

I do wish that once in a while I could turn the damned thing off!

Passed on from Hugh Bevan - Author Unknown



Diary Dates

Preachers at Burn Park for June & July:

June	July
3 rd Mr. John Carter – <i>Favourite Hymns</i>	1 st Deacon Christopher Daniels
10 th Mrs. Margaret Wright	8 th Mr. Bob Howarth
17 th Mrs. Joyce Howe	15 th Mr. John Gilbert
24 th Rev. Rosemary Nash: <i>Sacrament</i>	22 nd Rev. Rosemary Nash
	29 th Mrs. Maureen Simpson

Important Dates to note around and about:

Sat 9 Jun: 9 a.m. – 12 noon: Burn Park: Church cleaning – help needed

Sat 9 Jun: 7:15 p.m.: Fulwell Methodist: The Sunderland Singers' Annual Concert: tickets £7 from Kathleen

Sat 16 Jun: 10 a.m. – 12 noon: Burn Park: Park Productions' Car Wash & Coffee Morning: £4 per car

Sat 23 Jun: Circuit Outing to Harrogate – ask Nick for more details

Sun 8 Jul: 6:30 p.m.: St. John's: Circuit Service to say farewell to Rev. Kathryn Stephens

Sat 14 Jul: 3:30 p.m.: Burn Park: Murder Mystery: £10

Sat 21 Jul: 10 a.m. – 12 noon: Burn Park: Coffee Morning

*For more details about these and other events,
please see your weekly printed notices or Circuit Plan*



If you have any notices to be published,
or articles for the next magazine,
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BURN PARK CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Burn Park Methodist Church exists to worship God,
and make the Love of Jesus known, in our welcome,
outreach, and care for all.

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Regular Events at this Church:

Sunday

10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship & Sunday Club
11.00 a.m.	Mustard Seed Church led by Pastor Sunday Raji
1.00 p.m. - 3:00 pm	Deeper Life Church Worship
6.00 p.m.	Churches Together Drop-In for Homeless people

Tuesday

11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.	Lunch Club
7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.	Park Productions

Wednesday

6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.	Deeper Life Church Bible Study
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Thursday

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Coffee@Burn Park
1.00 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.	Stroke Club
6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.	Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts

Friday

9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	Toddlers Group
7 p.m.	Young Asian Voices

Saturday

10.00 a.m. - 12 noon	Coffee Mornings (3 rd week of month)
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To book rooms for an event,
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