

Lurgashall News

SEPTEMBER 2025



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Meeting to discuss the future of the shop

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The name "Sussex" originates from the Old English term "Sud Seaxe," which translates to "South Saxons." This name dates back to around the year 722 and refers to the Saxon people who settled in the southern part of England.

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St Laurence – Churchyard Working Parties

A couple of times each month during the Spring, Summer and Autumn months, a small group of dedicated villagers join to spend a morning maintaining the Churchyard for the enjoyment of the congregation, local community and any visitors to the Church. These working parties take place on Thursday mornings at 08:30 and we try and complete by 11am.

If you would like to take part (and any help is always welcome even if for an hour) please contact Russell Lawrence on 07557 423360 or mrrussellalawrence@gmail.com

Church Services for September 2025

7 September <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Sung Communion <i>Rev Jack Mulder</i>
	10.30 am	Northchapel	Holy Communion
14 September <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Pet Service <i>Canon Nigel Nicholson</i>
	5.30 pm	Northchapel with Ebernoe	New beginnings - service to celebrate baptisms
21 September <i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<u>11.00</u> am	Lurgashall	Sung Communion <i>Rev Richard Lloyd</i>
28 September <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Sung Communion & Baptism <i>Ven Philip Jones</i>
	5.30pm	Northchapel	Michael & All Angels Service

Sidesmen

Date	Sidesman	Reading	Colour
7 Sept	Judy Pavia	Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Green
14 Sept	Elaine Parnell	1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Green
21 Sept	Rob Holgate	1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Green
28 Sept	Amanda Worrall	1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-end	Green

Pet Service
St Laurence, Lurgashall
Sunday, 14th September at 10.00 am



After the Pet Service, 2024

Taken by Reverend Canon Nigel Nicholson, this service will celebrate and give thanks for all our wonderful pets.

Everyone is welcome to attend and bring their pets!

From The Churchwardens

This month's letter brings important news from the wider Church of England - developments that could shape the future of local parishes like ours.

Back in 1997, the Church Commissioners - who manage the Church of England's historic wealth - faced serious financial trouble. Parishes and dioceses stepped in to carry the burden of clergy pensions. Since then, the Commissioners' funds have soared. Their assets now stand at £13 billion, with liabilities dramatically reduced.



Meanwhile, dioceses and parishes are under severe financial pressure. In 2024, 83% of dioceses are running deficits totalling £62 million. Many are being forced to cut clergy posts, merge parishes, sell vicarages and extend vacancies - Lurgashall is one of those parishes in an extended vacancy. Clergy morale is low and church closures are accelerating.

In response, Save the Parish, a pressure group chaired by The Reverend Marcus Walker, alongside several bishops and diocesan leaders, put forward a modest proposal at July's General Synod: to require the Church Commissioners to give just 1% of the capital value of their funds each year (around £104 million as of today) to diocesan clergy funds. This money would be paid out of the

Commissioners' income so as not to touch their core endowment, but it would eliminate diocesan deficits and protect parish ministry by funding stipends, pensions and salaries directly.

Bishop Jackson of Bath & Wells called the state of parish finances “an existential threat” to the Church of England and urged Synod to support the proposal. Some Synod members, however, feared a shift in financial control and the church commissioners and their advisors warned of risks to investment returns. Instead of debating the proposal itself, Synod passed a so-called wrecking motion - an amendment that delayed the matter by calling for further discussion. By doing so, Synod avoided taking a clear stand choosing caution over the urgent needs of the parishes. It passed by 361 votes to 7, effectively killing the proposal for now.

Many felt it was a missed opportunity to back the parish system when it most needed support.

Ahead of the debate, a group of parishioners from Lurgashall wrote to Martin, Bishop of Chichester, urging him to support the proposal. He wrote back expressing his support and indicating his intention to vote with the Bishop of Bath and Wells. However, when voting records were later published, it became clear that Bishop Martin had not voted at all.

At a time when parish communities are being asked to do more with less, meaningful support from Church leaders feels more important than ever. If we don't even have the support from our Bishop to help fund a parish priest one wonders why he is in office!

What Next?

The national Church remains financially strong but local churches continue to struggle. St Laurence's as a church is well provided for thanks to the support given to the Friends, but this money cannot be used to pay stipends, and it is the very shortage of funds for stipends which is causing us to be in the fourth year of our vacancy.

The proposal to relieve that burden was rejected by those people who should be looking after us - namely the 'upstairs' church. Rev. Marcus Walker says that the conversation is far from over. He and many others continue to work behind the scenes for a more parish-focused future. Let's hope it isn't too late!

Amanda and Rob

THE VILLAGE HALL 50:50 CLUB



Congratulations to August's winners:

1st prize: Malcolm Caird

2nd prize: Amanda Worrall

The 50:50 Club is one of the main sources of income for our Village Hall, and its contribution is vital to maintaining this important village asset. 50% of its income goes to the Village Hall, and the other 50% is returned to members through its prizes.

It is simple to join. Just call Steve on 07778 357272 or email

Catherine.Nicholes@hotmail.co.uk

Lurgashall Oil Buying Group

Our August order for 13,000 litres was placed with Northover Energy at a price of 46.95 ppl +VAT. Our next order will be placed at the beginning of October when we shall be recommencing our monthly orders.

Please let me know if you are interested in joining the Group.

Colin Robertson

lurgashall.oil@gmail.com



VILLAGE LUNCH

The next lunch will be on September 8th. Just put your name on the list in the Shop. This closes on the Thursday before the lunch. Please contact Sally Stainton on 07810634063, if you have any dietary requirements.

VILLAGE TEA

The September tea is cancelled as the Macmillan coffee morning is on the 26th September. See page 16.



LURGASHALL CRICKET CLUB



Founded 1840



The fine weather continued throughout August and so we had no weather enforced cancellations. We were also fortunate to manage to re-arrange a couple of fixtures after some teams pulled out, and in one instance that offered us the opportunity to put out an ad hoc Lurgashall side against the Hammer Bottom Butsers in mid-August. A great sunny afternoon of cricket was enjoyed in a friendly spirit. In spite of some fine performances, the lack of match practice and a fair amount of rustiness, saw the HBBs prevail (this time!). Thank you to those that turned out.

We will be looking to field a home side in 2026 in possibly 4-5 fixtures and would welcome anyone interested in playing to let us know.

As we move into September, thoughts turn to the end of the season, though we still have the weekend of 20th/21st free for any last-minute fixtures.

All enquiries to:

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SEPTEMBER 2025 FIXTURES

	6	Sat		Harry Wigram
	7	Sun	11.30am	HBB vs Moles
	13	Sat		Nicola Mitford-Slade
	14	Sun		HBB
	20	Sat		
	21	Sun		

LURGASHALL PARISH COUNCIL

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE
HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2025
AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

All members of the public are welcome to attend and as usual there will be time set aside for anyone to raise any concerns they may have in the parish.

The **MOBILE SKIP** will be returning to Lurgashall on **Saturday 27th September 2025** between 10am and midday at the Village Hall car park.

REPORTING ISSUES

Please contact OPERATION CRACKDOWN for anti-social driving (i.e., speeding, careless and aggressive driving and driving whilst on a mobile phone) and abandoned vehicles. Either via the website www.operationcrackdown.org or 01243 642222

To report all non-emergency POLICE matters, call 101 or visit www.sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/

Want to report a pothole or road issue? www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/

To report a problem with a right of way directly then either report online <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-with-a-right-of-way/> or email prow@westsussex.gov.uk or phone 01243 777620 or inform the Parish Council

BONFIRES

Please be mindful of others when having bonfires now the weather is improving. Guidelines and how to report them if they are a nuisance, can be found on Chichester District Council's website

www.chichester.gov.uk/reportbonfireproblem

Keep up to date with local road closures: www.one.network/uk/westsussex

Mrs Helen Cruikshank
Clerk to Lurgashall Parish Council

LURGASHALL PARISH COUNCIL 2025/2026

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Distribution Meeting

Lurgashall Village Hall

Tuesday 9th September
7:00 pm for 7:30 pm start

Celebrating another successful year!

Despite slightly lower gross takings compared to 2024, the Committee is delighted to report that this year's Fete gross takings were just over £21,500 — still a strong result, ahead of 2023, a record at the time!

Massive thanks to everyone who contributed their time, effort (and talent!) despite the awful weather, and to our Sponsors, Turner Legg Consulting, Knight Frank, Managed By, and NFU Mutual.

Join us to help celebrate!

The meeting is open to everyone involved in the 2025 Fete — we'd love to see you there, especially as we weren't able to hold our usual post-Fete gathering.

Expected distribution: £12,000–£13,000

Funds will be shared as follows:

- 60% to six key village institutions
 - Village Shop (22.5%)
 - Cricket Club, Recreation Association, Horticultural Club, Parochial Church Council and Village Hall (7.5% each)
- 40% for ‘Special Projects’ supporting parish-related causes

Apply for Funding!

Do you have a project in need of support? Submit your proposal!

- Must relate to parish needs or connected causes
- Include a detailed breakdown of fund usage
- Deadline: Tuesday 2nd September

Email your application to: lurgashallfete@gmail.com

Applications will be reviewed and voted on during the meeting. Be there to have your say!

Neil Harding

Chairman, Lurgashall Fete Committee

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LURGASHALL HORTICULTURAL CLUB

41st ANNUAL SHOW

2025





LURGASHALL HORTICULTURAL CLUB 41st ANNUAL SHOW, 2025

Once again, Lurgashall managed to produce amazing results from their gardens and allotments to exhibit at the 41st Annual Show.

Considering the weather has not been on the side of gardeners almost all year, it was wonderful that so many excellent showpieces were produced. We had an array of colour and top class produce, and delicious teas at Prize-giving ended yet another successful Show.

We are sure many more of you in the village have wonderful prize-winning flowers and vegetables lurking in their gardens! So, remember the third Saturday in August is Show Day every year, and we would love to see you all join in! It is fun!!

Elizabeth Clark

TROPHY WINNERS, 2025	
PRESIDENT'S SHIELD (Most points in adult classes)	Gillian Evans
RHS BANKSIAN MEDAL (Most points in Horticultural classes)	Gillian Evans
PRENTICE SALVER (Most points in Vegetable classes)	Rosaa Pimentel
STRUDWICK TANKARD (Pot Plant classes)	Elizabeth Clark
TED ROGERS TROPHY (Any other Vegetable)	Elizabeth Clark
CENTENARY TROPHY (Flower Arranging classes)	Sonia Maskell
NOAHS ARK FRAME (Photography classes)	Gillian Evans
WILLAM ROSE BOWL (Any other Flower)	Gillian Evans
SWANNELL ROSE BOWL (Most points in Flower classes)	Gillian Evans
BLACK SALVER (Sweet Peas)	Gillian Evans
MORGAN CUP (Homemade Drinks classes)	Gary Sharp
LAND ROSE BOWL (Rose classes)	Pete Landstrom
MOLLIE ASPINAL CUP (Dahlia classes)	Pete Landstrom
MARMION SALVER (Handicraft classes)	Susanna Alwen
BOXALL GOBLET (Cookery classes)	Gillian Evans
ORCHARD PARK FARM AWARD (Fruit classes)	Gillian Evans
CHRISTIAN TANKARD (Collection of Vegetables)	Mark Barrett
JUNIOR SHIELD (most points in classes J1-J6)	Sybil Bearn



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THE AULD FOOL ON OMENS AND THE LIKE.....

0730hrs August 4th 2025. over Whites Green when the weather men are telling us that on this day Scotland may be blown to Norway – and a magnificent display of more than a thousand birds in a mystery that I have always called a “Rook Parliament”.



Rooks do flock but rarely in these numbers – the noise is incredible – such that the Whites Green security patrol – Labradors Tess and Molly come close to warn of impending doom – or perhaps it is Labrador breakfast time ?

How do you tell rooks from crows I’m some times asked ?– Well, if you see a single rook – it is a crow and if you see a number of crows – they are rooks - is the easy answer....

I’ve attached a close-up of a Crow – this one would take food from the hand at Whites Green a few years ago –

Don’t bother to count them and dispute my ‘thousand bird’ assertion – they covered more of the sky than the camera did.....

VILLAGE HALL

Summer's here!

**Hire your BBQ or party equipment from the
Village Hall!**

Did you know that Lurgashall Village Hall hires out its tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, glassware and almost anything else (except the kitchen sink!) that you might need for your party, picnic or big family barbecue?

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Save The Date - Wednesday 3 September

Dear LVS Shareholder,

We are writing to give advance notice of a General Meeting of members of the new Lurgashall Village Shop Limited Community Benefit Society to be held in the Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 3 September.

The purpose of this meeting will be for members to further consider the future of the shop. A formal Notice of Meeting will follow in the next few days.

At the meeting a Resolution will be proposed to seek members' approval to appoint professional advisers to start the process of winding up the business as soon as possible in order to preserve members funds. The Notice of Meeting will set out legal arrangements for the meeting such as appointment of proxies for members who are unable to attend in person.

A headline summary of the main issues is as follows:

- LVS fundraising stands at £71,850 vs a target of £150,000, halving the planned investment fund
- Operating losses are running at £3,000 pcm. This will be reduced to £1,500pcm when restructuring actions are complete
- LVS has remaining cash reserves of circa £20,000 (excluding members funds)
- Sales revenues are up, but not yet at the level required by the business plan
- No volunteers have come forward to join the Board
- LVS is not in a financial position to renew the shop lease

The Board has reached the conclusion that members should be given the opportunity at the earliest possible date to decide whether it is sensible to carry on the business of the shop and continue to try to put in place further actions to improve the financial situation. Thus (as noted above) a Resolution will be proposed at the meeting to appoint professional advisers in order to start the process of winding up the business as soon as possible so that the majority of members funds can be returned. The CBS presently has circa £20,000 of cash remaining (excluding funds raised from members) to continue to subsidise operational losses and to contribute to the costs and liabilities of winding up (such as reparations under the lease). Regrettably, any remaining costs will be required to be met by member funds.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on September 3.

The LVS Board

(Please can members who divided their investment with family members forward this message as appropriate).

please support your community shop



Lots of lovely local products.



We have an array of lovely local products in store. Some gorgeous apples and giant courgettes that have been kindly donated by some Lurgashall residents.



We also have biscuits, honey, bread, sausage rolls and pasties, quiches, sandwiches, ready meals, ice cream, milk, cream, cheese, fruit, veg, cakes, brownies, cordial and apple juice all from small local suppliers.



If you want to support local business and support the shop at the same time, pop into our lovely stop and purchase some of the delicious local items available.

	VILLAGE SHOP			POST OFFICE		
	OPEN	CLOSE		OPEN	CLOSE	
MONDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM		9.30 AM	12.30 PM	
TUESDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM		9.30 AM	12.30 PM	
WEDNESDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM		9.30 AM	12.30 PM	
THURSDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM		9.30 AM	12.30 PM	
FRIDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM		CLOSED		
SATURDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM		CLOSED		
SUNDAY	10.00 AM	1.00 PM		CLOSED		

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BIGNOR ROMAN VILLA

I wonder how many villagers have visited the Roman Villa at Bignor with its excellent museum and the display of its extraordinary floor mosaics considered to be some of the finest in the country - all restored and preserved under cover. It is only ten miles from Lurgashall. The story of their discovery, excavation and restoration is an extraordinarily heartwarming one.



Artist's impression of the Villa

On 18 July 1811 the farmer, George Tupper was ploughing one of his fields at Bignor when his horse-drawn plough-shear struck a stone. When he dug down, he found what was probably the water basin or 'piscina' of a Roman Villa next to which he uncovered a mosaic depicting Ganymede being carried off from Mount Ida where, according to legend, he had been tending his father's sheep. By some luck, Tupper realised immediately that this was something very special and he approached his neighbour, John Hawkins (1761-1841) of Bignor Park, to have a look. By chance, Hawkins was a mining geologist but was a man with considerable knowledge of antiquities, being 'celebrated throughout Europe



Ganymede

antiquities in Britain and a considerable draughtsman (so necessary in an age without photography), as well as being a barrister and keeper of records in the Tower of London. Thus, from the outset leading archaeologists supervised by Lysons undertook the excavation. With the landowner being concerned about vandalism, he secured the excavation by establishing a high thorn hedge and erected a 'hovel' for one of his sons to sleep in to provide protection. Hawkins became concerned about depredation to the exposed mosaics by weather and earthworms so that in June 1812 work began to erect a covering building of brick and local greensand blocks to keep the site dry. In March 1815, Lysons read the second of his accounts to the Society of Antiquaries, reporting that a substantial Roman villa had been uncovered and that protective buildings over several mosaics had been put in place.

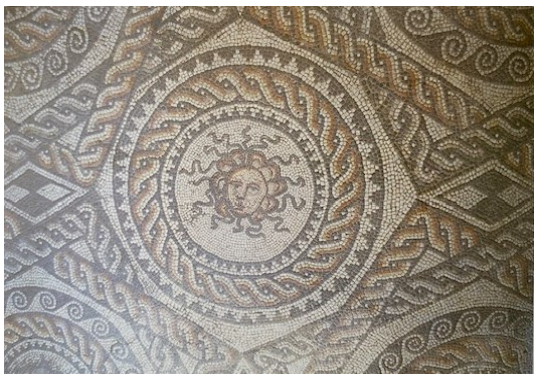
With the villa only 300 metres from Stane Street, the Roman route from London to Chichester, the site became a popular attraction for those visiting the new coastal resorts of Bognor and Littlehampton and the first guidebook was published in 1815. Further excavation established that the site extended beyond Mr. Tupper's land so that permission was needed from the Rector to excavate a part of his glebe land to the west. It was soon realised that the site extended round four sides of a quadrangle covering an area of about 1 hectare,

for his general knowledge on all subjects'. He had been born in Cornwall and was educated at Helston, Winchester and Trinity College Cambridge and later travelled extensively in Europe.

He was extremely excited and immediately approached Samuel Lysons (1763-1819) FSA, FRS, the acknowledged expert on Roman



*Samuel Lysons, FSA
by Sir Thomas Lawrence*



Medusa mosaic

but a mosaic depicting Medusa was found to be on common land where it was illegal to build an enclosure without the consent of the Lord of the Manor and other copyholders. By 1817, a boundary wall enclosing an outer farmyard with several buildings was traced adding a further 1 hectare to the area of the site.

In addition to conducting three lectures for the Society of Antiquaries, Lysons, with help from Richard Smirke and Charles Stothard, published a meticulous set of engravings of the villa and, in 1819, the year of his death, these were included in the third volume of his *Reliquiae Britannico-Romanae*, his compilation of Roman antiquities discovered in various parts of England.

Although excavation continued for about a year after Lyson's death, no further work was undertaken until 1925 when S. E. Winbolt re-excavated and repaired the cold bath. Further excavation was undertaken by the acknowledged archaeologist, Sheppard Frere, CBE, FSA between 1956 and 1962 in an attempt to establish the villa's chronology and further excavation continues. The original farmstead probably dates from the end of the 1st century AD but excavations have demonstrated that the villa evolved during several periods of ownership although possibly as part of an expanding family group. The initial timber-framed house with outbuildings dates from 190-200 AD. The first simple stone-built house was erected in about 250 AD. A north wing was soon added to accommodate two additional family dwelling units each containing four rooms. Although baths were begun, these were never completed and seem to have been superseded by a new, more elaborate, block. The main entrance was from Stane Street through a farmyard to the east. Between 300 and 350 AD the north wing was extended over old farm buildings and a south wing containing six rooms was constructed perhaps for two more family units. A porticus or covered way was constructed linking the east end of the north and south wings to enclose a courtyard with formal gardens and a new gate in the east wall of the farmyard beyond.

At the same time the baths were extended and most of the mosaics were created including the Venus and the Gladiators, generally considered one of the finest mosaics in Britain. All this implies the extension of the villa to



The Venus mosaic

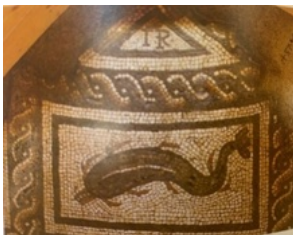
accommodate an expanding family group made prosperous by farming on their greensand soil with access down Stane Street to markets at Chichester.

Many of the mosaics have now been lifted and re-laid on a bed of concrete to ensure their long-term preservation. To achieve this

a sheet of cloth is glued to the upper surface and marked with grid lines. A long flat knife is then used to raise the mosaic in numbered sections to be stored until the new concrete is prepared for re-laying.



The gladiators



A dolphin with the initials

It was probably the departure of the Romans in c.400 AD that signalled a gradual decline in the prosperity of the villa. We are left with extraordinary mosaics with the initials TR in one corner perhaps for the designer, Terentius. The villa now operates as a charitable trust. If you have not done so, you should visit. The quality is amazing – a tribute to the skill and care with which the villa has been excavated.

Robert Stedall ©

Sources

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Petworth Heritage Open Days 20th and 21st September

Heritage Open Days are here! England's largest festival of history, heritage and culture kicks off on the weekend of September 20/21 with over 5,000 museums, factories, manor houses, breweries, gardens and everything in between will be opening their doors and sharing their stories... all for FREE.

In Petworth, this will mean that Petworth House with their extraordinary art collection will be opening their doors free of charge, together with Coultershaw Heritage Site where the historic machinery will be in action alongside fun craft activities.

Burton Mill will also be open. They will be milling both days, 11am to 4pm. The Petworth Cottage Museum in the High Street will open free of charge from 11 to 4.30 on both days.

Also free are the hourly Petworth Town Walks where you can join a walking tour of the town to discover more about the local heritage. I will be leading some of the walks.

Tickets for the Walks will be allocated on that day on a first come, first served basis and can be collected from Church Lodge visitor entrance to Petworth House. First Walk will be at 11am outside St. Mary's Church and each one will last for an hour.

Further details about the Walks or other events from
Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com



P A C T NEWS
Petworth Area Churches
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SEPTEMBER NEWS

PACT's Summer Holiday Bible Club for any child from Reception Class to Year 6 took place every morning in the week July 28-August 1. The subject was Kingdom Builders and the Herbert Shiner Community Hall in Petworth was full to the brim with happy children.

There was a great team of helpers from across the PACT churches in both Petworth and the surrounding villages.

As usual, our team of many young teenagers provided a huge amount of energy and enthusiasm and previous young leaders are now fully fledged adult leaders making the Kids Club Family more effective year on year.

On the final day there was a lunch, games, bouncy slide, songs, puppet show, crafts, a quiz, Kids Club Race Day and to crown it all Maureen Purser being "gunged".

Special thanks should go to the organisers, especially Danny at Sylvia Beaufoy Youth Centre.

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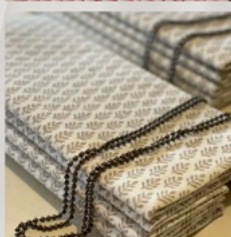
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