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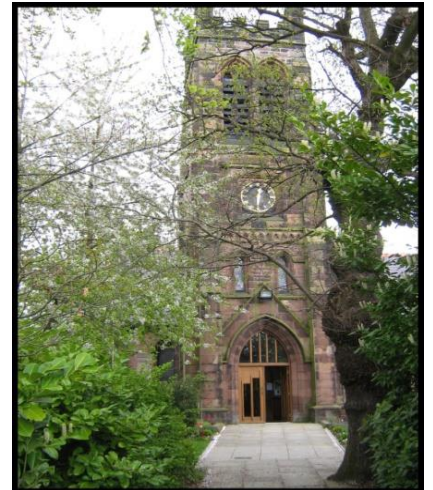
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any articles that may be of
interest to our readers.
Email address above.
Margaret*



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

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MINISTRY MESSAGE

We have reached July in Halewood and, as well as marking so many exciting things, it means we have had the opportunity to enjoy Halewood Culture Fest (<https://halewoodculturefest.chessck.co.uk>). Which events did you manage to attend? Was it singing, art, history or maybe something else creative or sporting over the programme? Have you had the opportunity to walk around the 'Owl and the Pussycat' sculptures or pillar box creations yet? If not, then summer is the perfect time to join in the fun across Knowsley and Halewood (<https://www.cultureknowsley.co.uk/the-owl-and-the-pussy-cat-trail>).

I was fortunate to join an evening event as part of Culture Fest where local historian Mike Royden shared his knowledge of Halewood, from pre-history / Roman times up to almost present day, in a very well attended St Mary's Church on Leathers Lane. The history of Halewood was so interesting, especially for a relatively newcomer to the area, and Mike wove a story of not only the famous local landmarks / places but also the people who have brought energy to this area for hundreds of years. Places and landmarks that have been here since time and memorial are comforting and bring character to an area, but it is the **values** and the **welcome** of the people that makes **community**. Community is everything! How we greet each other, look out for each other, and support each other adds colour to the tapestry that landmarks leave behind. Have you ever wondered what binds community?

Mike shared evidence of pots and artefacts that had been left in the woods behind St Nicholas Church, showing cairns and stones for grinding and other evidence of trade between Halewood and Rome. Who knew that as children and parents walk through the woods to school, or take their dogs for a run, they are all walking in the footsteps of Anglo-Saxon Halewoodians?! Mike spoke of the 'Lords' of the area, given land from William the Conqueror and how that land was passed on generation to generation, across Hale, Halebank, Halewood; the Hutte. He showed evidence of modernisation that came with open field systems and then enclosures and how this changed the life of the community. As the evening went on what amazed me most was how the talk progressed from archaeology to **the people** of Halewood.

From the writings of Charles Dickens, we all have an image of the conditions of public workhouses. It was refreshing though to hear of the Halewood Workhouse (originally off Hollies Lane / Butcher's Lane / Workhouse Lane) that was described as a 'cottage', a place where the old and infirm who had no fiscal resource could be given rooms and where the remaining poor of the parish could collect raw resources to make *something* in exchange for their financial support. Before the state forced the poor into larger Dickensian Workhouses, it suggested that Halewood cared for its poor and wanted to give relief where it was needed. There are reports of gifts given to the poor: food, clothes and tobacco! There is even evidence of flowers given for the funeral of a young apprentice. Suddenly the history comes to life and reminds us of Jesus' words in Matthew 25: 44-45 about feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for the sick and visiting those in prison.

There was a real excitement and sometimes the odd tear and meaningful reflection, as names from the past were mentioned and remembered for the contributions they had made to the lives of others in this community. Even better was when photographs were shown of people past and present, realising how each story is woven with another and how memories were sparked and cherished. The old proverb says, 'it takes a village to raise a child' and for the people sat in that room, it was clear they all felt totally immersed in 'this village', and part of the rich heritage. Why does it take a village to raise a child? By continuing this community focus we can all contribute to the creative and emotional needs of the extended, blended family of Halewood. Just as there are lots of different creative elements to Culture Fest, there is something within all of us that can make life better for our neighbours. Psalm 133 says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live in unity." Unity means 'blended' together for the best of each other. All bringing our different gifts but united by the same spirt, **wanting the best for each other**. Think of a chord being played on a piano, it takes different keys ... different notes blended perfectly to create a pleasing sound.

When you hear an orchestra or a band playing, each instrument has its own look and sound. Individually they do sound good but when played correctly **together**, there is a deep sense of emotion or response that wells up within the listener. Music can be planned very carefully like a symphony or improvised such as jazz. We can plan community cohesion, or it can come naturally and instinctively as we look outwardly to our neighbours. The word 'jazz' means 'energy', do you enjoy feeling the energy of a piece of music as it passes to our ears? Do you enjoy even more the energy that a smile, an unexpected gift or help when it is needed is given? **On our own, we can be successful, but together...we can be invincible!** When a band jams together, the importance is listening to each other. If one

instrument decided it was the most important and played louder than the rest, you would miss the subtlety of another and what it adds to the piece. Playing together as a band, knowing each other's strengths, makes the body work together as an elite group. Our actions turn to worship as we live together in unity.

In Romans chapter 12, Paul speaks of this very same truth. You can read it at the end of this message. He writes that we are all individuals, with special gifts and talents. We are told that God has breathed an energy into us that makes us who we are and has given us all gifts that we can use for ourselves, our own families, the community that we live in and, in recent times, those in need across the world. Sometimes we don't realise we have the right gifts, until we improvise and meet a need unexpectedly. Music can be contagious but showing the love of God for others is even more contagious. If we use our God given gifts to shine a light to others, people will feel that unity and want to pass it on too...just as we people of Halewood have for centuries.

Each instrument blends and creates a symphony that inspires. The photographs and the stories presented tracing the history of Halewood, and shared with the 'current people' at St Mary's listening to Mike's talk, added to the already rich tapestry. We too can blend as the body of Christ and add a deeper colour to the tapestry or another stave to the symphony. Let's not worry about feeling tired either, because music lifts the soul and the Spirit of God is ready to quench and empower us as we live together in unity.

This summer, as we enjoy the sunshine, more time to relax and all that our local culture has to offer, let us thank God for the gifts he has given us, ask him to give us insight and energy to see those in need, so we can play our part in the world, being beacons of God's love. Let us be team players, recognising the talents of others and together crafting a divine community cohesion. As we remember the Allen's, the Eve's, The Moss' and the Grace's at The Eagle, the de Ireland's or Lovel's or maybe stories of Finch Farm, Oakil Farm, the Village Smithy, Roseheath Farm, the Workhouse Cottage or The Grange, ... let us make a resolution that we will play our part in the 'future history' of Halewood by taking the challenge of **living together in unity, doing small things for our community that make a big difference**. Remember, we are not doing it all on our own, we are part of one team, one band, where each player and each note matters. **With God all things are possible** and **together, we can achieve anything!**

Romans 12:4-10

⁴Just as our bodies have many parts
and each part has a special function,
⁵so it is with Christ's body.

We are many parts of one body, and **we all belong to each other**.

⁶In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

So, if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. ⁷If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. ⁸If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

⁹Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other.

Have a fantastic summer!

Matthew

JULY AND AUGUST SERVICES

Thursday 7 th July:	9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
Sunday 10 th July:	<i>Proper 10/Trinity 4 (Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10: 25-37)</i> 10.30 am St Mary Holy Communion: Bill Forster 11.00 am St Nicholas GMJC/Parade: Matthew Hargreaves 12.15 & 1.00 pm Baptisms: Stephen Gough 6.30 pm Evening Worship: Local Preacher 11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Carol Burke
Thursday 14 th July:	9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Nicola Milford
Sunday 17 th July:	<i>Proper 11/Trinity 5 (Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42)</i> 10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship: Andy & Jen Radford 11.00 am St Nicholas Morning Worship: Graham Amey 6.30 pm St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford 11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Matthew Hargreaves
Thursday 21 st July:	9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
Sunday 24 th July:	<i>Proper 12/Trinity 6 (Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13)</i> 10.30 am St Mary Holiday Club intro service? 11.00 am St Nicholas Morning Worship: Matthew Hargreaves 6.30 pm St Nicholas Evening Worship: Local Preacher 11.00 am St Hilda Holy Communion: Andy Radford
Thursday 28 th July:	9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
Sunday 31 st July:	<i>Proper 13/Trinity 7 (Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21)</i> 10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship: Holiday Club closing service? 6.30 pm No service 11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Matthew Hargreaves
Thursday 4 th August:	9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Nicola Milford
Sunday 7 th August:	<i>Proper 14/Trinity 8 (Hebrews 11:1-3 and 8-16, Luke 12:32-40)</i> 10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship: Local Preacher 11.00 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford 6.30 pm No service 11.00 am St Hilda Holy Communion: Katy Canty
Thursday 11 th August:	9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
Sunday 14 th August:	<i>Proper 15/Trinity 9 (Hebrews 11:29-12.2, Luke 12:49-56)</i> 10.30 am St Mary Holy Communion: Bill Forster 11.00 am St Nicholas Morning Worship: Garry Critchley 6.30 pm No service 11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Matthew Hargreaves
Thursday 18 th August:	9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion

Sunday 21st August:

Proper 16/Trinity 10 (Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17)

10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship: Andy Radford

11.00 am St Nicholas Morning Worship: Matthew Hargreaves

6.30 pm No service

11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Carol Burke

Thursday 25th August:

9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford

Sunday 28th August:

Proper 17/Trinity 11 (Hebrews 13:1-8 and 15-16, Luke 14:1 and 7:14)

10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship: Matthew Hargreaves

11.00 am St Nicholas Morning Worship: Carol Burke

6.30 pm No service

11.00 am St Hilda Holy Communion: Andy & Jen Radford

PARISH WALK – MAY 2022

The morning of May 28th dawned bright and clear. We began our day with some very tasty bacon butties at Strawberry Field followed by a stroll around the peaceful garden there. The original gates are a feature of the garden as is a panel showing how the children's home looked in days gone by.

From there we motored to Sefton Park. Beginning our walk near to the palm house we strolled along Greenbank Lane and into Greenbank Park itself.



There were some young ducklings and moorhen chicks on the lake.

We had a wander around the walled garden which is well worth a visit and then out onto Greenbank Road. From here we walked towards Rose Lane and Mossley Hill Church. After crossing Rose Lane we continued along Mossley Hill Road to Sudley House. We meandered down the tree lined path that follows the edge of the grounds and arrived back at the house.

Here we enjoyed a sit on the sheltered verandah and a spot of lunch.

Before returning to Sefton Park along Elmswood Road we had a look at the wonderful collection of paintings at Sudley. These include works by JMW

Turner, Gainsborough, Joshua Reynolds and the Pre - Raphaelites.

The house and art collection was bequeathed to the city of Liverpool in 1944 by Emma Holt and is now managed by National Museums Liverpool.

An interesting and varied walk with pleasant company.

As usually happens with our more local walks we all felt so very fortunate to have such a wealth of amenities on our doorsteps.

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Thanks everyone! Alison



Halewood Uni-Wise

Volunteers needed

We could do with a few more volunteers to help with this. If you can spare one or more Saturday mornings between 9 July and 20 August from 9.30 am (set up time) to just after 12 midday please let me know. We need help to take in and sort/hang/display new donations of items and to help people find items or to add them to our request list.

We will be up and running with our school uniform swap and giveaway scheme again this summer. We are planning to be open every Saturday from 10 am - 12 midday from 9 July - 20 August at St Nicholas' Centre. So, before you buy any items of school uniform for next year, do come along and see what is available. We have lots of items for little ones going into local school nurseries so please pass this information to anyone who might not otherwise see it.

We will also be taking donations of good clean, pre loved items of uniform for local schools. **(Please note we will not be able to take items from Halewood C of E right away as we have so many in stock and we need to find new homes for them first.)**

Alison Shacklady





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Can you fit the captions to the photos?

The Owl and the Pussycat and the Turkey who lived on the hill - Baileys Lane.



The Owl and the Pussycat dancing by the light of the moon - Rutland/Hollies Rd.

The Owl and the Pussycat and Piggywig and Turkey - Okell Drive.

The Owl and the Pussycat in the Pea Green Boat - Wood Rd.



The Owl and the Pussycat and the Bong Tree - Library.

The Owl and the Pussycat and Piggywig - Leathers Lane by St Mark's.



MEMORIES FROM THE HALEWOOD CULTURE FEST



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PLANT SWAP

Thank you to Jean and Colin Critchley for running their fundraising plant sale recently and to everyone who supported it. A magnificent £214 was raised for St Mary's.



'BEHIND THE SCENES'



HALEWOOD HISTORY TALK



SOME PHOTOS TAKEN FROM THE ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION



CARD MAKING WORKSHOP



FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP



Knowsley Borough of Culture



The Owl(s) and the Pussy Cat

If you have been in to St Nicholas Centre recently you may have noticed the parliament of owls on one of the notice boards. These were made by the brownies and the leaders. Each is unique, even if only through the expression created by the eyes, the position of the wings, the claws and the pattern of the papers. We have decided not to locate them to the Art and Craft

exhibition as they may get damaged when removed and the brownies want them back! More importantly, on Thursday 16th June, the pussy cat was delivered to St Nicholas. The installation was very efficient. The van reversed, the cat was lifted out, the plinth was positioned, ballast was added, and the cat was screwed into place. It is a



beautiful sculpture covered in mosaic tile to reflect the colours of the stained glass windows. We were certainly lucky with our cat. Hopefully people will appreciate it and it won't suffer the vandalism experienced by the cat located in Huyton. Another literary cat is located outside the library. Keep your eyes open as there are quite a few of them around and knitted contributions will be appearing soon.



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell to deliver Archbishop Blanch Lecture

Tuesday, November 22nd 7.00 pm
Liverpool Hope University

The Archbishop of York, the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell will deliver the 25th Archbishop Blanch Lecture. His theme 'Opening the Scriptures' explores what this means in an increasingly secular culture and why it still matters for Christian discipleship. As a prolific author and a national leader with a pastoral heart for the mission of the Church, Archbishop Stephen will challenge and encourage us in this vital task.

Hundreds of Year 6 pupils enjoy our leavers' services.

Liverpool Cathedral was full to the rafters for each of the Year 6 Leavers' Services held earlier this month. Organised by our diocesan education team and featuring the talents of In Another Place, the cathedral education team, Mount Church, St Helens, and Y Kids these services provided a memorable day for CofE school pupils. And a big thanks to the schools' choirs from Ainsdale St John's, Parish CE Primary, St Anne's, Stanley, and St John's Pemberton who provided excellent music.

With a theme exploring the dramatic effects of Moses leading the Israelites from slavery to freedom, the service shows the bigger difference that being part of the church family means to the young people of our diocese.

Journey into prayer

12 fortnightly sessions from September 2022 to Easter 2023

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As we consider prayer as part of our Rule of Life, Bishop Bev encourages us to look at Journey into Prayer with this important ecumenical course led by Sr Winnie Morley, Revd David Frudd and Revd Karen Beck Ignation Trained experienced Spiritual Directors.

Prayer forms part of our lives but we all need a booster, some ideas to encourage and support us. As a way of responding to many calls for help, Journey into Prayer explores the many rich methods of prayer in Christian Tradition.

Journey to Prayer will be on Tuesdays from 10 - 3 pm. Each day will include some teaching and exploration of the various traditions with sharing of the experience.

For more information contact Sr Winnie on 0151 722 2271 email cenacleliverpool@gmail.com

The closing date for applications is August 1st 2022.

Getting ready for the Great Big Green Week and the Season of Creation

The Great Big Green Week is a nationwide celebration of action on climate change, taking place across the UK from the 24 September - 2 October 2022, which falls during the Church's Season of Creation, giving Christian groups the perfect opportunity to join in.

Come along to hear about: how your church, cathedral, school or group can take part, inspiring examples from 2021, what organising a GBGW event involves, how to register your event, what grants are available and how to apply, and how it fits with the Season of Creation.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING

Junior Church at St Nicholas - *volunteers urgently needed*

Hayley McShane has taken over from Mary Carew as Leader of the Junior Church and urgently needs some more volunteer helpers to put on the rota. If you can help, please contact Hayley at cleme.h.nh@hotmail.co.uk

Bible Study Groups in Halewood

Are you interested in discussing and learning more about our faith and the Bible we base our faith on? In September, Vanessa and Mark Harrison will be beginning Bible study groups using a variety of new materials (Tuesday or Wednesday evenings). If you are interested in joining us please contact Vanessa on 07758490302 or ness.harrison@gmail.com

Request from Mothers' Union

Mother's Union have been asked to donate items for refugees coming to the Liverpool area particularly for pregnant or new mothers. The items particularly requested are: Large size sanitary towels; breastpads; nipple cream; nice smellies for mums; baby bath foam and similar items; nappies size 0-2; baby grows/baby clothes; small blankets. Also, craft items, eg wool and needles; large saucepans.

For more information or to donate contact Sheila Bersin on 486 7565

Sheila also says: If anyone could knit some "Teddies for Tragedy", it's a good way to use up the oddments of wool. Sheila has the pattern if anyone needs it. Very easy and colourful and it's only garter stitch with stocking stitch for the head. And doesn't take long!

Live Steaming of services on YouTube

Thanks to some grant funding from Community Foundation Merseyside, we have installed cameras in St Nicholas' to enable us to live stream services on YouTube. The YouTube channel is called St Nicholas St Mary's Halewood Team and the direct link



is: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_QFMMV0MxaTa38ibdkzVag.

We are streaming Sunday and Thursday morning services live and it is also available for you to watch later. You may wish to make use of this if you are unable to attend church in person for any reason.

We are live streaming Sunday services. If you subscribe to our YouTube Channel (It's free) it will make it easier to access in future.



“We asked food bank managers and users across the UK, and these are all the things people say consistently – time and time again – they need, but they are not things people often think to buy,” says Hodson. “And they make such a difference.”

1. Toilet roll

This is self-explanatory, and always necessary. “One food bank is having to ration it to one roll per household,” says Hodson.

2. Sanitary towels and tampons

“We don’t have the data on how users of the food banks break down across gender lines,” says Hodson. “When someone comes to the food bank, they’ll often pick up for the whole household.” But she adds: “[Feminine hygiene products] are an awkward thing to say that you’re short of. If you’re at the point where you can’t afford food, chances are that you’re not going to be able to afford sanitary products either.”

“It’s really important, especially in terms of dignity, to be able to cope. We’ve heard some horrible reports from some of our food banks where women were [having to use newspaper and that sort of thing](#). Obviously, you have to be resourceful in these situations and people come up with all kinds of coping mechanisms, but we’d prefer they didn’t have to cope, and that they actually were able to have what everybody else has.”

3. Tin openers

“There are all kinds of people who don’t have these, especially women who’ve been relocated because of domestic abuse,” says Hodson.

And as food banks get a lot of tinned, non-perishable food, this is a handy thing to drop off at the collection point.

4. Nappies

Generally, food banks would prefer disposable nappies over cloth nappies. “The best thing people can do is call their local food bank and find out what they need,” says Hodson.

“We get parents with children of all ages. Some of the most stark cases are women who have literally just given birth and haven’t got anything, and are really struggling as well as being a new mum.”

5. Toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, deodorant)

You know how at Christmas, lots of people get packs of toiletries they don’t want, because it’s a bit of a standard present? Bring them along to your local food bank collection point. “If people don’t want them,” says Hodson, “it’d be amazing if they gave them to the food bank, because it’s the kind of thing that makes a massive difference.”

Shaving gels and foams are also welcome.

6. Baby food

Baby food is another item that many people don’t think to include on their list of donations to food banks, says Hodson. Well, now you know. *(taken from the Foodbank website)*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wedding bookings and Vestry Dates for weddings and baptisms

We have a team of wedding secretaries (Rachel Mason, Keighley McLinden and Su O'Brien) who are working with the wardens and clergy to look after wedding bookings and reading of banns, and they will also liaise generally with new and existing wedding couples. They can be contacted on a new dedicated email address: halewoodparishweddings@hotmail.com or at wedding vestries which will be held every third Thursday of the month from 7.00 - 7.45 pm at the St Nicholas' Centre. Keep a lookout in the next parish magazine for an article about our wedding secretaries, so that you can recognise them if you see them in church!

Confirmation 2022

Our Halewood/Hunts Cross confirmation service this year will be on Sunday 20th November at 6.30 pm. Confirmation preparation for adults and young people (Year 6 and above) will begin shortly. A separate email about this will be sent out.

HOLIDAY CLUB

This year's Holiday Club 'Powerful Parables' will be running at St Mary's from 25th to 29th July from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. Please contact Mike Sutcliffe to book places.

Volunteers to help during the week are also needed, again please contact Mike at Natasia.circuitchildren@gmail.com

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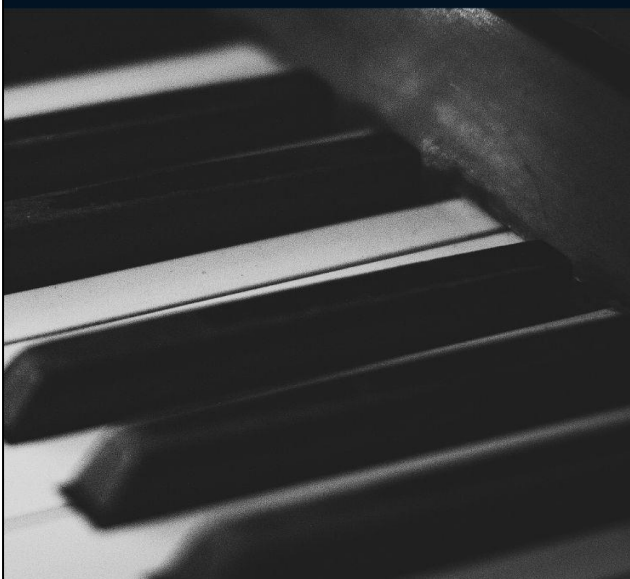
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