

The Blaby Baptist Messenger

**June
July
2019**

A welcoming church serving the community with the love of Jesus

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Greetings from Pastor Pauline

Dear Friends

This year has again seen a growth in Baby Baptist Church both in the numbers of people joining us for worship, especially in Messy Church and spiritually as prayer and scripture have become more important in people's lives and a new home group has started. The new men's prayer scrum is a joy to see.

It does mean that sometimes it feels like we are in a boat being tossed about on the waves wondering what God is going to do next or where He is calling us to go.

Over the last few weeks I have spent much time seeking answers to these questions and it may come as a relief to many of you that I sense He says, "Just keep going in this direction." So, no major changes!!

Prayer will continue to undergird everything that we do and so at some point in the future we are looking to start a second monthly prayer meeting (probably on a Sunday evening) that will focus on listening to God for ourselves and for the church. So, watch out for details.

Holiday Club this year will be from August 12th for one week, 10am-12pm. If you would like to help please see Jon, Laura or Pauline. The theme is Superheroes.

With a growing church there are many opportunities to get involved, share your gifting and serve this community. The deacons are already stretched in all that they do and can no longer be expected to be at every event or meeting. So, everyone is needed to share God's ministry to grow His kingdom here.

And may you know His blessings as you continue to walk with Him.

Pauline





Thank you

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your support over the last few weeks surrounding my Mum's death. It has been one of the most difficult periods of my life, so I have appreciated both your prayers, kind words and practical support. I do want to say a big thank you to Nev for driving a group of you to her funeral-and to him and Bette for singing. That was very special.

Mum and I had had many conversations over the last couple of years about her dying but I was not prepared for how painful this would be. But the sense of God's presence throughout this time has never left me and I am grateful to Him for His strength and peace.

Please do keep me in your prayers

God bless,
Pauline

Personal

Father help us to keep our focus on you when the pain and hurt is overwhelming. Help us to be faithful and to see the good and blessings that surround us. Please strengthen our mind, heart, and body and heal us today. May the Holy Spirit guide us in peace and comfort today. Amen."

Father in our church family there are those we lift to you in prayer. We lift to you Pauline, Roy and Wynne, Jan and Roy, Allan and Sharon, Di, Hilda, Maria, Derek, Anne, Mick, Mark and all who need your healing touch. We also offer up thanksgiving for Trish and Stuart as they start their married life together and Josie and Gavin as they continue their life together. Bless them and keep them.

Heavenly Father, we count our blessing one by one each day and give you the glory in the name of Jesus. Amen.



Baptism



THEREFORE WE ARE BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH: THAT LIKE AS CHRIST WAS RAISED UP FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, EVEN SO WE ALSO SHOULD WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.

ROMANS 6:4

WEDDING



A Marriage Prayer

*God fill your marriage
with memories to treasure*

*Of faith and trust along the way
of love too deep to measure*

*And bring to you as man and wife
the happiness of knowing*

*That God who fills your cup of life
will keep it overflowing*

Presenting Trish and Stuart Shaw



WE
Still
DO



Jessie
&
Gavin





2 Timothy 1:6

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen



Major Trends in Christian Persecution

1. The shocking reality of persecution against women

In the 2019 World Watch List reporting period, there were shocking details about the persecution experienced by Christian women. In many places, they experience “double persecution”—one for being a Christian and one for being a woman. Even in the most restricted circumstances, gender-specific persecution is a key means of destroying the minority Christian community. This kind of persecution is difficult to assess because it is complex, violent and hidden—in many cultures where women are specifically targeted, it is difficult if not impossible to report accurate numbers.

2. Islamic oppression continues to impact millions of Christians

In 7 out of the top 10 World Watch List countries, the primary cause of persecution is Islamic oppression. This means, for millions of Christians—particularly those who grew up Muslim or were born into Muslim families—openly following Jesus can have painful consequences. They can be treated as second-class citizens, discriminated against for jobs or even violently attacked.

3. The world’s two most-populated countries on the World Watch List

For the first time since the start of the World Watch List, India has entered the top 10. Additionally, China jumped 16 spots, from 43 to 27. Each of these countries is home to more than a billion people, so these trends are distressing. Hindu nationalists in India continue to attack Christians with what seems like no consequences, and in China, the increased power of the government and the rule of Xi Jinping continue to make open worship difficult in some parts of the country.

4. The spread of Islam across sub-Saharan Africa

While the violent excesses of ISIS and other Islamic militants have mostly disappeared from headlines from the Middle East, their loss of territory there means that fighters have dispersed to a larger number of countries not only in the region but, increasingly, into sub-Saharan Africa. Their radical ideology has inspired or infiltrated, numerous splinter groups such as Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), a deadly group that broke away from Nigeria's Boko Haram that also enslaves Christian women and girls as an integral part of their strategy.

Please pray for:

- 141 Christians (including 14 children) arrested in Eritrea. The present whereabouts of the 14 children are unknown.
- A Christian couple in Bangladesh, who were so badly beaten by husband's brother after wife's baptism, that they were hospitalised for 3 days and now cannot return home.
- In Vietnam, Christians - 57-year-old man and his 90 year old mother - were beaten and thrown out of their house by his wife and their children. A church in a nearby village has taken in the mother but the man is a refugee, displaced from his wife and family.
- 26 Christians injured and 13 churches destroyed or vandalised in Ethiopia recently.

(Information obtained from Open Doors USA website May 2019)



OpenDoors
Serving persecuted **Christians** worldwide

Blaby Baptist Church

81st year

Women's Own

June 5th

Cream Tea 2:00 - 4:00pm

£4

July 3rd

Quiz 2:30 - 4:00 pm



Bring a friend - she will be glad you did

Friendship Group

Meets every Wednesday evening

7:30pm

June 5th Movie Makers

June 12th Talk BBC Lounge

June 19th BBQ Half Penny Cottage

June 26th Visit Out Foxton Locks

July 3rd TBA

July 10th BBQ at Jan & Roy's

July 17th TBA

July 24th Invite to Ernest's

July 31 TBA





Happy Birthday
To all those people
Celebrating a birthday
In June and July.

Thank you to all of those who
Are a part of The Birthday
Scheme. Your support is greatly
Appreciated by those your money
Helps. Thank you again for you
Support.



Get involved in this worthy cause. Talk to Gloria Benford for
more information



Do something wonderful on your birthday.
Share the gift of life.



Informal Prayer Meeting

Every Monday

11:00 AM

Church Lounge

Everybody Welcome





SUNDAY EVENING

WORSHIP MEETINGS

Dates are confirmed for our evening meetings in 2019 which will be held at 6pm:-

30 June
28 July
18 August
29 September
27 October
24 November
No meeting in December



Praise Him!



Discipleship, worship, prayer,
Bible study and social time.

Alternate Tuesdays

Contact Pauline

0116 247 7450

Alternate Thursdays

Contact Kate

07506589852

Come and join us for



It is time for the whole family to be involved in:

June 2nd

Games

Songs

Crafts

Stories

July 7th

Activities

Food

We will be delighted to welcome you on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm

what
if **YOU** could
ASK GOD
ONE QUESTION

Alpha

Do you have questions?

What is the meaning of life?

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Why is there suffering?

Who is God?

Come along to the Alpha Course and find the
answers you are looking for.

If you would like to be part of an exciting
journey? Talk to June Hughes for more
information.

June Hughes 0780 9502830

Steady Steps Plus

£3

Per session



**A rejuvenating exercise programme helping
to develop strength and balance**

**Are you
over 65?**

**Do you feel
unsteady on
your feet?**

**Have you
previously
fallen or worry
about falling?**

**Would
you like to
improve your
balance?**

SESSION DETAILS

THURSDAYS - 2-3PM

BLABY BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTHFIELD ROAD
BLABY
LEICESTER
LE8 4GU

SESSION LENGTH: 1 hour

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

For more information and to book your place please contact:

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To face the challenges we see in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and to deliver our plans to meet them, health organisations have created Better Care Together - a Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (an STP). The partnership is working closely with local authorities too.

Offertory

Envelopes		Open Plate	Total
March			
3rd	£655	£66.77	£827.77
10th	£235	£101.50	£442.50
17th	£257.50	£102.80	£466.30
24th	£237.50	£116	£459.25
31st	£525	£69.25	£459.50

Average £579.24

April			
7th	£270	£129.70	£587.20
14th	£312.50	£154.22	£654.22
21st	£197.50	£160.62	£545.62
28th	£605	£69.01	£861.51

Average £662.13

Les

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
...
GENEROUSLY

Thoughts from the Reluctant Editor

Life is funny and sometimes not in a haha way. As you know Julian (my husband) had been working away in Guernsey since November. His contract ran out just before Easter so was expected back on the 8th of April. Happy days, my husband, cook and dog walker was coming home! Sure enough Monday the 8th arrives, I go to work, come home and he follows me in the door. Joy and thank God he is home safe and sound. Get up Tuesday go to work, come home and Julian was in bits, what is going on? Our very good friend and the best man at our wedding had committed suicide, a deep sadness overwhelmed us but at least we were together in order to support each other. God was there and is there and he is helping us to keep moving.

Move along two months and what is around the corner? Julian has been accepted to teach at an international school in Ibiza so we are moving to Spain. Who saw that coming? Not me. This is an exciting time and yet tinged with sadness as well because it means leaving my church family, my friends and neighbours behind to go off to a new chapter in this life of ours. I don't know why all of this has happened, but God does, and I trust he knows what he is doing when I don't. So pray for us as we prepare to enter into the next chapter of this crazy life.

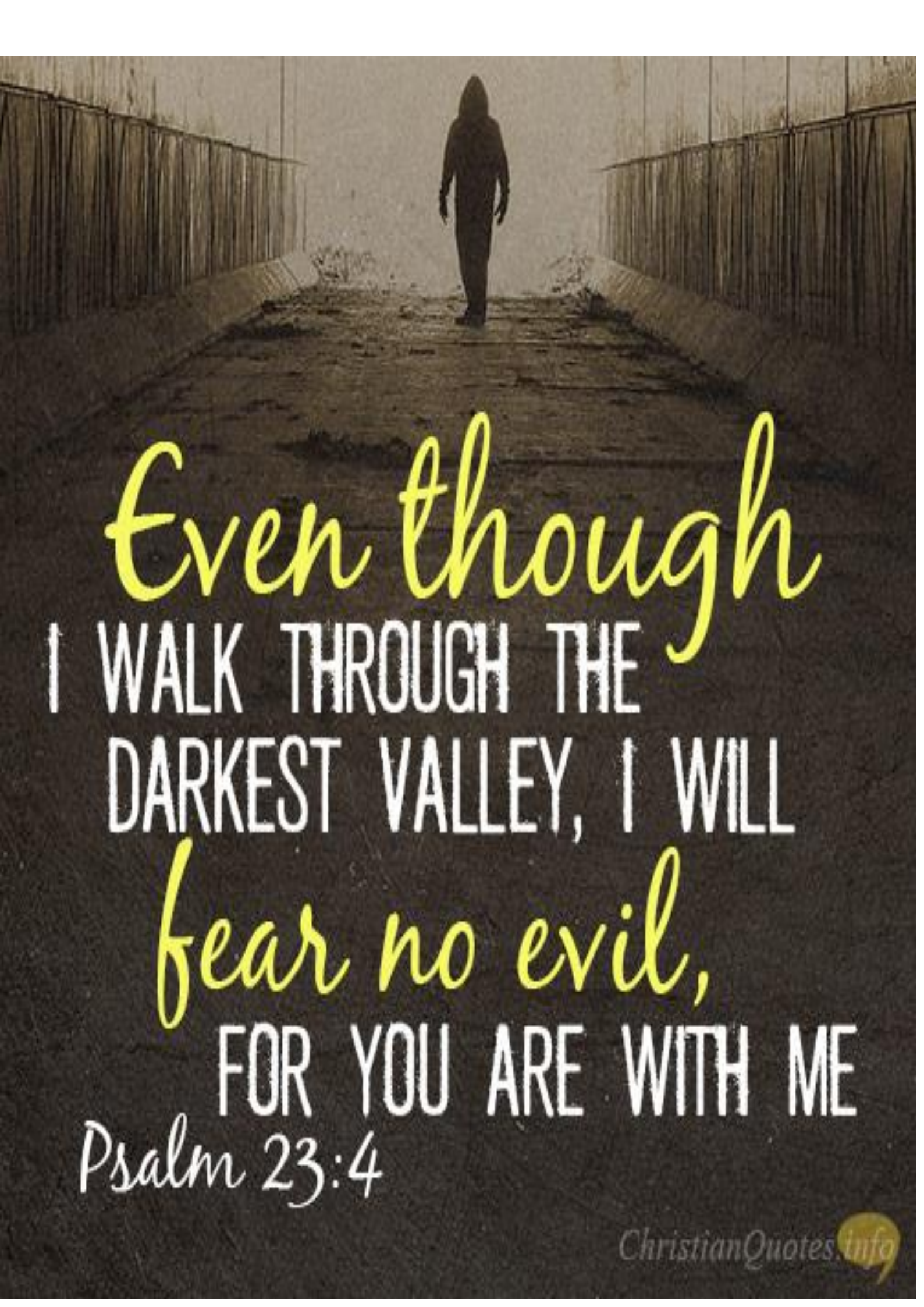
Karen



Broken Pieces

If you are broken by life trials
and weary from life's defeats.
If you have been badly battered
and have no joy or peace.
Give God your broken pieces
so He will mold them back in place.
He can make them better than before
with a touch of His sweet grace.
If your dreams have been shattered
after much struggle and pain.
Even if your life seems hopeless
God can restore you again.
God can take broken pieces
and He can make them whole.
It matters not how badly broken
God has the power to restore.
So we are never without hope
no matter the shape we are in.
God can take our fragmented lives
and put them together again.
So if you're broken beyond measure
and you don't know what to do.
God specializes in broken things
so His glory can shine through.

--Lenora McWhorter



Even though
I WALK THROUGH THE
DARKEST VALLEY, I WILL
fear no evil,
FOR YOU ARE WITH ME
Psalm 23:4

FAITH CUP

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

ROMANS 5:2 KJV

The Good Book

by 



Blaby Baptist Church Calendar

June

Sun	2nd	Morning Worship + Blaze	Messy Church 4 pm
Mon	3rd	Prayer Meeting 7pm	
Sun	9th	Pentecost Worship + Blaze	
Mon	10th	Deacons' Meeting 7 pm	
Tue	11th	Bible Study	
Sun	16th	Morning Worship + Blaze + Communion	
Sun	23rd	Morning Worship + Blaze	
Tue	25th	Bible Study 7 pm	
Tue	25th	July 3rd Pauline on holiday	
Sun	30th	Morning Worship + Blaze	Evening Praise 6 pm



Church Services

Sunday Service: 10:45 am

Communion: The third Sunday of every month.

Groups

Wednesday:

Playtime: 10am-11:30 an informal drop-in session for babies and toddlers. £1 per session.

Contact Pauline 0116 2477450

Friendship Group: 7:30pm-9pm every Wednesday.

Contact Pauline 0116 2477450

Women's Own: 2:30-4pm every first Wednesday.

Contact Pauline 0116 2477450

Friday:

Rhythm Time: morning classes (babies and toddlers)

Contact Chris 0116 2773239

Rainbows/ Brownies/ Guides/ Rangers

Contact Beryl 07891689841

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