



**Sunday 24th May 2026**

## **Pentecost**

**You are most welcome.**

A message to new visitors is found on page 3.  
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**8:00am Holy Communion** (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant: The Rector

**10:30am Parish Eucharist** (*Common Worship*)

Celebrant: The Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males

Preacher: The Rector

Setting: 'A People's Mass - Anthony Gregory Murray with  
Coventry Gloria Easter Alleluia (Tone VI) "from Ascension  
Day until the Day of Pentecost" and Easter Dismissal

Hymns: 431, 143, 134, 486

Music at Communion:

'*O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit*' Thomas Tallis

'*Come down, O love divine*' William Harris

Postlude:

*"Fantasia : 'Komm, Heiliger Geist' BWV 652" JS Bach*

### **For your prayers**

**At This Time**

Jennie Frampton, Lindsay Gorringe, David Robertson, Clive Taylor, Antony Johnston, HM The King, the bereaved, and those suffering during warfare

**Recently Departed  
Year's Mind**

William Tappenden

Henry John Bragg, Daniel Horst, Joyce Benton, Caroline Ponsonby  
Jasmin Mary Whittaker, Mildred Edith Morecraft, Raymond  
Miller

# Reflection for the week

The Reverend Robin Bendall

Hello and Happy Pentecost to all! This is one of those days when the fire officers of fire fearing nations check their appliances and make sure that all sensible fire precautions are in place. We have this impression of a bunch of people floating about speaking in tongues with a flame sitting precariously on the top of their heads... That will learn you to put on too much hair product, when admiring yourself in the mirror in the morning. The other impression which encounters me is the idea of great joy. So much so that those folk wandering around the same location, in the original story, accuse the people of drinking new wine - heady stuff! A childlike painting comes to mind of a great huddle of folk with said flames coming out of their heads, all with that single line, happy smile on their two dimensional faces, this time they are in a boat, which seems to be the boat in which we all find ourselves.

There is no doubt that it is thoroughly intentional to create pictures and feelings in the way God does when telling us about Pentecost. We receive these images and our reaction is expected. For the many, it does seem fantastical, unreasonable, even suspicious, almost it could be the sort of image that only happens under the influence of wee dram of Beaujolais Nouveau or a new pressing last autumn Riesling. For the rest of us, however, there is no need at all to be under the influence to accept what is happening here. We feel sad, bereft, betrayed even, when the Lord ascends - but do we and indeed should we? Yes, His physical presence has left us but His teaching, love and philosophy remain and just in case we do find it too hard to handle. He sends Pentecost and we are filled with the Spirit, as He promised, we are entrusted with His way as the disciples were and as we, his disciples, are today. We are filled with the Spirit like Eldad and Medad and we do have the power to continue His work, as they did. Moses is right (of course he is, wouldn't you be if you had been standing next to a burning bush?) God's

work is not only for the great and the good but for any half decent person who is willing to have faith in God and His desire to serve His people.

There is also an emphasis on language. Everybody seems to speak each other's language. Or rather, everybody seems to be able to hear and understand one another. A contrast occurs here with the happenings at the Tower of Babel. The Babel people consider themselves to be as good if not better than God. It is so easy to get to Heaven... you just build a tower! God gives them the gift of different languages so that their ill will is made impotent. At Pentecost, God gives us the same language of love and good will, the common desire for righteousness, the resilient push towards doing good to destroy evil.

These, similarly to mathematics and music, transcend any social, cultural, spiritual or national prejudices and indeed bind the good people of God's Kingdom here on earth. It is of no surprise to any one of us that when we travel, we have absolutely no difficulty in conversing with those who have the same intent to do good. Mutual decent purpose will supply all the communication we need. And Joy. Joy is the subtext to each of our readings this morning. Why would we not rejoice in our Lord who wishes for us to fill the world with good and wonder? How could we have anything but joy when we (slow of brain cell, as we are) when we have, once again, endless evidence to confirm that all of Jesus' prophecy, teaching and promises are true and are happening then, now and always. So, Folks, we have a job to do. We are entrusted with the Spirit. The Spirit is an inseparable part of the Trinity. We are entrusted with God; He is part of us and we are part of HIM. Let us be worthy of this calling, let us be the shining light of God, let us do as much good as we can and let us respond to all with joy, love and loving actions - particularly to those who think we have sampled too much just fermented Grüner Veltlinger.

# New to St Clements?

Welcome! We're delighted that you're here

**T**here has been a place of Christian prayer on this site for more than 1,000 years. All are welcome at our services - whatever your background and whatever your faith.

Many of the words of our service can be found from page five of this booklet. Feel free to join in with the words in bold, and to stand, kneel, or sit as you feel able and comfortable. Don't worry about getting it 'right', we're all learning to pray!

The service will start with notices and a hymn. We then bring to mind the times we've not loved God, our neighbours, and ourselves fully. Though it can be uncomfortable admitting we are sinners, we want to be honest with God (and ourselves) that we're not perfect. We can trust that God is utterly loving and forgiving.

A series of readings from scripture follows, and then the sermon, in which the preacher attempts to break open the scriptures and apply them to our lives today.

We pray for the needs of the Church and world, and then the altar is prepared. A collection will be taken, as 'giving' is an important part of

our Christian lives, but don't worry if you're unable to contribute as a visitor.

The priest leads the Eucharistic Prayer - the prayer of thanksgiving - during which we offer bread and wine to God, and He transforms it into the Body and Blood of Christ.

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion (it's fine to only receive the Body or Blood if you prefer. For reasons of hygiene please don't dip the wafer into the chalice). Or do come forward holding this booklet to receive a blessing. **If you need a gluten-free wafer please let someone at the door know before the service.**

We share refreshments in the Sunley Room (accessed up the ramp behind the organ), and you are most welcome to stay. Toilets may also be found here.

The Church is open daily for peace and prayer. If you'd like to know more about our worship or faith, do talk to people in the congregation or one of the priests. You can also visit our website, [www.stclementschurchsandwich.org.uk](http://www.stclementschurchsandwich.org.uk)

# Music at 10:30am today

On this Whit Sunday, the choir sings two pieces about the Holy Spirit with composition dates separated by some 400 years. The first – *O Lord give thy Holy Spirit*’ is by Thomas Tallis (c1505 – 1585) who was one time organist at Dover Priory and lay-clerk at Canterbury Cathedral. Together with William Byrd, Tallis held the monopoly on music printing in England from 1575 and was also the joint organist of the Chapel Royal. Both he and Byrd wrote works in Latin and English, continuing to write Latin works even after the Act of Uniformity of 1549 which abolished Latin in English church services, replacing it with the Book of Common Prayer. The words of this anthem rather crosses the Latin/English divide as they originate from the Latin ‘Domine, spiritum sanctum tuum in cordibus nostris’ and translated to English, becoming known as one of Lidley’s Prayers – ‘*O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit in to our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life, that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent*’.

It is followed by a setting of the familiar hymn *Come down O Love*

*divine*, but to a tune composed by Sir William Harris (1883-1973) in 1965. Harris made a significant contribution to church music in this country, having served as a cathedral organist, choral trainer and composer. He was also Professor of organ and harmony at the Royal College of Music and known by his nickname “Doc”. In 1933 he was appointed organist at St George’s Chapel, Windsor as well as directing the music at two Coronations. The well-loved words of this hymn are attributed to the Tuscan monk Bianco da Siena (d 1434).

The outgoing voluntary is a Chorale Prelude by J S Bach written very specifically for this feast of Pentecost – ‘*Komm, heiliger Geist Herre Gott*’ (Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord). It is a fast whirlwind fantasia for full organ, with the chorale melody given in very slow notes in the pedals below rushing semiquavers in the manuals. There is an unmistakable link to the theme of Pentecost suggested by this music that seems to depict the rushing wind of the Holy Spirit.

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# Order of Service

## The Gathering

*Notices are given before the service. Stand for the opening hymn:*

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*Hymn 431*  
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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. The Lord be with you and also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Confessing our Sins

*The Celebrant introduces a period of silence in which all call to mind their sins. Then all kneel or sit.*

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in

thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

*The Celebrant pronounces the forgiveness of sins. All stand.*

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

We worship you, glory in the highest, give you thanks, glory in the highest, praise you for your glory. Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of

the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, **have mercy on us.** You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, **receive our prayer.**

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. Amen. Amen.**

*The Celebrant introduces the Collect with the words 'Let us pray' and a period of silence. Then*

*The Celebrant says:* Let us pray: God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All say Amen.*

## The Scriptures

### *Acts 2.1–21*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are

not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the Choir sing  
Psalm 104 v 26-end*

*There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan: whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.*

*These wait all upon thee : that thou mayest give them meat in due season.*

*When thou givest it them they gather it : and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.*

*When thou hidest thy face they are troubled : when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.*

*When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made : and thou*

*shalt renew the face of the earth.*

*The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever : the Lord shall rejoice in his works.*

*The earth shall tremble at the look of him : if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.*

*I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live : I will praise my God while I have my being.*

*And so shall my words please him : my joy shall be in the Lord.*

*As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end : praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.*

*1 Corinthians 12.3b-13*

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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*Hymn 143*  
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*Turn to face the Book of the Gospels  
as it moves to the centre of the nave.  
A Gospel proclamation is sung.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 20.19–23*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*A sermon is preached.*

**The Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Intercessions & Peace**

*Kneel or sit to pray. The following response may be used:* Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer** *At the end:* Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Stand for the Peace* The peace of the

Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*The altar is prepared while we sing.*

*A collection, taken as the congregation arrived, is offered up to God. If you would like to make a donation*



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*Thank you.*

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### *Hymn 134*

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### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The Celebrant prays over the offerings, and all respond Amen.*

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant prays the Preface, leading into:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in**

**the highest. *All kneel or sit***

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary, Clement, Peter, Paul, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. *All say boldly: Amen.*

## Preparation for Communion

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

## Holy Communion

*Sidespeople will indicate when to move for Holy Communion. If it is your custom, you are welcome to receive Communion, or bring this booklet with you to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing.*

*After all have received Holy*

*Communion, Stand as the Celebrant says* Let us pray: Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All say Amen.*

*All say* Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

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## *Hymn 486*

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## Going out into the World

*This is followed by the blessing and dismissal:* The Lord be with you. And also with you. *The Celebrant blesses and dismisses the congregation.* Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia. **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

*The organ postlude is part of our act of worship, please remain quiet.*

*If you are able, do please stay for refreshments after the service - served from in front of the high altar.*



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# St Clement's Churchyard Rediscovered

## Early Summer Update

The churchyard has looked both glorious and welcoming this spring. The volunteers have been buoyed by the many positive comments we have received from the local community and visitors alike. It is clear that our ambition to create a haven for wild flowers and wildlife is working but more importantly a place of contemplation and reflection for people too.

The multi-coloured tapestry that was the Spring Bulb Meadow has now long passed its shimmering best but has been replaced by the clouds of white flowers of the Queen Anne's Lace so beloved by many. If you enjoyed the gradual unfolding of the Spring Bulb Meadow and would like to contribute to it for 2027 please leave any surplus bulbs in the North Porch and I will collect them and dry them out in preparation for planting in the late autumn.

It has been a very busy time in the St Clement's Apiary too; our four strong colonies that survived the challenges of winter have quickly become nine. Healthy colonies will split as soon as the bees feel safe to do so and we have successfully collected these swarms thanks to early intelligence provided by our Bee Watchers, pre-eminent among them being Father Sebastian. Of course, busy bees produce copious amounts of liquid gold and Paul and I have just completed processing our first honey harvest. As in the past, half-pound jars will be available for a suggested £5 donation [very few now remain in the Parish Office! ed.].

Finally, on your behalf, I would like to thank the hardy group of volunteers who care for the churchyard. We have several new members who have brought with them new ideas as well as energy and enthusiasm. Please keep an eye out for the graves and tombs that are being rediscovered, the new green paths that are being mown and the emerging areas where the canopy is being raised to help our wild flowers regenerate.

## **Zoom Compline**

Join us for our service of quiet prayer and reflection on Zoom, hosted by St Clement's Church, Sandwich. Next Compline: Wednesday 27th May, 7:30 pm (Duration 25 minutes)

To join, please visit: [www.stclementsandwich.org.uk](http://www.stclementsandwich.org.uk)  
and go to Services -> Worship & Prayer -> Zoom Compline  
for login details.

## **Parish Office Telephone**

The BT Callminder system on which the Parish Office telephone operates has developed a fault and is not working. We are battling to get this fixed. For now, if you require Caroline in the Office please either email [admin@stclementsandwich.org.uk](mailto:admin@stclementsandwich.org.uk), or drop in in person.

Thank you.

# Parish Directory

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# The week ahead

**Monday 25th May** - **The Venerable Bede, R**

**Tuesday 26th May** - **Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, B**

**Wednesday 27th May** - **Feria**

10:00am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

**Thursday 28th May** - **Feria**

**Friday 29th May** - **Feria**

9:45am Morning Prayer

From 10:00am Coffee Pot (*Parish Hall*)

**Saturday 30th May** - **Josephine Butler**

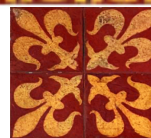
**Sunday 31st May** - **The Most Holy Trinity**

8:00am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

10:30am Parish Eucharist

*Celebrant: The Rector*

*Preacher: The Rector*



<i>Day</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
<i>Monday</i>	Ps 123, 124, 125, 126+ Joshua 1	Ps 127, 128, 129 + Romans 1.1–17
<i>Tuesday</i>	Ps 132, 133+ Joshua 2	Ps (134), 135 + Romans 1.18–end
<i>Wednesday</i>	Ps 119.153–end + Joshua 3	Ps 136 + Romans 2.1–16
<i>Thursday</i>	Ps 143, 146+ Joshua 4.1–5.1	Ps 138, 140, 141 + Romans 2.17–end
<i>Friday</i>	Ps 142, 144 + Joshua 5.2–end	Ps 145 + Romans 3.1–20
<i>Saturday</i>	Ps 147+ Joshua 6.1–20	Ps 97, 98 + Mark 1.1–13

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