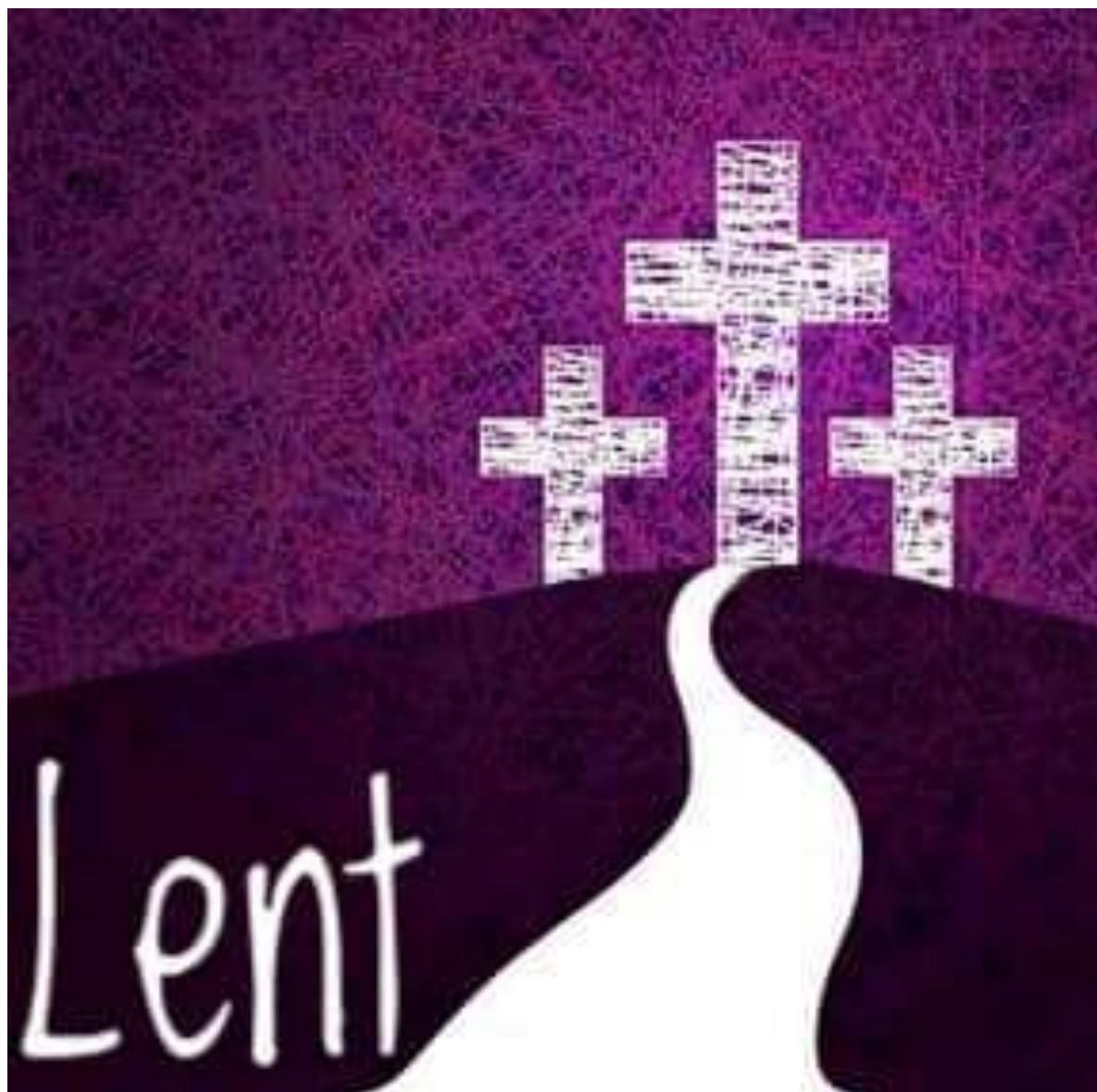


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St Elphin's Church Services March 2020

Sunday 1st March, 1st Sunday of Lent

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

12.30pm Holy Baptism

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 4th March

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th March, 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 11th March

10.00am Holy Communion

7.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 15th March, 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

12.30pm Holy Baptism

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 18th March

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd March, Mothering Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 25th March

10.00am Holy Communion

7.30pm Holy Communion – Lady Day

Sunday 29th March, 5th Sunday of Lent

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Worship in the Parish

Sundays:

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

12.30pm Holy Baptism (1st & 3rd only)

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesdays:

10.00am Holy Communion

Saints' Days and other Holy Days

7.30pm Holy Communion (unless stated otherwise)

A Loop System is in operation in the Church to assist hearing aid users. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position for it to be effective.

There are large print copies of the Hymn Book and the Communion Service. Please ask the Church Wardens or Sidespeople if you would like a copy.

Special Services are announced through Church Notices, the Parish Magazine and the Website as necessary.

Holy Communion is taken regularly to the Sick and Housebound by our Clergy and Team of Licensed Eucharistic Ministers. Please inform the Clergy when parishioners are ill, either at home or in hospital.

The Parish Staff

**For all enquiries during the interregnum
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From Archdeacon Simon

Dear Friends,

I have been asked to write a few words to introduce myself as your new archdeacon and to reflect on some of my hopes for the archdeaconry of St Helens & Warrington. It has been good to visit St Elphin's already once or twice and to meet some of you in person, and I look forward to many more visits in the future as we work together for God's glory and His vision for the world.

I will be spending quite a bit of time in my first few months getting around the archdeaconry, which includes St Helens, Widnes, and Winwick deaneries as well as Warrington. I have been in the diocese for the last ten years (as vicar of St John's Tuebrook in Liverpool) but I am enjoying getting to know this part of our diocese better. I am originally from Lincolnshire, on quite the other side of the country, and have also ministered in London, Bath, and Northamptonshire.

My wife Katryn and I will soon be moving to Burtonwood, where we will be living, with our children Charles (12), Lucy (10), Bertie (8), and Hester (2, but she would want me to say, almost 3).

To be an archdeacon is (translated) to be the "chief servant" which is not a bad thing for any Christian to be called. The archdeacon is first of all the servant of the bishop, but it reminds me also to be your servant and the servant of all the churches in the archdeaconry, to help you in your turn be better servants of God and his children.

The question I am asking myself as I travel around the archdeaconry is: what do you need? What do you need to help build sustainable church communities? What do you need to grow in your discipleship of Jesus? What do you need to give you the ability to serve the poor? What do you need so that your churches may grow with new disciples?

I am asking myself these question, but I will also be asking you, and especially your churchwardens, PCCs, clergy and other leaders. You know your communities and towns better than I do, and I would love to hear from you what are your hopes and dreams for God's work here in Warrington, and how we can make it easier for you to do your ministry.

And I hope that you will ask yourselves the same questions: how can we all do better in the inner journey of discipleship, and in the outer

journey of evangelism and service? What do we need to help and support us in this work that God gives us? What do our neighbours need so that they too may flourish under God? And how can I be a part of that?

I wish you all a disciplined, joyful, fruitful Lent as we grow together in God's service.

With every blessing,
Archdeacon Simon

St John's Court

The next service of Holy Communion at St John's Court will be on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 11.30am.

All are welcome.



Revision of Church Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has to be revised in preparation for the Annual Church Meeting. The Roll will be open for revision from Sunday 22nd March to Sunday 5th April.

If you are a member of the congregation of St Elphins and are not on the Roll please fill in a form and return it to Dianne Rothwell or the Churchwardens. A copy of the present roll is available in church for inspection.

Please note that the Annual Church Meeting will take place on Monday 27th April at 7.30pm in Church.

Pause for Thought with Norma Fox

'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'

How many of us have ever watched the lunchtime programme 'Loose Women'? Well it's a panel of four very outspoken women who discuss and answer questions sent in by the public, however difficult or sensitive, as honestly as they can.

Sometimes the questions are silly and can make you laugh while others touch on experiences in private life, but one question asked recently captured my interest.

'When you do something wrong, are you brave and honest enough to own up, take responsibility for the deed, or do you pass on the blame to someone else or something other?'

Well that really set me thinking about human nature, and the bad thing about being human is that we seem to find it so easy to wriggle out of coming to terms with our own wrong doing, and find it easy to indulge in our own selfishness and to hurt others. Even with the best intentions, left to ourselves, we are tempted, we fail and we sin.

As Christians we know that Christ is a friend of sinners. The good news is that in Christ, God meets us where we are, loves us warts and all and brings about reconciliation, forgiveness and peace. We are given the grace to resist temptation, to shoulder our responsibilities when we act without love, and the chance to turn our lives around. If Christ lives in us, we will leave glorious marks on the lives we touch, not because of the beauty in our own characters but because of His beauty working within us.

From the panel of four 'Loose Women' came different answers. One said, it was easy when she was young to place the blame elsewhere! I wonder did she feel that youth allowed her licence to deceive both herself and others? While yet another answer of saying 'sorry it was me' to everything merely made me think that the confession was made without much consideration of its importance.

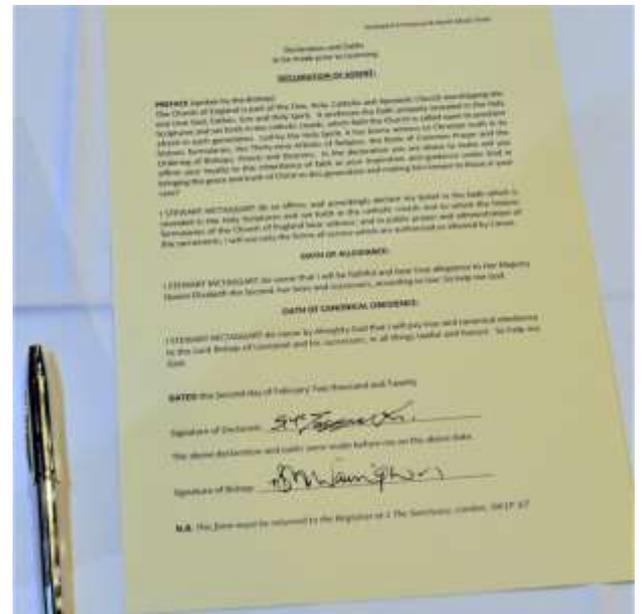
How, I ask, would you or I act in the face of our own shortcomings, the temptations that crowd our lives; would we follow our own human nature, or as Christians be brave, honest and thoughtful in our actions seeking the loving and forgiveness of our God when we fail Him?

If we pause to think, we'll have cause to be thankful.

Reverend Stewart McTaggart

A good number of us were able to attend Stewart's Installation as Priest in Charge of Southport Emmanuel and Assistant Curate of the North Meols Team on Sunday 2nd February by Archdeacon Pete.

Thanks to Rob Corcoran from Emmanuel Church for the photos.



Lent

As we prepare for Lent
Fill us anew
With more understanding
Of what you can do
Both in us and through us
Through the power of love
Poured out in abundance
From the realms up above
Take captive each thought
That runs through our minds
Into the darkness
Let your light of love shine
As hearts are prepared
And hopes are restored
As we journey through Lent
To meet with our Lord
At the foot of the cross
Where we will then see
Death's been defeated
As love rules supreme.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Karen Wilson

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020/2021

The Envelopes for 2020/2021 will be available in Church from Sunday 22nd March for those who remain in the Scheme.

The envelopes provide a regular source of income which enable us to pay our Parish Share and continue our Ministry in the Parish and Town.

Thank you for all that you give. If you would like to join the Parish Envelope Scheme please speak to the Churchwardens.

Church Finances latest update

Last year I started to provide details of the income and expenditure monthly. It is difficult at the beginning of the year to see the trend so I have included 2019 figures for comparison.

Month	Income		Expenditure	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
January	4,774	5,252	7,619	8,116
February	4,042		6,457	
March	10,807		7,812	
April	9,368		8,028	
May	5,807		9,054	
June	9,279		8,997	
July	9,230		7,397	
August	4,523		7,587	
Sept	10,857		8,121	
Oct	6,185		6,619	
Nov	7,657		7,525	
Dec	9,130		9,932	
Total	£91,659	£5,252	£95,148	£8,116

Expenditure over income circa £2,800 in January 2020.

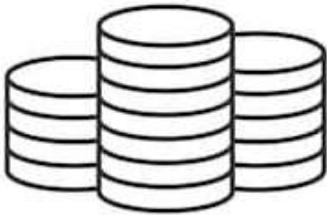
£2,827 owing to Diocese and £3,220 wedding deposits held in general account

Wendy Bailey, PCC Treasurer



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Offering
Envelopes

Weekly Envelope Scheme

Please speak to Arnold Wright if you would like a box of envelopes

Bank Transfer

Please speak to Wendy Bailey for our bank details



Parish Giving Scheme

Please ask Wendy Bailey for more information or a starter pack



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Please speak to Dianne Rothwell if you are able to gift aid your donation



St Elphin's 50/50 Club



The results of the December draw are as follows:

1 st	Ann Bean	2 nd	Sylvia Heywood
3 rd	Michelle Butterworth	4 th	Gill Whitticombe

£127.50 went to church funds

The next draw will take place on Sunday 29th March and payments must be made by Sunday 22nd to be included in the draw.

Any payments made after that date will be assumed to be for the following month. Any cheques should be made payable to 'St Elphin's 50/50 Club'.

New members are always welcome.

The more members we get the higher the prize money and also the more we receive for church funds.

Janet

Quiz Night

In St Elphin's Community Centre

Friday 20th March 2020

at 7.30pm

Tables of 4

£4.00 each including refreshments

Bring your own drink



#EverydayFaith

Our daily lives are often very full. Full of things to do. Full of meetings and deadlines. Full of places to be. Full of people to meet.

For some they may be full of time on our hands. Full of hopes we would like to fulfil. Full of things we don't want to face. Where is God during our daily lives? How do we find God in fullness, in the full-ness of everyday life?

Everyday Faith is a Church of England discipleship campaign which started on Sunday 12 January 2020 (Plough Sunday). 21 days of reflections and prayers to help you find and follow God in everyday life will be available through campaign emails which you can sign up to by visiting:

www.churchofengland.org/everydayfaith

There is also an app that you can download via Google Play or the Apple Store.



#LiveLent 2020

It you are thinking about taking something up for Lent 2020, why not consider #LiveLent. Sign up to email reflections by visiting:

www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/lent-2020-church-resources

There is also a planned app that you can download via Google Play or the Apple Store.

These 40 daily reflections and suggestions will provide you, your family and our church with an opportunity to come together to meet with God and rejoice in the beauty of God's creation. There are so many ways to be involved with this year's #LiveLent.



During Lent we remember that Jesus spent 40 days going without food and comfort in the wilderness.

Could you give up something this Lent that would save electricity, plastic, waste or water??

Mothering Sunday is a special time to say thank you to all mothers and caregivers for the selflessness with which they nurture, love and help us to grow. Since 2006 our **Make a Mother's Day Appeal** has celebrated this and our ethical gifts have the added benefit of making a difference to mothers and caregivers in communities all around the world.

This year, you can celebrate or remember someone special by giving a gift that grows. Your gift can help empower women, children and communities worldwide to tackle the challenges they face and make positive changes that grow and last. Add a little extra to your gift and we will say thank you with a **seeded greetings card that you can plant and grow into wild flowers.**

For Mothering Sunday (22nd March 2020) we are reaching reach out to our communities and beyond, whether you are part of Mothers' Union or not, there is something for everyone to celebrate and grow.

It's not too late. You can donate online at www.mothersunion.org or there are catalogues at the back of church. You can buy a gift in memory of your mother and have her name placed in the remembrance book in the Mothers' Union chapel.

Loving Lord, Son of Mary, we give thanks today for the women in our families and amongst our friends who have nurtured and inspired us. We pray that each will know they are loved and valued. We give thanks for the women whose work touches and enriches our lives, and those women whose efforts are unseen and whose work goes unnoticed. Give us boldness every day to affirm the value of the women we know, through our words and actions. Take a moment to reflect with gratitude on the women who have influenced your life for good; both those whom we know personally and those who have been role models from afar.

During Lent there will be no branch Mothers' Union meetings but members are encouraged to join the rest of the church at the two

evening Eucharists in Lent on **11th March at 7.30pm** and **25th March (Lady Day) at 7.30pm**. Lady Day is an important day for Mothers Union and hopefully some of the Deanery will join us on 25th March. Mothers Union will be providing tea/coffee and refreshments after these services.

Tuesday 10th March is the Warrington Deanery Festival at Cinnamon Brow church at 7.00pm. Please try to attend to support this Deanery event and note the earlier than usual time.

Baptisms in March

1st Wendy Bailey and Margaret Sefton

15th Barbara Eden and Barbara Barrett

Tea / Coffee in March

1st Wendy and Linda

8th Margaret and Mary

15th David

22nd Chris and Barbara

29th David

There will be a cake sale on Mothering Sunday 22nd March. Donations of cakes welcome. All funds to the church

New tea /coffee list in the kitchen from February, if you are able to help

Readers and Prayer Rota for March

	<u>8.30am</u>	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>6.30pm</u>
	Reader	Prayers	Reader	Reader
1 st	Dianne R	Gill W	Barbara Eden	SW / AW
8 th	Dianne R	Thelma Walsh	Chris Bean	Barbara E
15 th	Sue Jeffery	Barbara Eden	Margaret G	SW / AW
22 nd	Dianne R	tba	Arnold Wright	Barbara E
29 th	Dianne R	Thelma Walsh	Margaret G	SW / AW

Communicants and Collections

Week ending	Communicants	Collections
January 26 th	85	413.10
February 2 nd	73	559.70
February 9 th	73	436.20
February 16 th	79	607.50

Donations:

General Fund

From Ray & Gill Whitticombe:	20.00
In memory of John Taylor	20.00
In memory of Edith Taylor	20.00
In memory of Frances Wilkinson	

Fabric Fund

In memory of Frances Wilkinson, a loving Mum, Grandma and Great Grandma from Lynne, Pat and Family	100.00
In memory of Frances Wilkinson from Family and Friends	100.00

A donation of £100.00 has been sent to Meadow View Care Home for the Residents Funds.

A Legacy

The Churchwardens are pleased to acknowledge receipt of a legacy of £1000.00 from the Executors of the Will of the late Cyril Bishop. Cyril stated that this be applied to the Fabric Fund. Cyril was a regular Worshipper at St Clement's Mission until its closure and then at the Parish Church where he assisted with the Chalice at the 8.30 am Communion.

Cyril also wrote a history of the Mission, a copy of which is in the Church historical Records.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

2nd February

Nicol Lesley Riley

Oscar William Healey

Evelyn Ruth Slinn

Owen Gary Balmer



*Shine as lights in the world
to the Glory of God the Father*

Christian Burial & Cremation in February

4th David Cotton

Age 73



*Rest Eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Social and Group Activities

Tuesday

7.30pm St Elphin's Church Choir Practice in Church

Wednesday

6.45pm St John's Brownies – Smile Centre, Sandy Lane

7.30pm St Elphin's Ladies Group (1st & 3rd only) meet in the St Elphin's Community Centre

7.30pm Mothers' Union – St Elphin's Community Centre (2nd only)

Thursday

5.15 – 6.15pm 9th Warrington Rainbows – St Elphins Community Centre

6.30pm St Elphin's Brownies – Nora Street Community House

6.30pm St Elphin's Guides–St Elphin's Community Centre

Friday

6.30 - 7.30pm Beavers - (Boys/Girls aged 6 – 8)

6.30 – 8.00pm Cubs - (Boys/Girls aged 8 - 10)

6.45 – 9.00pm Scouts - (Boys/Girls aged 10 - 14)

At Howley Fairfield Neighbourhood Project, Fairfield Street. For more details contact Debbie (Group Scout Leader) on 07804 267310

All members of the Church and local community are welcome to come and join with us in these and any occasional activities which are announced in Church or advertised on the Church Notice Board.

School

St Elphin's (Fairfield) CE Primary School

Head Teacher:

Mrs Allison Bennett

 635143

Bookings:

made with the Head Teacher

St Elphin's Junior Church

Sundays at 10.30am in the Choir Vestry

Occasional Services

Holy Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays in the month at 12.30pm
Arrangements to be made with the Church Wardens

Holy Matrimony and Banns

Arrangements to be made with the Church Wardens

Funerals

Arrangements are usually made with the Church by the Funeral Director who has been engaged.

The Church Wardens hold a surgery in Church on Saturdays from 10.00am to 11.00am for Applications for Baptism, Holy Matrimony and Banns.



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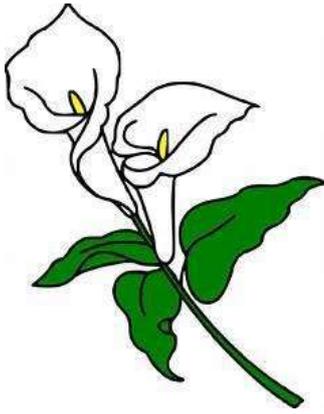


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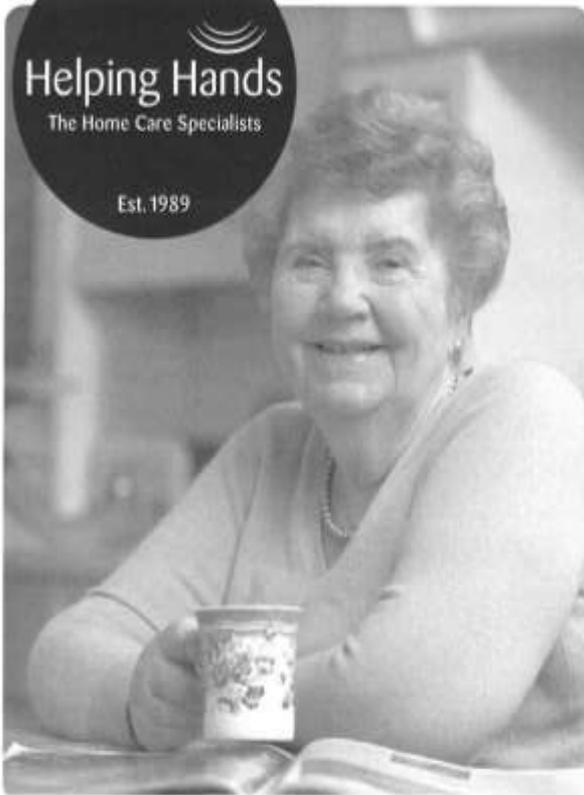
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