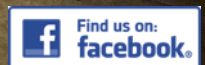


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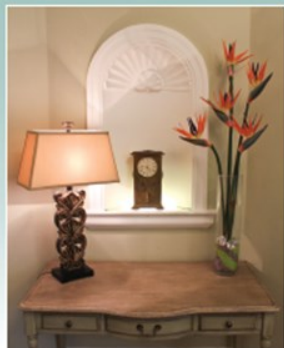
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# June



## From Richard, the Team Rector

June is the third warmest and second sunniest month of the year; the leaves are on the trees, young birds are fledging, and mid-summer is upon us. June 21<sup>st</sup> is the longest day of the year, with well over 16 hours between sunrise and sunset.

We are made to be creatures that live in the light. As Jesus says in John's gospel: "This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God."

People who become enmeshed in a lifestyle that falls far short of God's plan for their lives tend to become more nocturnal in their habits, rising late and staying out late into the night. By contrast many Christians will sing on June 11<sup>th</sup>, which is Trinity Sunday:

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, early in the morning our song shall rise to thee"

The praise/description of God as "holy, holy, holy" occurs first in Isaiah 6:3, which was written in about 631BC; it is repeated in Revelation 4:8, which was written 700 years later. This tells us that the idea of God being thrice holy is a very ancient and longstanding one. The Early Church linked this to the understanding of God as Trinity, one God as three persons, of the same nature, being and substance, and therefore of the same holiness.

Holiness in human beings carries with it the idea of purity and closeness to God. Each person was designed to be a container of God through the Holy Spirit. But just as we would never want to put our drink into a stained and dirty cup, so God is less willing to pour His Holy Spirit into the lives of those who do not live as He would want them to. That is one reason why so many people in this nation do not experience God. Others find it hard to give up the things in their lives that God does not like and so never get very close to Him, even if they make the effort to pray or even go to church regularly.

How do we clean our unholiness away? The Apostle John says this: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

We cannot make ourselves holy by our own actions, but we can be made holy through Jesus Christ's death on the cross for our sins. And then, as God's holy people, we can have a full relationship with Him.





## Letter from the Archdeacon of Dudley

### The Venerable Nikki Groake

On Sunday 11 June I will have the privilege of preaching at a Service of Thanksgiving for Women's Ministry in the Cathedral. 2017 is a significant year of anniversaries, an opportunity to remember and celebrate some key moments in the gradual acceptance in the Church of England of the ministry of women in leadership roles:

- 50 years since female lay readers were appointed;
- 30 years since women deacons were ordained;
- 25 years since the vote was taken for women's ordination to the priesthood in 1992.

In this diocese, of course, the ministry of women has long been welcomed and appreciated wholeheartedly by the vast majority of church members. It is an encouraging environment in which women can flourish and realise their potential, serving in roles which suit their varied gifts, personalities and skills, being who God made them to be, in the same way that men can. Hopefully, as the impact of our *Kingdom People: Calling Young Disciples* project grows, we will similarly see young people and children increasingly playing their part, growing in confidence that what they bring is valued and vital to our shared life as God's people.

I am acutely aware that I am in a senior role in God's church, as one of a steadily growing number of women, because wise people invested in me, saw my leadership potential, gave me opportunities and trained and mentored me. They picked me up when I stumbled, let me make mistakes and learn from them, and stretched me to do more than I thought I could, trusting that God equips the called, rather than calls the equipped. I am especially grateful to those who did that when the church still had questions about the role of women. I think they were following in the footsteps of Jesus!

When Jesus walked on earth, women were uneducated, not given a legally valid voice, and treated like property. He refused to bow to those cultural stigmas, instead modelling a way of relating to women which was totally different – radically inclusive, no limits on their God given destiny or restrictions on how their gifts could be exercised. It is when women and men, and young people and children work together that the church is enabled to be what it is created to be, the hope of the world, fully representative of the body of Christ as we seek together to be Kingdom People.

I hope many from across the Diocese will be in the Cathedral at 4pm on 11 June to celebrate the ministry of women. I pray too, that each of us will think of young people in whom we can invest – especially girls, and invite them to join us, so that we are a truly multi-generational church encouraging the gifts and contributions of everyone.

**Nikki**

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# Wardens' World

June 2017



Taking part in the wonderful Rogation service at St. Mary's, Lower Bentley on May 14<sup>th</sup> really makes one appreciate the wonderful surroundings in which our churches lie, especially when one can get out into them in the middle of a church service on a beautiful sunny day! We thoroughly recommend this service dedicated to the land, agriculture and thanking God for our blessings – do join us next year.

By the time you read this, we will also have communed with nature in the form of this year's Plant Sale, one of our great annual events, and we hope for the organiser's efforts to be rewarded with a good day and plenty of buyers!

The Plant Sale forms the start of our summer 'season', which keeps your wardens busy with plenty of events to draw people up to Tardebigge. The next reason to take in a summer evening up here is the Tardebigge Informal Concert on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.00 pm, organised by our own impresario Dudley Fowkes and featuring a wealth of local talent (and some wine!) All proceeds go towards our organ and the musical tradition at St. Bartholomew's. Three weeks later on July 16<sup>th</sup>, we once again welcome the Clent Consort to bring cathedral music into the church, in the form of a Choral Evensong to rival our own weekly services. Although also advertised as part of the Bromsgrove Festival, this will otherwise be our regularly weekly service at 6 pm and therefore completely free of charge – don't miss it! Bring your friends along to either of these performances, and let them know what a thriving church we have up here!

To finish by returning to the theme of our surrounding landscapes, we have entered the churchyard for the 'Best Kept Churchyard' competition run by the Council for the Protection of Rural England, which gives us a great opportunity to show off our outstanding location. We get a lot of interest in the churchyard, whether from people looking for their ancestors, researching the Earls of Plymouth, or just walking through, and next to the church it is our top attraction. Please do your best to help us keep the churchyard tidy while the CPRE judges visit us during June and July – if you find any litter, do just pick it up and pop it in one of the churchyard bins provided!



# Spring Greens



In May we welcomed Louise from Molbert Bears who brought some gorgeous visitors to the meeting.

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# The Spring Greens

The Spring Greens is our ladies' group for women of all ages with a young outlook. We usually meet in the Church Hall on the third Thursday of the month at 7.45pm. For more details please contact Jane Hall (07980 358252); or Email [janeehall73@gmail.com](mailto:janeehall73@gmail.com)



Jane Hall

## Tardebigge Church Men's Group

Our Church Men's Group exists for fellowship and service. Besides holding meetings for our members, we also organise several social events each year to which all church members and friends, including the ladies, are invited.

*For more information please contact Rev. Richard Clark*

# The Evergreens

The Evergreens are an informal group of people of our church and other friends, all over 50 years of age, who are happy to meet several times a year for fellowship, for afternoon tea some months, for a Christmas lunch, and for a garden visit in the summer....

*For more information please contact Vivien Mackenzie  
(07727 293664)*

### **A verse for June**

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the Lord.

**Isaiah 55: 6-8**



## **Evergreens' Meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Thank you to those who managed to navigate tarmac gobblers, tarmac laying machines, red cones and 'Road Closed' signs – the latter appeared to be repositioned every few minutes – and made it to Evergreens in May. At 3.55pm, Mary, Gladys, Rosemary, Valerie and I were wondering whether we would have to eat all the food ourselves! Then, thankfully, people arrived. It was good to be able to meet and everyone was delighted that Alan could join us; his daughter Helen brought him along and he opened the meeting, as usual, with a prayer. Richard also came.

The format is simple: tasty sandwiches and home-made cakes, copious amounts of tea to drink and a constant buzz of conversation! Some people had not seen each other since last December's Christmas Lunch, so had a lot of catching up to do. A raffle rounded off the proceedings.

It is hoped to have the annual afternoon tea outing in July, so please look out for further details.

If you know anyone who might like to join a friendly group of people who enjoy talking – or just listening - to others whilst having tea, encourage them to come along. It might even be you!

Again, thank you to all who braved the road closures and to those who helped prepare the tea and also to FunZone, who vacate the hall on Evergreen days.

**Vivien, Rosemary, Mary, Gladys and Valerie**

PS: Norita tried to be with us! At tea time, we wondered where she was, as she had intended catching a bus to the Tardebigge and walking up to the hall. Unfortunately, her bus to Bromsgrove, via Fininstall, actually whisked her down the bypass and all around The Wrekin to town; undaunted, she caught a bus back, but again it avoided Fininstall and arrived at Redditch after 5.00pm – thus, sadly, she missed tea. Being a philosophical person, Norita commented that she had had an interesting, free, ride using her bus pass!

## **Easter 2017**

### **Services at St. Mary's Church, Lower Bentley and the Cathedral church of St. Mary the Virgin, Lincoln.**

“Let all things seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend”

Palm Sunday was a perfect Spring Day – clear blue sky, warm sunshine, primroses, cowslips, bluebells, wild cherry blossom, birdsong and lambs calling from the bright green fields. The walk up to St Mary's was thus gentle and meditative and the atmosphere of peace engendered by the sounds, sights and scents of the countryside permeated the service because we were able to leave the doors wide open. Although small in number, the congregation, led by Richard, sang the traditional hymns with vigour, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem; the donkey a symbol of peace and the palms of victory. Richard's sermon emphasised that Jesus was well aware of how this journey would eventually end – that He had chosen this course. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at St Mary's and St Bartholomew's respectively, further commemorated His sacrifice for our sins.

To attend the Easter Sunday Sung Eucharist in Lincoln Cathedral, which was consecrated 800 years earlier than St Mary's, was an altogether different experience, both in terms of architectural grandeur and the nature of the service. However, the walk through the old streets of uphill Lincoln, accompanied by the joyful peals of the Cathedral's 20 bells, was as uplifting in its own way as the quiet walk through Lower Bentley. Until 1549, when its central spire collapsed, the Cathedral was the tallest building in the world, and it still dominates Lincoln. It is difficult to describe the impact made by this golden house of God with its majestic bulk, soaring Gothic arches and continuing history. To attend a service here is a joy.

The Cathedral quickly filled up and it was good to be among so many Christians, some of whom, as evidenced by their accents, their dress or their features, clearly came from different parts of the Anglican Communion. It was also good to see so many families among the congregation with children from a few months old to teenagers. This reduced the average age of the congregation to a figure somewhat lower than we are accustomed to. Thus one was reminded that the community of believers is far more extensive than some parish services might suggest.

The music was extraordinary- a grand 19<sup>th</sup> century organ for fanfares and hymns, with an orchestra accompanying a choir of 20 boys, 20 girls and a dozen adults who led the congregation to awe inspiring heights when singing “The Day of Resurrection”, “Love's redeeming work is done” and “Jesus Christ is risen today”. The choir also sang

beautiful sections of Schubert's graceful Mass in G minor during the service with the rousing "All we like sheep" from Messiah as one of the choruses sung as the bread and wine were distributed.



The whole service was a testament to life. On this day, the Bishop's sermon emphasised that "We are an Easter people", not only because we celebrate the feast but also because we seek to be ourselves transformed through Faith, Hope and Love. Whether worshipping in a grand Cathedral or small chapel of ease we are drawn together by this common aim.

**J.W.**

**Due to a printing error, this article did not appear in full in the May edition of the magazine. Apologies to J.W. and to readers for the confusion.**





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## Celestial Corner

June, Midsummer, the month of the Summer Solstice, Litha in the Celtic calendar. High summer and the Summer triangle starts riding high in the night sky. Vega, Deneb and Altair slowly replacing Regulus, Arcturus and Spica.

Let us look at the sky around the middle of June. Regulus, in Leo, is beginning to dip down toward the West, Arcturus, in Bootes, is high in the South and Spica, in Virgo, is roughly SSW, to the East and below that bright planet Jupiter lying in the South West. If you compare this month's chart with last months you will notice that Jupiter has moved westwards compared to Spica. This is what is known as retrograde motion. The normal direction of travel of all the planets throughout time is from west to east, the same as the Sun and Moon. However, as the Earth travels around it's orbit it catches up with the outer planets Mars, Jupiter, Saturn etc., and so their movement against the star background slows and seems to reverse as we overtake them. Then, slowly, they resume direct motion again as we leave them behind. So over the period when each planet is on view throughout the year, it describes a loop against the starry background.

This effect is most noticeable in Mars, as it is the closest to us. Jupiter takes twelve years to move through the zodiac and so spends roughly a year in each sign. This year, Jupiter is in Virgo, next year it will be in Libra and the next Scorpio and so on. Slowly Jupiter is catching up with Saturn. Saturn takes twenty nine years to go around the Sun and so spends a little over two years in each constellation of the zodiac. This year it is in Sagittarius, (actually it's in neighbouring Orphiuchus.....just!) lying towards the South, just to the east of red Antaries, the "Rival of Mars". Next year it will still be in Sagittarius, but at the Eastern end, so to speak!



The star chart is for 11pm BST on 14<sup>th</sup> June and if you look at the top, North, you will see Capella, the yellow star in Auriga, and the twins, Caster and Pollux in Gemini very close to the horizon. All those stars along the edge between NE and NW are circumpolar, they never set as seen from the UK.

Just as a matter of interest, you will have to be up early to see Venus. She is just poking up in the East at 3am!

R.B.

## News from School

Our Easter parade was held as always, on the last day of the spring term. Children were asked to either make an Easter bonnet or hat, or to decorate a cross to parade on the playground at the very start of the school day.

The children then went into church for our Easter concert performed in front of many parents, grandparents and carers. The pupils told the Easter story and performed songs from 'Resurrection Rock'; the assembly ended with prayers and Friends of Tardebigge School (FOTS) served tea/coffee and hot cross buns.

We would like to thank the church for the palm crosses which were distributed to each pupil and to any family members and friends who were in church and wished to have one.

The end of term would not be the same without our Chocoholics raffle. The raffle was drawn before going into church and the lucky winners were announced after the children had returned to their classrooms. FOTS had spent a lot of time creating raffle prize hampers made up of Easter eggs and bars of chocolate which children had brought into school on our 'non uniform day' held the previous week. A big thank you to FOTS and to everyone concerned who helped make the morning special.

*Pictured are the raffle prizes waiting to be claimed.*



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# Plant Sale



Thanks so much to those of you who supported the Plant Sale last Saturday (20th May) - it's always a lovely community event and this year was no exception, though the weather certainly left something to be desired! Members of the parish (and indeed some people from further afield!) had grown or potted up plants, baked cakes and set up stalls including Traidcraft and a raffle, as well as serving tea and cake in the Church Hall, so there was plenty for people to look at and to buy if they braved the rain!

We raised over £840 towards the expenses of our lovely buildings at St Bartholomew's and St Mary's and towards our work in the community - in view of the conditions, this was a fantastic amount, so thanks again if you helped out in any way at all!

Lucy Parkes







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Do you believe in solitude  
Do you believe in prayers?

Do you believe in hope  
When everything seems lost?  
Do you believe in holding on  
No matter what the cost  
Do you believe in love,  
Sharing joy and pain?  
Do you believe God sends the bow,  
in promise, after rain?

I Believe because I heard  
A tale of long ago  
Of a man who trod the earth with us  
Who dwelt with men below  
Who died upon a wooden cross  
Who rose and walked anew  
I listened to that story  
I believed and my faith grew.

Believe with me, in peace  
And the hope that comes with prayer  
Believe that there is Someone  
In the great and wide Somewhere  
Hear the greatest story  
the spoken word can tell  
Believe when nothing seems worthwhile  
That with prayer all will be well.

**L M Wadlow**

## **Bentley Pauncefoot WI**

Proceedings for Bentley WI were on a serious note this month with members considering two resolutions that are to be put to the Annual Meeting in June. Helen Spence was admirably succinct and put the case for and against each resolution very clearly; a difficult task regarding the second resolution given its complex technical aspects.

The first resolution concerned the alleviation of loneliness. It involved promoting a greater recognition of the impact of loneliness as a serious health issue and WIs working with social care providers to identify people suffering with loneliness and to take appropriate action. Helen pointed out that research indicates that around 15% of working aged people and a similar number of 65-79 year olds report feeling lonely. 29% of people over 80 report feeling lonely and, within the working age group people aged 45-54 are most likely to suffer from loneliness. Lonely people are more likely to suffer from depression and have an increased risk of high blood pressure and are more likely to develop dementia. It has been shown to be more damaging to health than physical inactivity or obesity.

Many council services which provide a lifeline to people experiencing loneliness are under threat due to cuts and there is pressure on local services. Older people who are lonely are on average 1.8 times more likely to visit their GP and 3.5 times more likely to enter local authority residential care. Helen then pointed out in the interests of balance, that by voting to support this resolution the WI might be reinforcing stereotypes about the WI focusing on old people and could be seen as inviting WIs and members to impose themselves on others where attention might be unwelcome. However, Bentley members voted to support the resolution, taking the line that loneliness is a problem that is likely to become more acute and that the WI has a chance to use its influence to help catalyse a movement to bring awareness, understanding and action to a widespread problem.

The second resolution was about “plastic soup”. 85% of human-made material on the shoreline consists of microplastic fibres that are entering the oceans and impacting on aquatic life. Microplastic fibres are shed from synthetic clothes when laundered and end up in the sea and the wider environment. A recent study found microfibres in drinking water, beer, honey, sugar and table salt. There is little research into how much of these particles and toxins end up in the human diet. In practical terms the best way forward seems to be prevention by reducing the number of fibres entering the environment, for example via filters on washing machines or fabrics coated with antished treatment could help. Support for this resolution, in essence calling on industry to research and develop innovative solutions to this problem in order to stop the accumulation of microplastic fibres in our oceans, was unanimous.

Members found this a thought provoking meeting with issues that resonated with our times.

**Lynne Reading**



**Bible Word Search:**  
**TRUST IN THE LORD**  
**(PROVERBS 3:5-6 NIV)**

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Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

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Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

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# Registers - May 2017

## Baptisms

- May 7 Hendrix Michael Patrick GRUBB  
 May 14 Lily-Rose Audrey Heather ROBERTS  
 May 28 Sebastian James HEINZ - SIODLACZEK



## Weddings

- May 20 James William BANNER & Melissa Denise HYDE  
 May 27 Jonathan Matthew FOSTER & Louise Samantha MARLEY



## Funerals / Interments

- May 2 Raymond John BURN  
 May 27 Donald HUDSON (interment of ashes)



## June Rotas

### Sidesmen

### Flowers

June 4	11.00am	E Price <i>and</i> P Hopkins	Angie Rigby
	6.00pm	P Hopkins	
June 11	8.00am	D Hall	Lucy Parkes
	11.00am	G Price <i>and</i> C Lee	
	6.00pm	M Price	
June 18	11.00am	J Oldaker <i>and</i> P Hopkins	Rosalind Chambers
	6.00pm	P Hopkins	
June 25	8.00am	G R Underhill	Jane Oldaker
	11.00am	L Parkes <i>and</i> D Stubbings	
	6.00pm	T Powell	



## Birthdays

### June

- June 27 Adrian Quinney  
 June 29 Thomas Peers Butler  
 June 30 Audrey Stubbings



## Wedding Anniversaries

### June

- June 9 Chris and Mary Watkins

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### **My visit to Mrs Hattie Badger**

Readers who remember Mrs Badger may be interested to hear that on May 1st I paid her a visit on behalf of the Tardebigge W.I. which she helped to found 71 years ago. Members were keen that I should visit her as she celebrates her 100th birthday on June 3rd.

I was very pleased to see her looking so well and about 20 years younger than her actual age! She is comfortably settled in a rest home in Lincolnshire and obviously very popular. We spent the afternoon happily chatting. Mrs Badger is still very interested in the present day happenings of the institute and was anxious of news of the members she remembered, particularly Mrs Beckett and Mrs Hill.

She reminisced a little about her early life in Tardebigge, particularly remarking on the kindness of the Plymouth family. Mrs Badger's father was a wheelwright on the Hewell Estate and she was full of admiration for the then Lady Plymouth, recalling that one day her mother's ducks had wandered away and Lady Plymouth and her daughter found them and brought them back to them. She happily recalled the lovely parties held twice yearly at the vicarage.

When she was teaching at Tardebigge she recalled going to school on her motor cycle until her husband bought her an Austin 7 car. She clearly recalled the day the workmen repairing the church tower took her up to see the view and she told us of all the games of badminton she had played in Tardebigge and the surrounding area.

As I said goodbye, I was sure that I would be visiting Mrs Badger for some years to come.

**Josephine Hearne**

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### June

#### Sunday 4th June

- 9.30am **Café Church** in the *Church Hall* (**Complimentary breakfast served from 9am**)
- 11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer
- 6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)

#### Sunday 11th June

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at *St. Mary's*
- 11.00am **Family Service**
- 6.00pm Evensong

#### Sunday 18th June

- 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) **and Sunday Funday**
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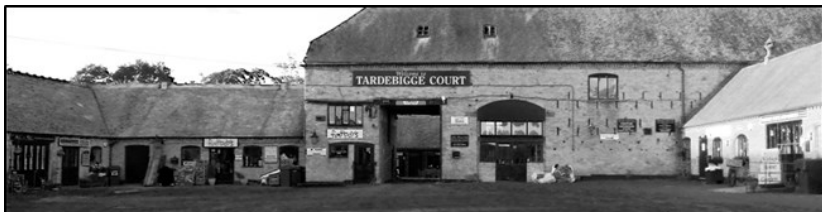
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	1					4		
6	7		9		5			
	8		2		6			
	6		8	4	7		2	
			5		1		8	
			7		8		9	2
		6					1	
			4	1			5	8

Solution next month

1	8	5	7	4	9	2	3	6
7	9	4	2	6	3	8	5	1
3	6	2	8	1	5	7	4	9
9	4	7	1	3	8	5	6	2
5	2	1	9	7	6	3	8	4
8	3	6	5	2	4	1	9	7
6	1	3	4	5	2	9	7	8
2	5	8	6	9	7	4	1	3
4	7	9	3	8	1	6	2	5

Last month's solution



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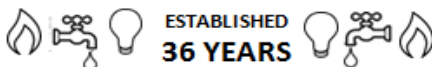
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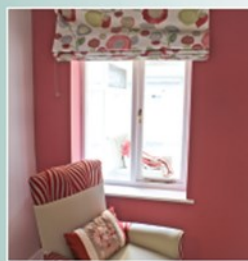
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