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A Message from Fr. Jim

We are able to worship together again, thank God. Hopefully, there will be no more lockdowns so that we can go on worshipping together without further interruptions. A combination of lockdown measures and the roll-out of the vaccines means that we can begin to hope for a return to normal life in the not too distant future. Thank you to the many men and women across the world who have developed the vaccines to provide protection for us and help to stop the spread of the Covid virus.

Details of Holy Week services will be in the magazine next month or on the website. We will probably still be wearing masks and social distancing at least until Easter which, sadly, means singing of hymns will be restricted.

Holy Week is the climax of the Christian year beginning on Palm Sunday with Jesus' triumphant entry into the Holy City, Jerusalem; the Last Supper in the upper room on Maundy Thursday; the Crucifixion on Golgotha and the resurrection on Easter Day. We go with Jesus from triumph to sorrow to joy.

*Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high,
Alleluia!*

Yours in Christ
Fr. Jim



A SAINT FOR MARCH

St. Joseph - 19th March



St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was foster father to Jesus Christ. He worked as a carpenter, although he was descended from David, the king of the Jews, suggesting that the family had become impoverished. We know that the family was poor because they could only afford one pair of doves at Mary's purification in the temple. According to tradition, he was a widower when he married Mary and died before Jesus began his ministry. Some legends have it that he was an old man at the time of his betrothal to Mary but for a man to have protected his wife and young child on the flight to Egypt and subsequent return to Galilee implies that he was strong, brave and determined. It is stated emphatically that he was a "just" man and the few biblical mentions of him portray a kind, dignified and self-effacing person.

St. Teresa of Avila, among others, assigned special value to the intercession of St. Joseph. She dedicated the mother house of her reformed Carmelite convents at Avila to the saint and frequently recommended devotion to him in her writings. Ignatius of Loyola also propagated the saint. His cult grew steadily and in 1871 Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph patron of the universal church. Joseph is the patron saint of manual workers, especially carpenters, and patron of fathers of families. Many churches, hospitals and religious congregations are dedicated to St. Joseph and the frequent use of Joseph as a Christian name is evidence of his widespread popularity. He is represented with carpentry tools or with a flowering rod or wand.



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Date	First reading	Second reading	Gospel reading
7 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 20: 1-17	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25	John 2: 13-22
14 th March Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2: 1-10	2 Corinthians 1: 3-7	Luke 2: 33-35
21 st March 5 th Sunday of Lent	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Hebrews 5: 5-10	John 12: 20-33
28 th March Palm Sunday	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i>		Mark 11: 1-11
<i>Liturgy of the Passion</i>	Isaiah 50: 4-9	Philippians 2: 5-11	Mark 14: 1 - 15: end



We give thanks for all our Key Workers at this most difficult of times.

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy & resilience to all who are
caring for the sick, & your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many
will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Brede WI

It's March already & most welcome it is too!

We've struggled through January & February, are more than glad to see the back of 'The Beast from the East' & are now so looking forward to the Spring time.

In spite of the recent cold & gloom, Brede WI members have kept busy & focused. In January we observed & counted birds for the RSPB's 'Big Garden Bird Count' & in February, we were encouraged to count stars! This was initiated by 'The Countryside Charity', to determine where light pollution is most serious. Our focus in March perhaps, should be to look for & count the signs of Spring!

Two Annual Meetings are being held this month. Brede WI Annual Meeting is scheduled for 10th March. Usually, this takes place in November but was postponed due to the Covid pandemic. Postal voting will be the procedure for the election of officers on this occasion. The ESFWI Annual Meeting is by Zoom Webinar on 24th March & the main speaker will be the Rev. Richard Coles.

The ESFWI Competitions are in full swing! The response from Brede Members to January's challenge, 'A Lock-down Limerick' was excellent & 16 entries were forwarded to the ES H.Q. As a result, we at Brede have decided to hold our own competition & the same limericks will be judged by Maggie

Sandra & Maggie Wharton. The winners are to be announced in our March Newsletter. The challenge for February, organised by the 'Craft & Art' sub-Committee, is a painting depicting, 'Your Favourite Place'. We await to see what the 'Leisure & Learning' Committee will organise for March.

Our Book Club continues to meet on Zoom & just in case the members are short of reading matter, Drina Hampson has produced a list of 7 books to delve into!

The twice weekly, 'Meet Up & Catch Up' Zoom sessions hosted by Caroline Brown, are as popular as ever.

Just in case Members are twiddling their thumbs, 'WI Life' highlights the 'Denman At Home' on line courses a series of informative, entertaining shared virtual experiences ranging from cookery, craft, history talks & exercise sessions. The Denman experience is open to members, families & friends. (denman.org.uk)

Very best wishes to all our members-keep well, busy and safe.

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Greetings to all our members from the
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Like other groups and clubs in the Village, we are keen to get back to welcoming members to our monthly lunches.

Spring will soon be here & with its arrival we are hoping for good news & some easing of the restrictions. It's heartening to know that the feedback from our members when contacted recently, is very positive for our future & they can't wait to meet up again. Our catering team, headed by chef, Gary Skipsey, are equally keen to get started. So we must all exercise patience, keep our fingers well & truly crossed!

Our message to you all, as ever, is stay safe & keep well.. We are thinking of you all and send our good wishes.

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STN71 BROAD OAK TURNOUT 16/01/21---15/02/21

I keep saying it but I think there is light at the end of the tunnel, I certainly hope so, won't 'normal' life be great! Let's see...

Now on to the Standby's - 2 @ Stn70 (Rye), 9 @ Stn76 (Bohemia Road) & 13 @ Stn75 (The Ridge)

A reasonably quite month but the first 'proper' call was to The Marina on the seafront at St Leonards in Hastings. We went on the initial 'Make Up' meaning more appliances are required by the Incident Commander, this turned out to be 6 Fire Appliances, later on, in the incident went to 14 pumps. The Fire was in the basement which stretched along most of the building. The incident was very 'resource hungry' meaning that a lot of personnel were used for BA. For us FF's Gareth Oliver & Richard Foster did their bit, isolating the power which was no mean feat as there was zero visibility. CM Chris Allum was our Driver & had to park on the seafront, 'Storm Christof' (not sure about the spelling) was doing it's stuff, blowing like an absolute 'hooligan'. Just by chance, I found a job at the rear of the building, which was very pleasant thank you. Thankfully nobody was hurt, the crews did a good job confining the fire to the basement, a full investigation will now take place.

A chimney fire at a thatched house in Northiam was the next call. You always get two pumps on a thatch, The Ridge turned up to assist. We damped down the thatch with a Hose-reel while CM Jordan Yates looked after the fire inside. The crew from 75 used our TIC (Thermal Image Camera) to check inside the loft. It was one of those occasions that the

initial fire burnt itself out, which is good unlike the next Chimney Fire as you will see.

CM Jordan Yates was in charge & again the destination was Northiam, this time the fire hadn't burnt itself out. Using our Chimney Kit, basically a hosepipe & chimney rods screwed together, the crew pumped water up the chimney with a Stirrup Pump (hi-tech). 12 gallons of water went up & not a drop came down. Smoke could be seen coming out from under the lead flashing by the chimney stack (always interesting!) Then the neighbour came round & said she could see smoke in her room, even more interesting! Thankfully, all the water did its stuff, we went back in the evening just to do a re-inspection using our TIC, all the temperatures showed normal.

We attended a Fire down the Old Town in Hastings where some residents were making a 'different type of smoke!' Advice was given. Another Fire (actually we have been quite busy) this time with Battle. The call came in from a property in Netherfield, the drive over was quite interesting, we were on the way to a Standby then got a 'Priority Message' to attend. The snow was quite thick so we had to take care when driving over there. When we arrived the chap in charge from Battle said it was burnt food on the hob, so I 'doffed my cap' and said goodbye and we toddled off.. Another Fire, this time in Rye and similar circumstances to the above.

Congrats go to FF's Ryan Ide, Graeme Dining, Rian Mowle and Darren Batchelor for passing their Level2 Water Safety course held at Bewl Water. Mediterranean it wasn't (-6 degrees when they arrived) which is a bit 'tasty I must admit' but well done. We'll that's it for this period, the bulbs are poking their noses up and indeed some are flowering a nice sign of Spring.

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Udimore Village News

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Beckley & Peasmarsh News



One of our Church Wardens has been filming Fr Jim's lonely services during lock-down & although we had our first congregational service, she is continuing to film for the time being so that those still required to 'shield' can log on from mid-Sunday afternoon each week to see the morning's service.

To get details of the service please e-mail

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Here is a link to the recent Ash Wednesday Service, which you might like to listen to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IU9AuameQ-E&feature=youtu.be>

THE REVIEW

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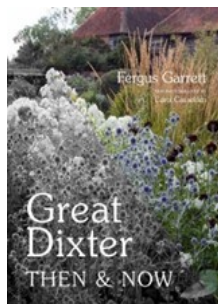
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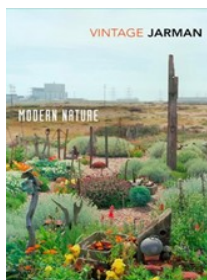
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it is today.

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There is an easy way to do this - just include the church in your will. All gifts to Charities are free of inheritance tax.

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### **FRIENDS OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH BREDE**

This group was founded in 1992. Money is raised by the members to finance an endowment fund, the interest from which is used to maintain the church.

Would you like to become a Friend? There is no set "membership fee" to join. You may wish to make a one-off donation, or to contribute on a regular basis, perhaps monthly or annually. The choice is yours, and all contributions to the endowment fund are much appreciated.

If you are a tax payer, donations can now be made through the "Gift Aid" scheme which increases the value of all donations by 25% at no extra cost to the donor. If you would like to join, please contact the Friends' Treasurer

**Miss Pat Whately**

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### **FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH UDIMORE**

St. Mary's Church dates back to Saxon times. By the 19th century it was in a very poor state, dependant on a small parish of about 300 people, and the generosity of individuals.

The Friends of St. Mary's was formed in 1985, concerned mainly with raising funds for the upkeep of the fabric of the church. Over the years we have contributed to repairs and improvements in the church, and are extremely grateful to those who have enabled us to do so.

We welcome anyone who would like to become a Friend and join in with all that this small but vibrant community offers.

A yearly subscription of £5.00 entitles you to vote at the AGM. If you are a UK tax payer you can Gift Aid a donation making it worth 25% more to us, at no extra cost to you.

For more information please contact:

**Liz Dean: 01424 882206**  
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Yet another recipe from "Good Things to Eat" a collection of well loved recipes we compiled in aid of St. Mary's. Copies are available through Liz Dean 01424 882206

### **BOILED FRUIT CAKE**

So simple & easy to follow, its always delicious and can be used with marzipan, at Easter as a Simnel cake or just plain for an everyday cake.



### **Ingredients**

200ml cold water

120g brown sugar

480g mixed fruit (raisins, sultanas, currants, cherries, chopped dates, chopped walnuts, crystallised fruit)

120g margarine

2 eggs

240g self raising flour

1 tsp bi-carbonate of soda

1 tsp mixed spice

### **Method**

Preheat the oven to 160°C

Grease & line a deep cake tin with baking parchment. I use a loose bottomed 18cm round tin. Tie brown paper round the outside to prevent the cake from burning.

Simmer water, sugar & fruit together gently for 10 minutes with lid on the pan. Remove from the stove & add margarine. Cool. Add unbeaten eggs & stir into mixture. Eggs will cook if mixture is too hot. Add flour, mixed spice & bi-carbonate of soda. Stir. Result is a slightly sloppy mixture.

Spoon into cake tin & bake for ½ hour. Then turn oven down to 130°C for 50 minutes to 1 hour. Insert skewer into middle of cake to test if cooked. The skewer should come out slightly moist.

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A fruit cake should have an inch of almond paste over the top before icing the entire cake. This is not gilding the lily, it's only bringing its perfume more pronouncedly to your attention.

Alice B. Toklas

I present to you a very moving short poem by poet, Mick Westwood, in memory of his two dogs, Ben and Floss. It is factual and, I think you will agree, quite charming. I have his full permission to use it.

Denis Langley
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Ben

I remember where I put you, in that meadow by the tree
By the babbling brook amid that peaceful place,
How I buried you so gently, but what you didn't see
Were the tears of heartbreak slashing at my face.

I put you by the holly, in the corner of that land,
And by the mighty oak that there does grow,
And I prayed and I asked my God to help you understand
Just why, that day, I had to let you go.

I knew that you had told me this, I had known for many days
I could see you getting weary in your way,
But I was just so frightened and so selfish in my ways
That I couldn't bear to face your 'dying day'.

You see, I loved you dearly, more dearly than my worth,
And I took from you all that, of what you gave,
And I wanted you to stay with me for all time on this earth,
I just didn't want to put you in that grave.

But on that day we parted and I left you there alone
With your blanket and a toy for to chew
In the corner of that meadow with my heart as cold as stone
And I think you knew, 'old pal' - I think you knew.

God bless you, Ben (go play with Floss now).
Love you forever, mate.
Mick

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## St Michael's hospice

### New Chairman for St Michael's Hospice

#### Introducing - Susan Munroe

St Michael's Hospice has been incredibly fortunate in appointing **Susan Munroe** as its new Chairman. She brings with her a wealth of experience as a nurse in palliative care at a national level, & as a senior leader in several charities. Susan first trained as a nurse & worked for a number of years in elderly medicine. She ran a Marie Curie hospice, & subsequently worked for Marie Curie across Scotland, before undertaking a national UK role as Director of Nursing & Patient Services.



Dr Karen Clarke, Chief Executive said "I look forward to our new partnership & continuing the work started with our former Chairman Irene Dibben. The Hospice, like everyone, has had a difficult year but we continue to support patients & their families & work closely with our NHS partners. Everyone in health & social care is working tirelessly, going above & beyond time & again, desperately hoping the devastation & distress caused by coronavirus will ease. As part of the Hospice's Leadership Team the Board & particularly the Chairman, play a pivotal role in supporting & guiding the organisation through this challenging period. I have valued & appreciated the Board's concern, commitment & unwavering support throughout the pandemic & with Susan, look forward to starting a new chapter in St Michael's Hospice story: to reach more people in different ways, just as soon as we can."

Susan added "I am absolutely delighted to become part of this great organisation which is so well loved & respected by the local community. As I take over we are in the midst of COVID-19 restrictions but can see some hope for the end of it. I want to pay tribute to the staff & volunteers of St Michael's Hospice who have worked tirelessly to continue providing a service during such a difficult time & I look forward to being part of an exciting future for the Hospice as we come out of it."

#### New volunteer roles available

The Hospice has a variety of new volunteer roles available which will directly help them enhance their support to the local community at this difficult time. The new roles include opportunities which can be taken up remotely from home & adhere to current Government guidelines, & Public Health England advice to ensure the safety of their volunteers. If you have a bit more time on your hands at the moment & are looking to support a local charity, expand your knowledge & skills, or want to develop your CV, why not consider a volunteering for your local Hospice? View their current opportunities at <https://bit.ly/3ayl38o>

#### Virtual fundraising pack

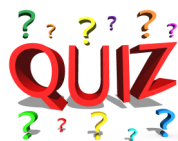
If Fundraising is your thing & you are looking for inspiration on how to set up your very own virtual event this spring, check out the Hospice's free virtual fundraising pack available to download today at <https://bit.ly/3aynvf6>





We have now had two successful Zoom Quizzes - so in response to popular demand, have scheduled yet another! With nearly all our members now vaccinated we hope to soon hear that we can resume our monthly walks, but until then .....

**Tuesday 16 March, 2.00pm.** No prior knowledge is required - you don't need to swot up the local papers or the national gossip. So, just sit back, enjoy, and have fun!



We have two Zoom talks this month:

#### **Thursday 18th March - My Great Aunt Constance - Jenny Mallin**

Jenny, a new speaker for our group, will be giving to us one of a number of talks under the title of "A Grandmother's Legacy". This particular one is about the wife of a British official working in Rangoon in 1943 when the Japanese attacked. They had to walk 1000 miles to India. This is their story.

#### **Thursday 25th March - A Horse Ride to Machu Picchu - Marion Brunt**

A six day trek following the original trail of the Incas from Cusco. Marion last gave this talk some years ago. However, many of us have not heard it, so Marion has kindly agreed to give it again.

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If you wish to join our association and enjoy the walks and talks, please email Membership Secretary, Dee Williams membershipryenationaltrust@gmail.com

Let's all continue to enjoy meeting up on Zoom!

John Wright

Britain was the first country in the world to start a welfare charity for animals, as early as 1824. Now, over 20 million cats & dogs have a place in the country's homes & almost one in two households has a pet.. Pet-keeping didn't become socially acceptable in Britain until the 18th century. Until then, pets were seen as an elite extravagance. By the early 19th century this was changing as we see paintings & illustrations – a good indicator of what was culturally "in" – began to portray pets as an accepted part of domestic life. Responding to the growth of noisy & dirty industrial cities, the Victorians set great store by domestic life. Pets were a key part of this, appearing in paintings & illustrations & often portrayed as part of the family.

F.G. Cotman's painting, *One of the Family, 1880*. A rural family at the dinner table accompanied by a pet dog & a horse.



A rising Evangelical movement placed more emphasis on parents bringing up children & pet keeping took on a new moral value. From the 1840s, advice books & children's literature encouraged children to keep small animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs & birds. The idea was to cultivate caring values & practical skills. Victorians kept pets for a variety of reasons. Pedigree dogs conveyed class & status, cats caught mice & rabbits could be eaten when times were hard. But evidence from diaries, photographs & newly created pet cemeteries suggests that emotional attachment was a crucial part of the relationship between most Victorians & their pets. Dogs were held to have virtuous characteristics that echoed the values of the Victorian human world – they were seen as steadfast, loyal & courageous. I



A painting by **Briton Riviere-Sympathy, 1877**, a little girl, perhaps banished to the naughty step, is accompanied by her faithful dog.

While the Victorians celebrated pets, they didn't think of the harm caused by removing them from their natural habits. Mice, rabbits, squirrels, hedgehogs & all kinds of birds regularly featured in manuals as animals that could be captured & tamed. Hedgehogs were openly sold at London's Leadenhall Market. Their willingness to eat black beetles made them valuable in London kitchens. Birds played an important part in working class culture. Removing them from the wild was more contentious – in the 1870s, legislation was passed to limit their capture to certain times of year. However, trading in wild birds continued to operate well into the 20th century.

Though taking animals directly from the wild did become less acceptable as changes in living conditions & new suburban houses with larger gardens in the interwar period created a more spacious environment for animals.

Disposable income rose, and people had more money to spend on pets. After the Second World War, vet services grew, as did companies supplying petfood, toys & pampering. By the 1950s experts were emphasising that owners also had to be trained, arguing that "delinquent canines" – dogs that stole Sunday joints, occupied favourite chairs of owners, or refused to move – were due to the failings of owners who hadn't forged meaningful relationships with them. By the early 1960s, academics started exploring the significance of pets in family life, arguing that the decline of the traditional "close-knit" family made pets more necessary to bind families together. The booming pet culture in the 21st century appears to fulfil that prophecy.

In memory of Clifford Jordan, a history of Rye quiz set by him in 1989

1. Which famous Rye landmark was destroyed by fire on Friday June 13, 1930?
2. Into which house in Mermaid Street did actor Gregory Peck go, in the film "Horatio Hornblower"?
3. What is the local name for the passageway next to the 'Queens Head' in the Landgate?
4. What was the name of the convent, whose ground occupies the space between Woolworth's store (for those who can remember when Rye had one) and Cinque Ports Street?
5. In which street can you find Haddock Place?
6. By what name is Hartshorn House in Mermaid Street commonly known?
7. Following the death of her husband, Lady Warrender place a memorial statue in the Clare Chapel of St Mary's church. Whom does it depict?
8. In which year did Elizabeth I visit Rye?
9. Which building once occupied the site of the present police station?
10. How many times did John Wesley visit Rye? Was it 10, 12 or 14 times?
11. In whose memory was the large cross that stands between the chapels in Rye cemetery, erected?
12. Which actor/ film star played the part of Dr Syn in the 1963 shooting of the film in and around Rye?
13. In the earlier part of 19th century where was the town's mortuary?
14. Which year was the Rye Memorial Hospital opened?
15. Which building once occupied the site of Regent Square?
16. In which year was the Mermaid Inn re-built?
17. Which English King sought shelter in Rye Bay, from the tempest, in 1725?
18. Which famous artist lived at La Rochelle in East Street?
- 19.. Which king instructed that Camber Castle be built?
20. Were did the Postern Gate stand?
21. Which famous Rye historian died in 1870?
22. On which day of the year was "Rye sports day" held?
23. For what purpose did Mrs Stormont form a trust?
24. Which of Rye bridges was opened in 1851?
25. Which Hollywood film star buried in Peasmarsh churchyard was the son-in-law of the Rev John Fowler (vicar of Rye) appointed 1922?
26. To which order were the monks of Rye monastery affiliated?
27. What is the correct name for "Fishgut Alley"?

Answers will be in the April Magazine.



Vinehall International Classical Concerts 32nd season 2021



Sadly the March & April concerts are cancelled, but we are hoping to re-schedule them.

LONDON BRANDENBURG ENSEMBLE Saturday 8th May 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Programme

Corelli	Concerto Grosso Op.6 no.2 in
Albinoni	Oboe Concerto in d min op.9
Bach	Brandenburg Concerto no. 5 BWV 1050
Bach	Brandenburg Concerto no.4 BWV 1049
Vivaldi	Recorder Concerto 'La Notte' RVW 439
Bach	Brandenburg Concerto no.2 BWV 1047

The London Brandenburg Ensemble is a newly founded ensemble of period instrument musicians brought together by artistic director Jane Gordon. The ensemble's players are of outstanding calibre, holding principal positions with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment & English Baroque Soloists as well as enjoying flourishing solo & chamber music careers.

DANIEL LEBHARDT (piano) Saturday 5th June 2021

Programme

Haydn	Sonata in E-flat Hob.XVI:52
Schubert	Four Impromptus, D899, Op.
Liszt	Transcendental Etudes No.11 - D flat (Harmonies du Soir)
Chopin	Fantasia in F minor Op. 49
Liszt	Rhapsodie Espagnole

In 2014 Daniel Lehardt won 1st Prize at the Young Concert Artists International auditions in Paris & New York. A year later he was invited to record music by Bartók for Decca & in 2016 won the Most Promising Pianist Prize at the Sydney International Competition.
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