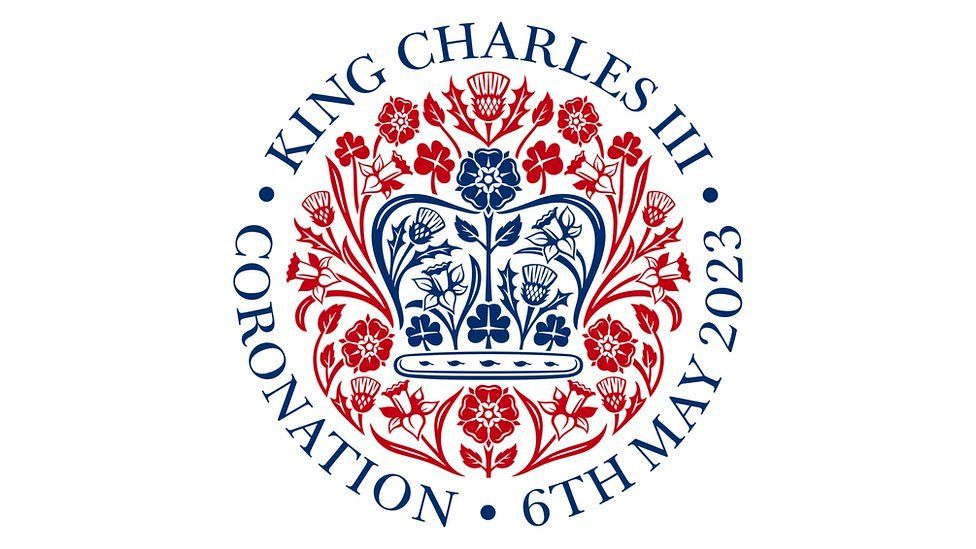
**THE MOSAIC**

**HINTON ST MARY**

**MARCH 2023**

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**SUNDAY 7TH MAY**

**VILLAGE CORONATION PARTY**

**MORE DETAILS IN NEXT MONTH’S MOSAIC**

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**THE HINTON HUB**

We are in the process of organising the Hinton Hub.  A place for Hinton and local residents to get together once a month. There will be tea, coffee, biscuits and something for the younger residents to enjoy.

We want this to be somewhere we can offer support to local people and a time to get together to discuss improving lives and the area we live in.

Any ideas or suggestions for the hub will be gratefully received. Please contact Gemma or Andy Hampton via Facebook, email - [gplows@hotmail.com](mailto:gplows@hotmail.com) or phone 07469208904.

Look forward to hearing from everyone.

**Gemma and Andy**

**St Peter’s Services**

**March and Easter 2023**



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| **Date** | **Service** |
| Sunday 5th March at 9.30 am | Morning Prayer - Lay Led - BCP |
| Sunday 12th March at 9.30 am | Morning Prayer - Lay Led |
| Sunday 19th March at 9.30 am | Morning Prayer - Lay Led |
| Sunday 26th March at 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 2nd April at 9.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| Friday 7th April at 10.00 am | **Good Friday – There is no service at St Peter’s but an Hour at the Cross, at St Mary’s, Sturminster Newton** |
| Sunday 9th April at 9.30 am | Easter Sunday - Holy Communion |

The Church continues to be open for prayer each day and all Covid 19 measures have been waved. In accord with practice now adopted within Salisbury (and other) Diocese, the common cup has been reintroduced for those wishing to receive the full sacrament. It remains entirely acceptable, however, for any communicant not wishing to receive wine to simply receive the bread. A presiding priest may, at their discretion, choose to offer the wine through a pipette as a continued precaution while a Covid threat exists.

On Tuesday 28th March 2023, the Revd Mary Gubbins will be installed as the next Vicar of Sturminster Newton, Lydlinch and Hinton St Mary by the Bishop of Sherborne. The service at St Mary’s, will start at 7.00 pm and there will be refreshments provided after the installation. All parishioners are invited, but if you are wishing to attend, please confirm this with the Church Wardens. Parking is very limited at St Mary’s and attendees are requested to use the public carparking available in the town.

Until further notice, all queries relating to Church-related support and services should be directed to the Church Wardens:

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| Robin Gibbs Tele: 01258 471493  [robin@aviaconsult.uk](mailto:robin@aviaconsult.uk) | Kevin Peto-Bostick Tele: 01258 475469  [kevin.peto.bostick@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.peto.bostick@gmail.com) |

**Dear Residents of Hinton St. Mary and beyond,**

At a service on 28 March at 7pm, I will become the Vicar of Sturminster Newton, Lydlinch and Hinton St Mary. You would be most welcome to join me for this occasion. If this is not possible, and it is your custom, please do pray for me and my family, and for all in the parishes of the Benefice including yourself. I have begun to pray for everyone connected with the parishes of the Benefice which includes all of you.

The picture shows my husband Andrew (also ordained) and I. We have three adult children. Our eldest son lives in Yorkshire. Our daughter is travelling. Our youngest son is at university in Liverpool.

I was born in Malawi (to Irish parents) and spent my primary school years there. My secondary schooling was in N. Ireland. At Leeds University, I studied Chemistry and experienced a call to ministry. My theological training prior to ordination was in Nottingham. I was ordained deacon (1994) and priest (1995) in Ripon Cathedral. I served two curacies (training posts) in Leeds and Harrogate before continuing as a self-supporting minister whilst bringing up a family. My last post before moving to Dorset was as Team Vicar in the Greater Corsham and Lacock Benefice with responsibility for the parish of Lacock with Bowden Hill.

I enjoy reading widely, spending time with family and friends, and walking. I have a natural curiosity about people and places, so, over time, I am looking forward to getting to know you, your parish and becoming part of your community.

A person and person sitting on a couch

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Mary

**The Yard Alice Fox-Pitt**

Things are really stepping up at the yard. Williams is preparing for Kentucky at the end of April with Lilly and Badminton Coronation weekend with Aiden and Rio. Kazu is also preparing for Badminton with Vinny.

The team have been enjoying the horses work stepping up, so they are up to canter work and have started jumping, way more fun than hours of walking!

The first events are in 2 weeks time and it will be very busy. Tierry, Seito, and William head to Moreton with the younger ones, 9 in total on the Saturday, then a quick turnaround as they repack the lorry and William takes 5 to Lincoln with Kazu’s two and Sarah’s one!

William has headed to the US this week to ride in the $100,000 invitational event on a borrowed horse in Florida, he is also teaching out there around the event. He has a big following in America and really enjoys their appetite for training.

Thank you for your patience with the horses around the village, we are so grateful.

**The Estate Alice Fox-Pitt**

This month the team have been busy getting the barn up together for the first wedding of the season at the end of March.

The grass in the garden struggled with the dry summer last year so we have put some very attractive semi-circle patios outside each door to try and stop so much wear and tear. Phil and Rupert’s team have done a great job and they are already starting to blend in.

We have had problems with fire pits burning the grass and Phil has come up with a great solution. We found one of the old milling stones from either Cutt Mill or Fiddleford Mill in a yard and it has been sunk into the ground as a base for fire pits, it looks great.

There have been multiple birds flocking over the winter bird seed plantations. Corn buntings, linets, finches, reed buntings, they look fantastic. Mark commissioned a bird survey this month so we have a base line to see how the stewardship scheme impacts the bird population across the estate over the next few years.

We are excited to announce that we have bought the Market Place dry cleaners to support Pete and Debbie through Debbie’s ill health. It will carry on as you have always known it with Mel and Gayle in charge with Pete and Debbie very much present. All the laundry services are in place so please do make use! Laundry, dry cleaning, shoe repairs and clothes repairs or alterations. Any ideas of other services you might like please let us know and we will try and bring them online.

The Carpenters workshop has been a hive of activity as we try and pin down a spec for a versatile work space for people working from home. I have been in conversations with the British Museum about having a copy of the Hinton Mosaic for the downstairs floor, fingers crossed that will be possible. We are looking at the options of a gym, cafe, meeting rooms, hot desks and potentially a library upstairs for the family and estate archive. The estate office will be based there at the heart of the village. Exciting!

We are excited to announce that the archaeologists will be back camping in the farm and village hall for a month at the end of June.  The last two digs have got interest going on the mosaic and it is really exciting that Peter Guest, the project lead has been asked to speak at the Chalke Valley History Festival about the mosaic.

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Keep supporting the pub! Loads of great events and energy going on there with the six nations, Cheltenham races, music and quiz nights. Thank you to Barney and Sarah for their wonderful work.

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**The White Horse**

Spring has nearly arrived, a few hardy customers have enjoyed a drink sat in the garden, and we are very much looking forward to some warmer days to come.

**So what’s on @ the Pub?**

5th March - monthly quiz night, baker man Dan and his popular pizzas in the garden from 5pm, quiz starts at 7pm.

6th March - **Date correction** the informal Cheltenham preview with Alice and Joe Tizzard will now be on the evening of Monday 6th.

12th March - Cribbage night, come to learn or play, bring a board if you have one, 5 pm start.

19th March - Mothering Sunday, please book to avoid disappointment.

26th March - Open mic night, the last one saw 7 acts, and was great fun. Pizza man in the garden from 5pm , the 1st act starts around 6pm.

We’re still showing all the 6 Nations rugby games , with cawl, cassoulet and coddle for only £5 during half time of the England games.

**St Peter’s Church**

**Parochial Church Council Meetings (the “PCC”)**

Each year the Church of England requires an annual election of Churchwardens, members and other officers including Secretary and Treasurer. These elections are conducted during the Vestry and the annual meeting of the PCC (“APCM”).

This year the Vestry and APCM will be on **Thursday 4th May 2023, starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall.** Notices for the Vestry and the APCM meetings and the (Parish) Electoral Roll Review will shortly be put up on the notice boards by the Church gate and inside the Church Porch.

All members of the (Parish) Electoral Roll are entitled to attend both meetings and are also encouraged to participate in the election of Churchwardens and members and officers of the PCC. Nomination forms for the positions of Churchwardens and members of the PCC are available in the Church Porch or from the current PCC Secretary, Mrs Shane Johnstone and should be completed and returned to her or Robin Gibbs prior to the meetings.

A meeting of the new PCC will follow the Vestry and APCM, but this meeting is only open to PCC members and officers.

If you would like to be involved in the management of the Church and would like more information about the roles and obligations of being a Churchwarden, member or officer of the PCC, please contact Robin Gibbs, Churchwarden on 471493 or email him on [robin@aviaconsult.uk](mailto:robin@aviaconsult.uk).

**Hinton in the 17th Century Bob Kelley**

Whilst researching two different stories for *Hilltop History*, the weekly local history programme on Radio Alfred, the station for Shaftesbury where I was born and grew up, I stumbled upon links to Hinton St Mary that may be of interest to your readers.

The Freke family fortunes were founded by Robert Freke, Auditor and Teller of the Exchequer under Henry VIII. Such posts provided ample opportunities for wealth and advancement, and Robert acquired substantial landholdings. When William Stourton was found guilty of murder and exercised the right of a nobleman to be hanged by a silken rope when he was executed at Salisbury in 1556, the Hinton St. Mary manor and the estate were taken away from the Stourton’s and granted to the Freke family.

In May 1641, reacting to scares, rumours of plots and anxiety that the Protestant reformation was in danger of being undone, a 10-man committee of the House of Commons, in the Long Parliament, was appointed to draft a national declaration.  It was the first of three oaths of loyalty imposed by the Long Parliament, between May 1641 and September 1643. The others were the Vow and covenant and the Solemn League and Covenant.

It was taken by the members of the House of Commons on 3rd May 1641. The following day the Protestant peers in the House of Lords also swore it. Subsequently on 18th January 1642, perhaps prompted by King Charles the First’s attempt on 4th January to arrest the Five Members of parliament, the Speaker, William Lenthall, sent out a letter to the effect that all males of eighteen or over should take the oath.  The idea was that those that refused to take the oath would be presumed to be Catholics and so unfit to hold office in Church or state. In fact, it was not a particularly effective way of distinguishing Catholics from Protestants, as in some areas Catholics took the oath with reservations concerning their religion, and others that were known from recusancy lists, appeared on the returns.

The names of those who conformed were listed by parish, and this return was submitted to Parliament. There are nearly 3,500 Protestation Returns that have survived, only about a third of English parishes at the time. They are nevertheless, the closest we have to a census for the period just before the Civil War. The returns were made in March and (because the year ended on 25th March until 1752) they are dated 1641.

The Protestation Returns of 1641–1642 are lists of English males over the age of 18 who took the oath of allegiance "to live and die for the true Protestant religion, the liberties and rights of subjects and the privilege of Parliaments." These lists were usually compiled by parish, or township, within hundred, or wapentake. (A wapentake was the equivalent of the Anglo-Saxon hundred in the northern Danelaw.)  Typically, a local official wrote out all the names, although in some areas the signees wrote their own names.  Occasionally those who refused to sign were also listed.

The declaration, or Protestation, read:

*I, \_ A.B. \_ do, in the presence of Almighty God, promise, vow, and protest to maintain, and defend as far as lawfully I may, with my Life, Power and Estate, the true Reformed Protestant religion, expressed in the Doctrine of the Church of England, against all Popery and Popish Innovations, within this Realm, contrary to the same Doctrine, and according to the duty of my Allegiance, to His Majesties Royal Person, Honour and Estate, as also the Power and Privileges of Parliament, the lawful Rights and Liberties of the Subjects, and any person that maketh this Protestation, in whatsoever he shall do in the lawful Pursuance of the se: and to my power, and as far as lawfully I may, I will oppose and by all good Ways and Means endeavour to bring to condign Punishment all such as shall, either by Force, Practice, Councels, Plots, Conspiracies, or otherwise, doe any thing to the contrary of any thing in this present Protestation contained: and further, that I shall, in all just and honourable ways, endeavour to preserve the Union and Peace betwixt the Three Kingdoms of England, Scotland and Ireland: and neither for Hope, Fear, nor other Respect, shell relinquish this Promise, Vow and Protestation.*

The good news is that records survive in the Parliamentary records for Hinton St. Mary on 27th February 1641, with Thomas Freke listed at the very top. A descendant, William Freke, was born in 1662 and moved to Hinton St Mary in 1696. He took an interest in theology and published a book giving his incendiary and possibly blasphemous views on the Trinity that caused an uproar.

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The book was burnt by the public hangman, while William Freke was fined £500 (the equivalent of at least £50,000 today) and forced to recant publicly outside Westminster Hall. As a result, he was disinherited by his father, who left all the Freke estates to his daughter-in-law and her younger sister. The older sister died young so the younger, Lucy, inherited. She was married to George Pitt and so her son, also George Pitt, came into the Freke estates early in the 18th century.

*Taken from the Parliamentary Archives*



**THE MONTHLY VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING**

**Tuesday 7th March 10.30 – 12.00.**

The cost is £1.50– for as much coffee or tea as you can drink and as many biscuits

as you can eat.

Blandford Hospital Shop Warehouse

Saturday, 4th March

Old Poisdale building

10 – 12 midday

 **MARCH QUICK QUIZ**

Ditloid 3 T a L by the C (Clue - Music) Riddle: What tastes better than it smells?

ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY QUIZ

Ditloid: 6 Balls in an Over in Cricket Anagram: Valentines Day

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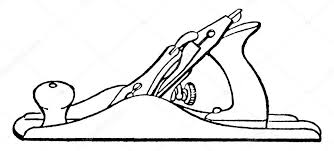
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