

The Parish

• APRIL 2020 •

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> SUBMISSIONS FOR NEXT MONTH, PLEASE NOTE - NO LATER THAN:

9TH APRIL 2020 kgrattage@me.com Karen Grattage

Front cover image : View of fields in Spring behind St Mary's Church, Limpley Stoke.



The Parish of Freshford, Limpley Stoke, and Hinton Charterhouse.



AN IMPORTANT NOTICE ON CORONAVIRUS:

As of the 17th March 2020, our three churches will be following the directives from the Church of England and our own diocese of Bath and Wells and all worship services will be suspended until further notice. That includes anything due to have been held in the Old Bakery as well as in St John's, Hinton Charterhouse, St Mary's, Limpley Stoke, and St Peter's, Freshford.

We will also not be able to host services for other groups either. There are contingencies for weddings, funerals, and Baptism which you will need to talk to our Rector about (his contact details are in this magazine).

These are unprecedented times of uncertainty. Some of you may just about be old enough to remember war time and how the nation pulled together in uncertain times. These are times like then, though our enemy is microscopic and difficult to fight.

This is when we, at such an advanced age, can see how easily life can be changed beyond our control and present us with a time of fear and uncertainty.

Church services may be closed but we are in a 'pandemic not a panic' (Bishop Peter), and we will pull together to protect the elderly and most vulnerable in our society. If you have no underlying health condition please be part of the local initiatives to reach out to those who are the most vulnerable.

The church is not a building but a community of people, who are journeying together toward an ultimate destination. We do not have all the answers, but we do believe in prayer and that prayer changes things. We have a Facebook page which we would love you to sign up to, as we will post updates and even videos etc. to help see us through these days, weeks, or for however long it takes. https://www.facebook.com/pg/freshfordlimpleyhintonchurches

If you need help or if you wish for someone to pray for you, or have a situation that is troubling you, or those near to you, please feel free to phone or email and we will add these to our prayers. May God bless us and help us through this pandemic, may he protect the most vulnerable, and encourage us to do what we can for each other.

Revd Mike Taylor

Welcome from Revd Mike Taylor

Dear friends,

national health crisis, a once in a generation event - these and many other descriptions have been given regarding the Coronavirus outbreak, now a pandemic. It is easy to criticise and tempting to over react. But it is also possible to remain sceptical and have a, 'Keep going and carry on,' attitude, assuming that it won't happen to us. Of course the most vulnerable are not the majority of the population, but the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. For them, we must follow best practice and advice. My mother celebrated her 90th birthday in March and thank you to the many of you who celebrated with her in one way or another. She is 90 and even celebrating her birthday exhausted her. For her I would take precautions.

A virus is a 'small infectious agent that replicates only inside the living cells of an organism'. That is one definition I have found. It needs life to replicate and yet it has the potential to cause great concern. A little thing can have big repercussions.

This month, April, has one of the Church's greatest festivals in it. Of course I mean Easter. Easter reminds us of the power of God to find a solution to the problem of sin. Sin is not a popular word today, and many have re-categorised sin to exclude what they personally enjoy doing! One description of sin is that the very word contained at its heart, 'I', and anything we do that is entirely 'l' focused, to the exclusion of others, is likely to be sin. It is a small word but one that cause so much harm. It often starts small, just an idea, just (as we would say in the Church) a tempting thought, but can soon get out of hand. Online gambling, stealing, having a fling etc. All these things can start out as a simply thought and result in destroyed relationships and families.

66 We continue to pray for those who are elderly or have underlying health conditions.

It is our human tendency to be selfish that is revealed in the journey through the Bible. From the story of Adam and Eve in the garden who thought 'Why not?' (Which is likely a story of our human inclination to be selfish.) Through the stories of the Old testament where individuals looked after themselves first and others as a second thought. To the giving of laws which simply showed them what sin really was, rather than being a solution! The Bible is a collection of stories of the human search for meaning and purpose, a higher, better place, and a relationship with a creator who is not distant but forever involved in our lives. Psalm 139 says:

1 You have searched me, Lord,

and you know me.

2 You know when I sit and when I rise;

you perceive my thoughts from afar.

3 You discern my going out and my lying down;

you are familiar with all my ways.

4 Before a word is on my tongue

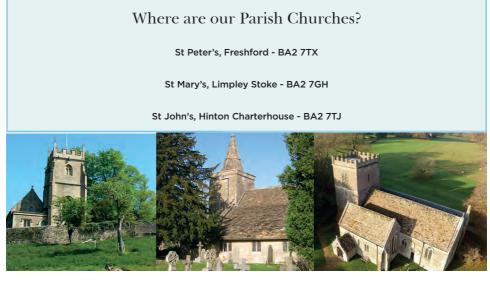
you, Lord, know it completely.

This shows how much God is and has always been involved but the small inclination to care for what 'I' want has driven such love far from us. The New Testament shows us the solution, not the problem. God became one of us, born into the same world we inhabit, to show us a true vision of God and by example to show us a better way to live. Finally his self-sacrificial death became the gateway for us who will believe in Him, through the problem of sin into the glory of 'Life in all its fullness'. Just as a virus needs life to enable its growth, so sin requires human commitment to enable it to grow out of hand. But God has provided the solution to sin and as we celebrate Easter together we can see how he did this! We go on this journey at Easter time.

We continue to pray for those who are elderly or have underlying health conditions and the science that it trying to find a solution for this pandemic. Please think of others and help where you can, support when you can and be sensible when you feel unwell, in the way described, to think of others and stay away from situations where you might affect others.

Revd Mike Taylor

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From the Registers

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Valarie Neal, whose ashes were buried at St John's Church, Hinton Charterhouse, on Thursday 5th March.

(Note: Register items published in this magazine include events up to 18th March 2020, which is when this magazine edition was compiled. Events after this date will be published in the next edition.

Forty Years Ago this Month - April 1980

LEN LAMBERT

Len Lambert recalls the events he recorded in his diary for this month:

- On Tuesday the 1st, steel workers decided to accept the wage offer that was on the cards.
- Rioting took place in Bristol on the 2nd, after police raided the Black and White Restaurant. Police cars were overturned and set on fire.
- Between 3rd and 6th ground frosts made for rather a cold Easter.
- Iran warned the EEC not to support the sanctions imposed by the USA.
- On the 11th, Natwest took over from Gillette as sponsors of the Sunday cricket programme in a £1.5 million deal.
- Iran signed a deal with Romania for Energy, Agriculture and Industry on the 24th.
- President Carter announced failure of the attempt to free hostages held by Iran.
- A Hercules and a helicopter collided killing eight people on the 25th.
- After rather a cold month, rain fell on four to five days, causing frost.
- Will May bring out the sunshine?... I'll let you know next time!

Coronavirus: Our Local Services

All events listed in this magazine, including the Diary pages and advertisments were correct at the time of going to press. Please check with the community group or venue that the event is still running before you attend, as things may still change as Coronavirus continues to have an impact.

CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUPS AND DELIVERIES WHILE SELF-ISOLATING. HINTON HELPERS:

Contact Roger Jacobs at Hinton Post Office on 01225 723367 or hintonpostoffice@btinternet.com with orders for food and household goods which he will buy from the cash and carry. Hinton Helpers will collect your order from Roger and you can pay him by BACs transfer, or by cash in an envelope left for your helper. Volunteers will also run errands for you, post letters, or telephone for a chat. Homemade cakes and quiches also on sale at the post office soon.

FRESHFORD AND LIMPLEY STOKE LOCAL ACTION CRISIS GROUP:

Volunteers will do your shopping, walk your dog, collect prescriptions, post mail, telephone for a chat, and help make online grocery orders. Contacts on page 13.

THE GALLERIES, FRESHFORD: Orders for shopping or sandwiches from the cafe are available on 01225 723249 or manager@gallerieshop.co.uk

THE STAG, HINTON CHARTERHOUSE is planning to stay open as long as possible and is arranging a full takeway menu. Contact 01225 723456.

THE ROSE AND CROWN, HINTON CHARTERHOUSE is monitoring the situation closely. Please call the pub on 01225 722152 to see if April music events are running.

THE INN AT FRESHFORD: Please check in advance to see whether the April 29th Waste Recycling talk is going ahead.

THE OLD BAKERY, FRESHFORD: Monday coffee mornings, scouts, toddlers, fitness classes and all other events cancelled as the hall is closed until further notice.

LIMPLEY STOKE VILLAGE HALL: Functional Fitness classes cancelled. Limpley Stoke Parish Council assessing the situation and may not meet.

HINTON MEMORIAL HALL remains open. Pilates and Parish Council meetings are running, but art classes and toddlers are currently on hold.

FRESHFORD MEMORIAL HALL : Zumba classes, Freshford and District Horticultural Society and History Society meetings are cancelled.

OVER 60'S LUNCHES AND COFFEE EVENTS may be cancelled. Check in advance.

In Our Community This Month

COFFEE

WEEKLY MORNING COFFEE

At The Old Bakery, Freshford. Please note there will be no coffee mornings in April, or until further notice.

COFFEE & CHAT

At the home of Isla Tuck, The High Street, Hinton Charterhouse, Thursday 23rd April 10.30am. Please check as may not be running.

LUNCH CLUBS

"GALLERIES GOLDEN GOURMETS"

For Retired People of Freshford and Limpley Stoke, meeting @ The Galleries Café.

Wednesday 8th April (Second Wednesday of the month) 12.30pm. Please check if this is still running by calling the Galleries on 01225 723249.

OVER 60'S LUNCH

Meet at 12.15pm for 12.30pm start on Wednesday 15th April (Third Wednesday of the month) at

'THE STAG', HINTON CHARTERHOUSE

The meeting may not happen in April please call Caroline or Mavis for updates.

Contact Caroline Banks (**01225 722758**) or Mavis Bennett (**01225 722247**)

Please note cost is now £7.50 pp.

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME.

DRIVING SCHEMES

THE RIDINGS

The Ridings is a volunteer driving scheme serving Norton St Philip, Hinton Charterhouse and the outlying villages. Are you someone who needs transport, perhaps to visit the doctor or hospital and finds using buses difficult?

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THE OLD BAKERY

ROOM BOOKINGS

All bookings for The Old Bakery should be made through Debs in the Parish Office who is contactable on:

contact.parishoffi e@gmail.com (01225 720347)

April Parish Calendar

Date	Event		
3rd	B&NES and Wiltshire Schools	Term 4 officially end	
5th	Palm Sunday		
9th	Maundy Thursday		
10th	Good Friday	Public Holiday	
12th	Easter Sunday		
13th	Easter Monday	Public Holiday	
20th	B&NES and Wiltshire Schools	Beginning of Term 5	
NB	Spring Bank Holiday this year is Friday 8th May to coincide with 75th anniversary of VE Day. Some diaries may not show this change!		

A full list of all church services this month can be found on the rear cover of this magazine, on the notice boards of each church, as well as on the Parish Church website http://flshc co.uk/

Could you help with the Parish Magazine?

We are looking for a new Diary Secretary to compile the events happening in Hinton Charterhouse each month and wondered if you can help?

Mavis Bennett, who has carried out the role for many years, celebrated her 80th birthday last month and has decided to take a well-earned retirement.

We would love to find someone who can take over her role as soon as possible.

The role involves contacting our regular groups including art, toddlers, fitness and other groups, as well as the parish council and BANES mobile libraries to find out their meeting dates for the month and then compiling them ready to appear in the magazine.

If you would also like to write or edit some articles covering events and news items in the village, we'd particularly love to hear from you.

With many thanks to Mavis for her work as diary secretary over the years, and best wishes to Mavis and her family at a difficult time for them.

Contact: editor Karen Grattage on kgrattage@me.com

or magazine manager Mark Baines on mark@mar-com.net



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Magazine Submissions

DATES FOR 2020

We always welcome new contributions to the Parish Magazine. Please email **kgrattage@me.com**

Final Submission Dates:

Magazine Month	Submission Date	Magazine Month	Submission Date
May 2020	9th April	June 2020	12th May
July 2020	14th June	August 2020	12th July
September 2020	11th August	October 2020	11th September
November 2020	12th October	December 2020	13th November
January 2021	8th December	February 2021	12th January

Please send your 'Diary Date' entries to the Magazine Secretaries by the above deadlines:

Freshford / Limpley Stoke Entries : Anne Jarrett (01225 722309) annejarrett@btopenworld.com

Hinton Charterhouse Entries: Mavis Bennett (01225 722247) mavis.bennett@mavisbennett.plus.com

Email your news and events to kgrattage@me.com

PARISH PLAY GROUPS



HINTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP @ Hinton Charterhouse Memorial Hall

10.30AM - 12 NOON EVERY WEDNESDAY.

FRESHFORD AND LIMPLEY STOKE BABY & TODDLER GROUP

@ The Old Bakery, Freshford

10.00AM - 11.30AM EVERY THURSDAY.

Hinton Charterhouse CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT

- Do you need shopping?
- Do you need medicines/prescription supplies?
- Do you need to post a letter?
- Do you need a chat?

Step 1

Contact: Roger Jacob at The Hinton Post Office & Stores

Tel no: 01225 723367

Email: hintonpostoffice@btopenworld.com

Step 2

The HINTON HELPERS will then respond to your needs as quickly as possible. (This is a group of villagers, all with transport, who have volunteered to offer support to those, of any age, in self-isolation).

This is a FREE service

For food deliveries please pay by BACS transfer, or provide cash in an envelope, so volunteers so not have to handle the money. If necessary, you may also pay by cheque in an envelope, but cash is greatly preferred.

If anyone has any spare plastic bags to donate for packing food please bring to the post office.

LOCAL ACTION CRISIS GROUP (LACG)

FOR LIMPLEY STOKE, FRESHFORD AND HINTON CHARTERHOUSE AND THE LOCAL AREA

HELLO! If you are self isolating or struggling to cope with the current crisis, we can help.

We are a local group of volunteers who live in Freshford, Limpley Stoke and the surrounding area. If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 we can help with the following:

- Picking up shopping
- Assisting with online shopping
- Picking up medications
- Posting mail
- A friendly phone call
- Urgent supplies
- Dog walking for those who are too unwell

The above is not an exhaustive list.

Just call or text the following numbers and we will do our best to get help to you from our large pool of volunteers:

Elayne Richards	07900 731 473	Landline: 01225 722689
Louise Kirby-Garton	07514 814 052	Landline: 01225 722289
Sara Buchanan	07810 750 144	
Binny Lascelles	07826 559 443	
Joelle Feghali-Brindley	07881 625 295	
Elaine Curtin	07976 731 429	
Deborah Goodchild	07722 422 039	

Mini fliers will be posted through letterboxes and will also be available to pick up at the Galleries community shop to increase awareness and ensure everyone has our contact details.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US AND VOLUNTEER PLEASE CAN YOU CALL OR TEXT ELAYNE RICHARDS AT 07900 731 473.

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands with soap and water regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.

Please be aware that we are here to offer practical help but we cannot give medical advice. For medical assessment if you are feeling very ill please call NHS 111. If it is an emergency then call 999. For medical advice and guidance if you have access to a computer or smartphone then search for NHS online or follow this link: https://111.nhs.uk/

LIMPLEY STOKE VILLAGE HALL

For information & booking contact Barbara Osborne on 01225 867566



HINTON CHARTERHOUSE VILLAGE HALL

For information:

www.hintoncharterhouse.com or contact Mavis Bennett on 01225 722247

FRESHFORD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

For information: www.freshfordvillagehall.co.uk/hiring

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Contact: Holly Stephenson, Booking Secretary, **07909 584660** between 9.30am to 3.00pm on weekdays only.

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COVID-19: STAYING AT HOME - WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

As the COVID-19 gathers pace, and some of us find oursel es at home for a period of time, here are some ideas on ways we can keep fit and healt y both physically and mentally.

1. Write a list of all those jobs you have always wanted to do both indoors and out and set about a plan to start them.

2. Drink plenty of water and move around the house. The body needs physical stimulation and will thrive and work efficiently when used. This will also help boost the immune system and help you stave off some off the nasties. Drinking will help with blood flow and waste product removal from the kidneys.

3. Start creating new recipes. Now is a good time to start looking at all those cookbooks to cook a new meal. It's a great way to stimulate the brain and increase neuroplasticity (creating new brain cells).

4. Re-arrange the house. Look at moving some of the furniture, create a new living room. Whilst it is the same furniture, by shifting it, the room will seem different and create a novel experience. (Ensure you are capable of moving it).

5. Exercising is not only good for the physical aspect of the body but also for the brain. We all should try to achieve at least 150 minutes of exercise per week. You don't have to do it all at once, you can split it up into 2, 3 or 4 minutes at a time per day. Exercising will also help stop your body from weakening as a result of staying at home and increase your energy levels, help ease stiffness, and keeps your thoughts fresh.

6. Fresh air and the sun. Get out into the back yard and breath some of that glorious fresh air, as long as you are two metres away from your neighbours, it will be absolutely fine. Sit in the garden and enjoy the sunshine. This will add vital Vitamin D from the sun, which has a long list of benefits for the body.

7. Phone, skype, email and texts. Connect with friends and family. If you need something, call. If you feel isolated, call. If you need to cheer yourself up, phone someone who can make you laugh, call.

These are only some ideas to help you cope over the coming weeks and months. It's going to be tough, but you can all do it. YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

You can follow me on facebook (conceptfitne s65) for more useful tips and facts about aging and COVID-19.



Arthur Perdicchia from Concept Fitness 65

SAVE OUR PLANET



Limpley Stoke and Freshford



ENERGY SUPPLIER TIPS sent to saveourplanetlsf@gmail.com

TRISH'S TIP: Changing your electricity supplier to one that uses renewable energy is an easy way to help the planet- and can even save you money!

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LUCY'S TIP: Bulb - the UK's biggest green supplier, provides 100% renewable electricity from solar, wind and hydro. Plus, their gas is 100% carbon neutral. Ten per cent is green gas produced from renewable sources like food or farm waste. They offset the rest of the gas supplied by supporting carbon reduction projects around the world.

SARAH'S TIP: The energy companies Green, Energy, and Ecotricity, actually build wind farms, whereas So Energy buys it from them and others. **STEVE'S TIP** : SO Energy, Founded in 2015, buys green energy from UK sources and Which? reports good customer feedback. The company came joint second out of 30 energy suppliers surveyed. It has a 'low price policy' and claims its single fixed tariff will always be in the cheapest 10% of energy deals available for the average user.

Pure Planet is a private independent supplier based in the UNESCO world heritage site of Bath. BP holds a minority shareholding of approx 24%. As one of the largest energy brokers in the world, BP buys all the renewable electricity and carbon offset gas on behalf of its members.

IAN'S TIP: Green Network Energy is an Italian company which generates electricity via renewable sources in Italy.

If you have a tip to help the planet or wish to contribute an article, please forward saveourplanet@gmail.com

VILLAGES' INFORMAL CLIMATE MEETINGS

In January we began a series of informal Climate Crisis chats, supported by Limpley Stoke Parish Council and Winsley community. The venue will vary, but we're starting in the upstairs room at The Inn at Freshford. Do join us for future talks at 7.30 pm, or earlier at 6.30 pm if you fancy a drink and a bite to eat before the talk. Food and drink purchased from the bar.

<u>APRIL</u>: Wednesday 29th WILTSHIRE WASTE RECYCLING –Councillor Rob Yuill: How we can maximise our recycling, & how WCC plan to improve recycling, notably of plastics. The Inn at Freshford

MAY: TBA HOW WILL CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECT ME?

<u>JUNE:</u> Tuesday 23rd Community Approach and Sympathetic Installation of **SOLAR PV** in the village. Nick Spicer installed at **Freshford School.**

JULY: Wednesday 15th THE IMPORTANCE OF INSECTS IN OUR GARDENS Tania Pascoe

Notice from Freshford and District

Local History and Horticultural Societies

"THE FRESHFORD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES HAVE TAKEN THE DECISION TO CANCEL MEETINGS IN MARCH, APRIL AND MAY. WE HOPE OUR SUMMER PLANTS SALE AND HORTICULTURAL OUTINGS WILL HAPPEN AND WILL ADVERTISE THEM IF IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THEY WILL TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED."

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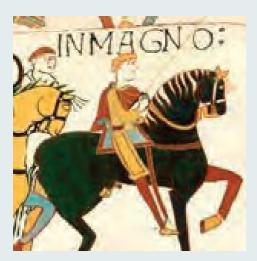
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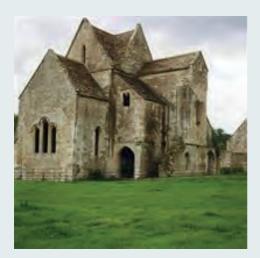
Living at the English Court at the same time as William Longspee was William D'Evreux, directly descended from Walter D'Evreux, Count of Rosmar. He had been a follower of William the Conqueror, and had received the lands of Salisbury and Amesbury from him in recognition of his services. With Walter were his wife, Eleanor de Vitre and their daughter Ela D'Evreux.

In 1198, when Ela was eight, both of her parents died and she was made a ward of Richard I. However, Ela's relatives in France wanted to have her back with them in Normandy, and contrived to kidnap her and spirit her back to France with them. On hearing of this, Richard asked a knight named William Talbot to get her back again. He went over to France dressed first as a pilgrim to find her location, then as a harpist, offering to play in some of the wealthier houses. In this way William found her – and managed to bring her back to the English Court.

When Ela was ten Richard gave her in marriage to his half-brother, the acclaimed knight William Longspee. Although it was not uncommon at that time for girls to be given in marriage at such an early age, William wisely waited for many more years before they lived as man and wife. Against the odds the marriage appears to have been a very happy one, and produced a large number of children.



After William Longspee's untimely death in 1226, the monks from the Carthusian monastery which he had founded in Hatherop appealed to his widow, Ela, stating that the site was unsuitable for them and that the endowments were insufficient to sustain them. Ela would probably have inherited with her title all the lands belonging to her ancestor, Edward of Salisbury: 34 manors in Wiltshire and two in Somerset. Out of these she chose to grant the monks her two Somerset manors - Hinton and Norton.



Bearing in mind that the reclusive Carthusians liked their monasteries to be as remote as possible, either high up in mountains or deep in forests, the site at Hinton would have seemed almost ideal. Here Ela specifically offered her deer park, situated on a high plateau from which a steep, wooded hillside ran down eastwards to the River Frome. Here they would have fertile pasture. meadow and arable land and - more importantly still - water supply and the scope for drainage. The site also had far-reaching views eastwards towards the edge of Salisbury Plain. The monks were to call the place 'Locus Dei', or the 'Place of God'.

Margaret Dodge





St Mary's Church and Church Yard Clean Up

Saturday 25th April From 10am

All volunteers welcome. Please bring own gardening tools.



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In addition to wanting to ensure our customers & guests remain healthy, we also want you to be comfortable & confident when choosing to visit us.

We reconise that the situation is worrying but we would like to reasure you that we are closely monitoring the developing situation & working with the Butcombe Brewery & the EHO by following the Government Guidelines.

For the time being we have suspended all entertainment but hope to resume the April line up as normal but this will be reviewed daily.

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It is a very challanging time for us all, so we ask all our customer to keep safe and well during the coming weeks.

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A Message from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

A swe reflect on the Easter story this month I'm reminded of the sense of 'touch'. It was Passover, a religious festival, and as Jesus was laid in the tomb, Sabbath was upon them. So the usual burial rites were not attended to by the women who were closest to Jesus. It would have been improper to touch the dead body. Hence their early arrival on that resurrection morning.

In the following days, in attempts to dispel disbelief, Jesus' followers had opportunity to not only talk with him, eat with him, but also touch him as he came among them. Thomas's doubt was dispelled as he was invited to place his hand in the wounds of Christ.'

66 How might we replace touch with other signals of our care?

As I write this we are wondering what Covid 19 might have in store for us in the UK. There will be various responses to the concerns raised by the Government and the media. Some may feel anxiety or fear about the nature of the virus whilst others may wonder if the emergency planning appears over-reactive. Our response as a Church must be that we do what we can to ensure we stay safe by taking all precautions recommended. And that we do all we can to reassure people who may feel vulnerable and worried by staying calm and showing compassion and care for all.

But how do we express such care? I've realised that touch plays quite an important part in showing we care for someone. When I was training as a nurse for a brief period many years ago, I recall being shown some research on touch. It was an eye-opener! Even the briefest of touches can cause people to feel better, cared for and happier.

But the presence of Coronavirus means that we are having to withdraw touch to prevent the possibility of infection. So how might we try to replace touch with other signals of our care and value? What might that look like? As folk may find themselves 'self-isolating' due to potential symptoms of the virus we have the opportunity to find new ways to show our care. Phone calls and cards, food deliveries, creative use of social media and streaming of worship services may all be ways to stay in touch and help people to know they are not alone. Rather than finding ourselves paralysed by the situation let us discover how we can create new opportunities to strengthen our relationships and communities.

May our actions be the reassuring, lifeaffirming 'touch' of the risen Christ this Easter!

The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley



EARLY BIRDSONG WALK



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The club has two teams in the Chippenham and District League.

We are organising an Club Open Day on Saturday 17th May, 2020 and all are welcome to turn up and view the facilities and meet some of the Club members. The club coach Ron will be offering some free coaching during the day.

If you are interested in trying out the courts before taking out membership or you simply want to enjoy an occasional game without commitment, then the courts can be booked on a 'pay and play' basis at a cost of £6/hr. To make a court booking on our website, you will need first to register with ClubSpark <u>https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Account/SignUp?source=ch</u>.

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It was installed there in 1934 by a local firm of organ builders, Griffin and Stroud of Bath. It cost £349. Every pipe organ is unique, hand built and the pipes are hand crafted and 'voiced' by the craftsmen at the factory. Ours has two keyboards (called manuals) and a full pedal board of two and a half octaves which is played by the feet, like playing on a giant keyboard.

It has nine speaking stops (some louder than others, to vary the sound) and various couplers which allow some stops to work on a different keyboard. The swell pedal is a stick lever (operated by foot to open shutters on some of the enclosed ranks of pipes to control the volume). Originally blown by use of a hand pump, the electric pump was installed in 1948.

There is a plaque on the organ case celebrating the long career of Wilfred Nash who served St Mary's for 45 years from 1934 until 1979. There have been several long serving organists who also trained the choir that used to sit alongside up in the gallery.

If you want to play the instrument, I will be happy to show you around. Come and listen to the very special sound of a church organ at a service – the Easter service will have the organ playing at full volume!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN ST MARY'S RECENTLY?

We have come through the storms and rain with minimal water ingress which is a great relief. The heating timer has been playing up and will probably have to be replaced.....

David Sibley, Churchwarden

Freshford Preschool

BOOK WEEK AND SIGNS OF SPRING!





This month we have had such lovely experiences enhancing the children's time at preschool. Our Forest school sessions have taken us on beautiful walks around the village, encouraging discussions about signs of spring, with children noticing buds and the changing of colours. We are all hoping we will have more drier days soon too!

We started this term with celebrating Shrove Tuesday with some delicious pancakes for snacks. World book week was so much fun! The children were given the opportunity to dress up on any day during the week, and so many enjoyed this event – we had fairies, tigers, witches and flamingos to name but a few! The children shared their favourite stories, and enjoyed creating their own stories using familiar favourite tales. It is magical to see their ideas come to life through their pictures and conversations about characters.

We were so lucky to have a bird themed Forest school to end world book week. A Daddy very kindly constructed bird houses for every child, and during the morning, the children were able to paint their bird house, and choose which front they would like to put on – one which suits robins best and another which is more for blue tits and other birds similar to this. The children made bird feeders and enjoyed a game of matching pairs with birds, providing time to learn new facts about different birds. We all had such a great morning.

Our half termly yoga session focused on signs of spring, with the children making movements of spring animals. They were also encouraged to really tune into different sounds, showing their understanding through movements. These are life skills which will support their future learning experiences.



The children have been discovering their building skills, with walls being built with shaving foam, and 3D models from playdough and paper straws. They are exploring the environment using all their senses, and showing a real 'can do' attitude to problem solving, displaying high levels of resilience. Looking forward to the next few weeks, we are all very excited to be venturing to the Friary to meet the ponies, and to welcome the toddler group to preschool for an Easter craft and play session.



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With a sad heart, we leave Hinton Garage on the 26th June 2020, and start up in Oakhill on the 1^{st} July 2020.

We massively appreciate all the support and loyalty from all our customers from Hinton and the surrounding villages that we have had in the last 5 years.

We hope the extra travel time will not put you off coming to see us at our new location, we will have lots of courtesy cars for customers to borrow.

Our new address and contact number will be: Bath Road, Oakhill , Radstock, BA3 5AF – 01749 840330

Work will continue as normal in Hinton until the move - Paul & Mia

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The Friends of St John's Church Hinton Charterhouse

Churchyard wall repair project

We are aiming to raise funds this year to pay for the repair of the churchyard wall which collapsed just after Christmas.

We are planning a **special fundraiser** later on in 2020 - the very first Hinton Charterhouse

ART and CRAFTS FAIR!

The idea is to take over St John's church for the weekend of November 14th/15th and we are hoping to set up:

- An art display from local artists for visitors to admire and buy
- Craft stalls with gifts to purchase
- Photographic prints to buy
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Of course WE NEED YOUR HELP

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What Talents Do You Have to Share?

 Artist, Creative, Gardener, Photographer, Wood-worker, Embroiderer, Poet, Writer, Model Maker and more....
 We are looking for submissions of pieces of work from our local talented residents and groups (all generations) across our whole Parish to share at the forthcoming St Mary's Harvest of Talents on 3rd / 4th October 2020.

Please contact us if you are interested in sharing your work at this exciting event.

Can You Help with the Event?

Do you have availability to help set up the event at the Church? We are looking for people to help set up the church, to welcome visitors and to provide / serve refreshments.

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PILATES	Hinton Memorial Hall, 9.00am - 11.00am.
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