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| Hinton St Mary Mosaic | Hinton St. Mary | Dorset | During breakfast in the Vicarage kitchen, Bishop Graham told the Confirmation candidates that they were in a line of continuity with Christians who lived and worshipped in Dorset in the Roman era. He gave the example of the Christians who laid the remarkable mosaic pavement which was discovered in September 1963 at the village of Hinton St. Mary between Marnhull and Sturminster Newton in North Dorset.When general engineer, blacksmith and welder Mr. W.J. White drove a post hole into the ground in order to prepare foundations for a new building near his forge he struck the remains of a large country villa and so unearthed one of Britain’s most important archaeological finds (now in the British Museum). At the centre of the mosaic design was a portrait of a fair-haired, clean shaven man with dark eyes. Although a cross-shaped monogram was placed behind the man’s head, early visitors to the site did not believe that the portrait was intended to be Jesus, because of *‘the apparent unsuitability of placing a rendering of our Lord on the floor where it risked being trodden on.’* But the discoverer of the mosaic, Mr. White, instinctively knew that he was indeed looking at a picture of Jesus. He had a blackboard placed next to the exposed pavement and he wrote on the board the words of John Wesley’s hymn *Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light*. He took the initiative of talking about Jesus with the sceptical archaeologists who visited Hinton St. Mary in the wake of the discovery.It is a great story: the discovery of the unexpected treasure was marvellous – and even more so was Mr. White’s willingness to seize the opportunity to tell of the Good News of Jesus Christ.The intricacy of the Roman craftsmanship is remarkable – but no more remarkable than the simple and trusting action of Mr. White who knew he was called to speak of the living Lord to those whose interest was largely confined to historical matters, to issues of the past. *Mr White’s son is Paul White, the pastor of New Covenant Church, Weymouth* | The Rev Stephen Battystephen.batty@talktalk.net |

Above is an example of what is happening in Wool.

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