

### Prayer corner

- It is still Easter! Actually, it is always Easter, because Jesus is always alive, but let's go on celebrating the amazing truth that having died for our sins, he is now alive with the Father for us always. Why not pray about who you can talk to about what Easter means to you in these next weeks?
- Please pray as we all pray that God's kingdom will come in our communities (more on the front of this notice sheet)
- Pray for the forthcoming local elections, and a little further ahead, for the EU referendum; for grace to hear the different positions and reach a wise decision.
- We are finalising plans for events involving all of our communities which will happen around the time of the Queen's 90th birthday. Do pray that as people gather they will have a good time in fine weather, but most of all will have a chance to reflect on the God whom she serves.
- Following on now from our APCMs, pray for the important conversations we are having about our future as churches. These are exciting times for us, but they need much thought and prayer.
- Please pray for the following people and any others you know to be in trouble of any kind, and let us know of anyone you would like added to this list: Janet King having a long course of treatment, and those who have had operations in recent months—David Carrington, Paul Reily & Brian Williams. Les Dawson at home after a stroke, and Viv Carrington also poorly. For Sheila Howard, Juliette and Millie Jarrold. For Margaret Elvin, Judith King, Audrey Posford, Daphne Ranson & Peggy Woods, all receiving residential or domestic care. Pray for carers, sufferers and helpers involved with the Dementia Café. Pray for all those who are particularly remembering loved ones who have died at this time of year, and for the family of Cyril Harrison and Jean Watts, whose funerals have been held recently.

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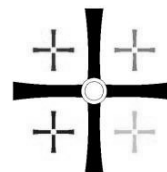
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### COMING UP

**5th May:** 10.00am Holy Communion at Dunston  
**8th May:** 9.00am Holy Communion at Arminghall, 9.30am Praise and worship at Caistor, 10.30am Holy Communion at Stoke  
**15th May:** 9.00am Family Service at Caistor, 11.00 Holy Communion at Stoke, 6.30pm Celebration at Stoke  
**22nd May:** 9.00am Holy Communion at Caistor, 10.30am Holy Communion at Stoke, 4.00pm Songs of Praise at Arminghall

# The Venta Group

Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston  
1st May 2016



## THY KINGDOM COME

This Pentecost the Archbishops of Canterbury are calling the church in this nation, (not just the Church of England) to join together in prayer for the evangelisation of our nation, that people would come or return to a relationship with the living God through the Lord Jesus. They encourage us to pray for the renewal of the Holy Spirit in our midst, and the confidence to share our faith with those around us.

In the Venta group we will be doing a mixture of things in the week running up to Pentecost:

1. At our services next Sunday, we will be distributing resources to help people pray as individuals for the week ahead, and beyond.
2. Stoke, Caistor and Arminghall churches will be open 10-5 all week, so people can come in and sit and pray, with special material on display.
3. There will be services of Morning Prayer at 9am at Arminghall Church on Monday 9th, at Stoke Church on Tuesday 10th, and at Caistor church on Wednesday 11th.
4. There will be prayer walking at 7.30pm from Caistor church on the Monday, from Arminghall Church on the Tuesday, and from Stoke *Church Hall* on the Wednesday
5. We will be praying together, and reflectively using prayer stations, at Stoke Church from 7-11pm on Friday 13th May.

We'd love to pray with you—come whenever, wherever you can! **PS there will now be no PRAYER HOUSE 4th May, and this will resume as normal on Wednesday 1st June.**

**St George's Dementia Support Café** A big thank you again to all those from the churches and the wider community who work so hard to make it happen. We are excited that this is now meeting fortnightly instead of once a month. More volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Ann on 493661 for more information.



Dunston Church is opening for Ascension day on May 5th at 10am for a Holy Communion service.

Our brand new **Venta Group website** is coming soon—all the events in all the churches and more in one place! We will need your help—can you be one of the people who will update information? More urgently, have you got nice photos of people at church services and events we can add to the website to give it life and colour? Please email any images to Angela—[admin@venta-group.org](mailto:admin@venta-group.org)

**House of Prayer**

May meeting **CANCELLED**  
Next meeting  
Weds 1st June, 7.30pm  
Venue tbc



**Bluebell Coffee Morning**  
Saturday 7th May  
Arminghall Church  
10am to 12 noon

Contact us for more details of our next course  
**Life is worth exploring** [alpha.org](http://alpha.org)

**Songs of Praise Service**

**Arminghall Church**

**Sunday May 22nd at 4.00pm**



If there is anybody who has a favourite hymn, please contact Pat on 492622 by Wednesday 11th May.



5th June, 10.30am  
at Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall  
Breakfast, chat, songs, craft, prayer, thought for the day...  
Please do come along and join us...

**Traditional Service of Holy Communion**

**Familiar words and music**

Stoke Holy Cross Church

3rd Sundays at 11am

Sunday 15th May

Sunday 19th June

We look forward to welcoming you there. Coffee served from 10.00am onwards.



There will be all sorts of events happening all round the

villages to mark the Queen's 90th birthday next June 10th-12th, so make sure you plan to be here!

**Sparklers**

Sparklers welcomes all babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with their parents and carers.

**Tuesdays 10-11.30**

 **Sparklers Stoke Holy Cross**

**POST OFFICE**

Stoke Holy Cross  
Church Hall  
Monday 9.00-1.00  
Wednesday 1.15-4.15