sorted for the end of 2017 in time for our 2018 annual meetings in the spring.

We will be going to Week 2 of New Wine next year, from 5th to 11th August. It is an amazing opportunity to spend time together as church and with friends in other places, worship God, hear great teaching, and to pray and be prayed for. Book in at new-wine.org.

Please pray...

As we finalise our preparations for the season of Lent, thank God for the opportunity to give time to think and pray about all that Jesus has done for us.

Please pray for our health services as they experience real pressure with all the illness that has been going around this winter. Do continue to pray for all our friends, family and wider community who are suffering with ill health at the moment.

Please pray for our PCCs, who are meeting this month to look forward into the next year. Give thanks that at Stoke PCC this week we were able to make great progress looking ahead to Lent, Easter and towards teaching on giving in the summer, amongst many other important (and even exciting!) things.

Pray for the Discipleship group who will be gathering in the next few weeks to think more about the way Jesus is calling us to follow him - a good image for Lent.

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The Venta Group

Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston Creating Community, Deepening Discipleship, Encouraging Evangelism 21st January 2018

Welcome to our services today: it is so good to have you here as we worship Jesus together. We are especially pleased to have Bishop Alan with us this morning, and Jill Gower from the Norwich House of Prayer this evening, as we continue to think about prayer.

Services coming soon in the Venta group of churches:

Sunday 28th January, 9.00am, Caistor St Edmund Church, Traditional Holy Communion. 10:30am, Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall, Sunday 4 Everyone. 4:00pm, Arminghall Church, Evening Service.

Sunday 4th February, 9.00am, Caistor St Edmund Church, Traditional Holy Communion, 10.30am, Stoke Holy Cross Church, Informal Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday 14th February, 10.00am, Arminghall Church. Please come and join us to reflect and pray and share communion as we enter the season of Lent.

Friday 26th January, 7:00pm, The Blake Studio, Norwich School. "Where adventure begins" Riding Lights theatre company present an evening to deepen our understanding of family, and great for all those who are thinking of bringing up children in a Christian home. Tickets £10.00, book online at *new-wine.org/adventure begins* or call Tracey Symons on 493898.

Saturday 27th January, 7:30pm, Stoke Church Hall, Burns Night Supper. A lovely social evening for you and your friends on a Scottish theme. Traditional Burns Night food, with quizzes and games! Tickets are £10, soft drinks provided, please bring your own alcohol. Contact Henry and Eostre Caswell 01603 781239.

Allstars Club! After school for children aged 4—11. Thursdays 3.30pm—4.45pm in the Church Hall. 25th January, 22nd February, 22nd March, 26th April, 24th May and 28th June. Older ones are welcome as young leaders.

Prayer meetings Tuesday 23rd January, 4:00pm at The Vicarage and Thursday, 1st February at 12noon at The Vicarage.

Lent Events: There will be 6 Lent breakfasts at various locations on the following Saturdays. 17th February at Arminghall Village Hall. 24th February, 3rd and 10th March at Stoke Church Hall, 17th and 24th March at Caistor St Edmund. We would love people from across the group to join us at each of these at 8.30—10.00am every week. You can sign up on a Sunday, or email lent@venta-group.org

A big thank you to our PCC treasurers, who have worked hard to get the finances