

Prayer corner

- It is Harvest time—a good time of year to thank God for everything that he gives us. It might be that life doesn't look so good for you at the moment—if that is the case, try thanking God for little things and go from there.
- As athletes from around the globe gather for the Paralympics, thank God for the testimony that people can achieve success in life in spite of the challenges they face. Pray that this will lead to a more positive view of disability in parts of the world where it is still stigmatised.
- Pray for us this autumn as we introduce the church communities to our new vision plan for the next couple of years, and find ways as PCCs and churches to begin to implement it together. Pray for a growth in prayer, and some hard work on our small group structure, both key things as we get started with this.
- Pray for the start of a new service at Stoke Holy Cross, currently called Sunday 4 Everyone, on the 4th Sunday of the month. Thank God for positive changes we have already made to the 2nd Sunday services at Caistor.
- We have mentioned a few times here that we would like to renew our list of people you would like to be prayed for, but we have not received *any* requests for people to pray for—please let us know if you or any others would like to be included in the next handout, even if the names have appeared before. PLEASE ask their permission before sharing their name with us.
- Pray for the families of those that have died recently, including Angus Mackenzie, Joyce Elmer, and Dick Goose.

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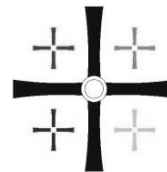
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The Venta Group

Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston
25th September 2016

COMING UP

2nd October: 9.00am Traditional Holy Communion at Caistor, 10.30am Café Church at Stoke Church Hall, 4.00pm Traditional Holy Communion at Dunston
9th October: 9.00am Traditional Holy Communion at Arminghall, 10.30am Informal Holy Communion at Stoke, 6.30pm Reflective (Taize) Service at Caistor
16th October: 9.30am Family Service at Caistor, 11.00am Traditional Holy Communion at Stoke, 6.30pm The Gathering at Stoke

Getting together to talk about prayer, Wednesday 5th October

As we respond as churches to the Diocese's call to continue to grow in Discipleship, Service and Numbers, I am more and more aware of the need to pray. In the New Year, we will give time like we did last January to thinking about prayer, and this year we will respond to the struggle that many of you have expressed to me about finding the time, discipline or energy to spend time with God for ourselves. I am excited that once again this year we will have visiting speakers including Bishop Graham to help us to do this.

In the meantime I would love to do some thinking about the ways that we pray together, and I would be really glad if any and as many of you as possible would come and join at the Vicarage for coffee (& equivalents!), cake, discussion and a bit of prayer on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm. Just turn up on the day – and if you feel keen to bring a cake, please do let me or Cathryn know! This is in the place of the Stoke Prayer House meeting so this evening should already be in some diaries anyway!

Here are a couple of things I think worth pondering, and you might have other ideas to bring along and throw in...

- Shall we keep doing the evening monthly meeting as it is or shall we change that?
- I want to suggest a daytime monthly meeting following the House of Prayer format...
- Could we have some sort of prayer meeting/ service in Arminghall and Caistor every month so that there is something in all 3 parishes?
- How are the intercessions? What is it like preparing them? what help do you need, and what ideas do you have that others might find helpful?
- And anything you want to add in...

Hope this excites you, please do come and join us!



St George's Dementia Support Café St George's Hall

2nd and 4th Monday's from 10-12.

We look forward to seeing you.

Telephone 01508493661 or 01508492938 for information about the cafe or becoming a volunteer.



Dunston services of Holy Communion continue on the 1st Sunday of the month at 4pm until 2nd October



Traditional Service of Holy Communion *Familiar words and music*

Stoke Holy Cross Church
3rd Sundays at 11am
Sunday 18th September

We look forward to welcoming you there.
Coffee served from 10.30am onwards.



Our brand new **Venta Group website** is live at

www.venta-group.org —

All the events in all the churches and more in one place! We still 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



We are making plans to run the Alpha Course again, either after half-term, or more likely from January 2017. To do this we need your help— please start praying now, and start mentioning **now** to friends and neighbours that it is going to be happening!

cafe church

2nd October, 10.30am

at Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall

Breakfast, chat, songs, craft,
prayer, thought for the day...

Please do come along and join
us...

Thank you to all that turned up for
Last Night of The Proms. It was a
fantastic evening..

Sparklers Tuesdays 10-11.30 Stoke Church Hall

Welcoming all 0-4s, and their
parents, grandparents and carers...

 **Sparklers Stoke Holy Cross**



Stoke Holy Cross
Church Hall

Monday 9.00-1.00
Wednesday 1.15-4.15