

3rd December for the best rate, or spread payments out across the year to help with your budget.

**Super advance notice** of Lent events: we are planning 6 Lent breakfasts around the group on the **Saturdays from 17th Feb—24th March**. Put the dates in your diary now.

On **28th January** we will be starting an after school club for primary age children on the **4th Thursday of every month**—older ones welcome as young leaders....

#### **Please pray...**

Thank you for praying for Community, Discipleship and Evangelism: we have had some great meetings recently and are looking forward to the ways that God is leading us on into the future.

Please pray for the nation of Egypt, where attackers are believed to have killed 235 people at a mosque on Friday.

Pray for those who have been bereaved recently, especially the families of Derek Clarke and Charles 'Chips' Baker.

C is for Community—pray for ways of making a connection with our wider community, as individuals and churches. Pray for the C group and all our PCCs as we begin to plan how we can best do this next year.

D is for discipleship—Please pray as we make plans for our teaching programme next year, including the Lent course, and hope to start some new home groups.

E is for evangelism—Following a renewed encouragement last weekend that sharing our faith is for all of us, pray that each one of us would be able to reach out to someone else and share our faith in the run-up to Christmas.

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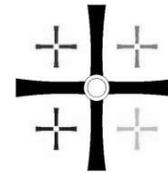
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# The Venta Group

Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston  
*Creating Community, Deepening Discipleship, Encouraging Evangelism*

26th November 2017

**Welcome to our services this morning: it is so good to have you with us as we worship Jesus together. A particular welcome to all of you joining us for the Café Church Christmas Special on 3rd December.**

#### **Services coming soon in the Venta group of churches:**

**Sunday 3rd December** 9am Traditional Holy Communion at Caistor, 10.30am Christmas Café Church at Stoke Church Hall, 5pm Taize Service at Caistor.

**Sunday 10th December** 9.30am Praise & Worship at Caistor, 10.30am Family Carols at Stoke, 6.30pm Carol Service at Arminghall.

**Sunday 17th December** Caistor Carols at 4pm; Carols around the tree, Church Hall at 6pm

**Tuesday 19th December** Traditional Carols with the Tuesday group at Stoke at 7.30pm

**Christmas Eve** Crib service 4pm at Stoke; Christmas Night service Caistor 11.30pm

**Christmas Day services** Arminghall 9am, Stoke 10.30am

**Sunday 31st December** Group Service 10.30am at Stoke

**A big big thank you** to everyone who organised or came along to Arminghall Coffee Morning last Saturday 18th November. A very good time was had by all!

**Prayer meetings** between now and Christmas this Tuesday 28th November 4pm at the Vicarage; Wednesday 6th December 7.30pm at Beech Cottage, Stoke; Thursday 14th December 12pm at Caistor Church; Wednesday 20th December 12pm at Arminghall Church.

**Rob, Cathryn, Jonathan, Grace and Samuel** would like to invite all of you to drop in to the Vicarage on **Thursday 21st December from 5pm on into the evening**, to celebrate Christmas and say thank you for all that you have done for our churches this year. We will do some sandwiches and cakes for children particularly from 5-7ish, but otherwise there will be mulled wine and mince pies and things like that.

Our **Christmas cards** will be going around the village with the Free For All soon, but you can pick one up in church if you don't get one delivered to you.

**We will be going to Week 2 of New Wine this 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 by