

Please pray...

As we make practical preparations for the season of Lent, let's give some time to preparing our hearts for the things that God might show us and speak to us about during that particular period of deepening discipleship.

Please pray for the nation of Venezuela, where the political and economic crisis is spilling over into violence.

Give thanks for the acquittal of Asia Bibi on blasphemy charges in Pakistan, and pray that she will reach a place of safety soon. Pray for all Christians and those from other minority faiths who suffer persecution all over the world.

Please pray for anyone you know to be sick, bereaved, or in trouble of any kind; please do remember that, with their permission, we are very happy to include the names of anyone in our group of villages here. Pray especially for the family of Pat Howlett, churchwarden of Arminghall, who died at home on 19th January after a long illness. Pray for M, who is having further treatment in London, and for the families of Phyllis Goodwin and Kathleen Bott, who have also died recently (funeral on 4th February at Stoke).

Please keep on praying for the country amidst the continued uncertainty surrounding the Brexit negotiations.

Following an important meeting on 22nd January, and before others on 11th/12th March, please pray for the process of appointing a new Bishop of Norwich.

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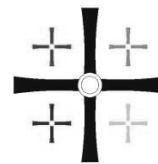
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The Venta Group

Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston
Creating Community, Deepening Discipleship, Encouraging Evangelism
3rd February 2019

Welcome to our services today. Thank you for coming to worship Jesus with us.

Services coming soon in the Venta group of churches:

Sunday 10th February, 9am Arminghall Church, Traditional Holy Communion, 9.30am Caistor St Edmund, Taize Service, 10.30am, Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall, Café Church.

Sunday 17th February, 9.30am, Caistor St Edmund Church, Family Service. 11.00am Stoke Holy Cross Church, Traditional Holy Communion. 6.30pm Stoke Holy Cross Church, The Gathering.

Sunday 24th February, 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.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Wednesday 6th February, 7.30pm, Beech Cottage, Stoke Holy Cross

Thursday 14th February, 12noon at Caistor St Edmund Church

Wednesday 20th February 12noon at Arminghall Church

Tuesday 26th February, 4.00pm, The Vicarage, Mill Road, Stoke Holy Cross

Allstars Club! Thursday 28th February at 3.30pm—4.45pm, Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall. All Primary aged children welcome, come along for bible stories, fun games, crafts and songs! Contact admin@venta-group.org if you'd like your child to join in.

The Electoral Roll, our membership list for the churches, will be completely revised in 2019. This means that everyone who has been on the list, and who wishes to continue to be, will need to fill in a form, **which are available in church today**.

Our churches are going to grow, and we are meeting to think about this some more on **Wednesday 13th February at 7.30pm at The Vicarage**. We would love to see you there. Members of Stoke and Dunston PCC had a great time meeting together to think how that might work in the life of those churches last week—please do continue to pray for this important project. We will all be gathering again on 20th March, and (probably) 24th April.

Following the tremendous success of our **Holiday Club** last summer, we are planning to run one again next year, probably in the week beginning **29th July**. Please be praying for this already, and planning to be part of our amazing team.

We will be letting you know soon what we have planned for Lent this year, so please do keep your eyes and ears open for dates in March and April!