

All the **Christmas** dates are now in place, and we look forward to seeing you at the different services which we will confirm on the website and notice sheet in the next week or two; Christmas cards will be out at the beginning of December.

**Sparklers** group for all preschool children and their parents/carers meets every Tuesday in school term, 10-11.30am at the Church Hall. Contact [cathryn baker@gmail.com](mailto:cathryn baker@gmail.com)

Our **Community Café** is open to everyone from the villages, in the Church Hall on a Wednesday morning, and includes a feeding support group for mums and babies.

**A big thank you** to everyone who contributed a shoebox, or part of one, to our shoebox appeal this year. We will be delivering them to a collection point some time after 11th November, and look forward to seeing where they end up! Until then there is still time to drop one in to the Vicarage if you haven't managed it yet, and Rob has some spare boxes if you haven't got one at home.

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

Following the announcement of a General Election in December, please be praying for the whole country, and especially all the candidates putting themselves forward. Pray for a positive campaign, and for safety and peace for everyone.

Please pray for anyone you know to be sick, bereaved, or in trouble of any kind; do remember that we are very happy to include the names of anyone in our group of villages here. Please pray for the family and friends of Bette Pordage and Muriel Last, who both died recently.

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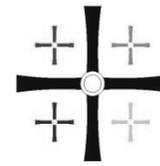
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# The Venta Group

Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston  
*Creating Community, Deepening Discipleship, Encouraging Evangelism*  
**3rd November 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 November**, 9.00am, Arminghall Church, Traditional Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance. 10.30am Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall, Café Church. 10.45am Caistor St Edmund, Venta Group Remembrance Service.

**Sunday 17th November**, 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 November**, 9am, Caistor St Edmund Church, Traditional Holy Communion. 10:30am, Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall, Sunday 4 Everyone. 4pm, Arminghall Church, Evening Service.

#### **PRAYER MEETINGS**

Wednesday 6th November, 7.30pm, The Vicarage, Mill Road

Thursdays 14th November, 12.00pm, Caistor St Edmund Church

Wednesday 20th November, 12.00pm St Mary's Church, Arminghall

**BIG QUIZ NIGHT!** Saturday 9th November, 7pm at Stoke Church Hall.

All money made will go towards our brilliant and brand new charitable partnership, through Tearfund, with churches around Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. The work we are going to be involved with will lift people out of poverty as it trains them to make the most of the resources they have, and build resilient communities which provide for themselves rather than relying on lasting help from elsewhere. It is such an exciting piece of work and we are looking forward to being part of it. We are providing an excellent quiz, all written by Tearfund with **good accessible questions, and loads of tea and coffee**: we'd love you to get your friends and neighbours and bring a **team of up to six people**, any other drinks you would like, and a picnic you can share on your table during half time.

We would also like you to **bring a donation of about £5 per person** for the project, which you will be able to Gift Aid if you are eligible, increasing your gift at no personal cost. The quiz is being run by hundreds of churches for thousands of people throughout November, so you will be part of an enormous evening fighting poverty on a massive scale.

We have space for a good few teams, but we expect that the hall will fill up, so please **email [admin@venta-group.org](mailto:admin@venta-group.org)** or call **Rob on 01508 492305**.