

review our progress so far, and then we will all be gathering again on 20th Feb, 20th March, and (probably) 24th April.

**A big thank you** to everyone who worked really hard to organise all our brilliant services over the Christmas 'weekend' from 23rd-25th December.

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.

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

Thank God for a New Year and the chance to reflect on all that is important in the year ahead, starting with prayer. Ask God to show you a few particular people you can be praying for to find faith in Jesus this year. If we all pray in this way, and introduce someone to God's church, there will be twice as many of us this time next year!

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 for M, who is having further treatment in London, for Pat, who has had another spell in hospital; and for the family of Joyce Parish (funeral on 7th January at Stoke).

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

#### **Contacts**

##### **Vicar**

Rob Baker, The Vicarage, Mill Road, Stoke Holy Cross, Norwich, NR14 8PA

01508 492305    rob@venta-group.org

##### **Assistant Minister (Curate)**

Lyn Marsh, 8 Mill Green, Stoke Holy Cross, Norwich, NR14 8PB

01508 493422    lyn@venta-group.org

##### **Administrator**

Freyja Mardell, 4 Brickle Road, Stoke Holy Cross, Norwich, NR14 8NE

07387189575    admin@venta-group.org

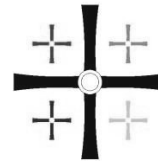
##### **Churchwardens:**

**Arminghall** – Pat 01508 492622 & Annie 01508 495580

**Caistor St Edmund** – Jani 01508 493572 & Graham 01508 493430

**Stoke Holy Cross & Dunston** - Roy 01508 493595 & Viv 01508 493438

**Find us online:** [www.venta-group.org](http://www.venta-group.org), Facebook 'Venta Group of Churches'



# The Venta Group

Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston  
*Creating Community, Deepening Discipleship, Encouraging Evangelism*  
**New Year - 6th January 2019**

**Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas time with friends or family, and are glad to welcome you to our services today. Thank you for coming to worship Jesus with us. This month, among other things, we will be thinking a little more about prayer, which we hope will encourage you as we start 2019.**

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

**Sunday 13th January**, 9:00am, Arminghall Church, Traditional Holy Communion Service. 9:30am, Caistor St Edmund Church, Praise & Worship. 10:30am, Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall, Café Church.

**Sunday 20th January**, 9:30am, Caistor St Edmund Church, Christingle Family Service. 11:00am, Stoke Holy Cross Church, Traditional Holy Communion. 6:30pm, Stoke Holy Cross Church, The Gathering.

**Sunday 27th 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.

#### **PRAYER MEETINGS**

Wednesday 9th January, 7:30pm, The Vicarage, Mill Road, Stoke Holy Cross.

Thursday 17th January, 12noon, Caistor St Edmund Church.

Wednesday 23rd January, 12noon, St Mary's Church, Arminghall.

Tuesday 29th January, 4.00pm, The Vicarage, Mill Road, Stoke Holy Cross

**Allstars Club!** Thursday 24th January 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](mailto: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 soon. Rob and Freyja will be working with the Electoral Roll officers to get these out soon.

**Our churches are going to grow**, and we had a great time thinking how that will happen on Wednesday 12th December. We looked at the following 'obstacles' to people joining our church communities, and tried to work out which were the biggest challenges for us: Do people know who the church or, or where we meet? **Do we help them to find their way to a service or event?** *Are they met with a warm welcome?* Do they find it easy to make friends? **Is there a small group or something similar they can really belong to?** *Do we get them involved and contributing to the life of the church?* Thanks to everyone who joined us! A few of us will be meeting to