

together—you mustn't miss out!

We are in the process of writing to everyone who has not yet replied to our Stewardship leaflet: if you have not returned yours yet, please send it back to the treasurer as soon as possible. We have posted the booklets and reflections under Resources on the website as well as making them available in church.

**Dementia Café** continues 2nd and 4th Mondays; **Sparklers** pre-school group all Tuesdays 10-11.30 in term-time in the Church Hall, finishing for summer with Teddy Bears Picnic 18th July at the Vicarage; **Funeral of John Coyne** Wednesday 12th July, 2pm at Stoke Holy Cross; **Interment of ashes of Audrey Turner**, Sunday 16th July, 12.30pm at Stoke Holy Cross; **Stoke worship group evening**, Friday 21st July, 7.30pm; **Wedding of Ross Morgan and Elizabeth Donell**, Saturday 22nd July at Caistor St Edmund.

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

In India it is increasingly difficult for Christians, with conversion forbidden in at least 5 states, and about 800 Christians attacked last year. In the midst of all of this, imprisoned believers are leading fellow prisoners to Christ and many are coming to faith after miraculous healings (Open Doors). Please continue to pray for these and other persecuted brothers and sisters as much as you can.

Pray for all those ordained last weekend, especially our 'new' curate Lyn, as she settles into a different form of ministry here.

Pray for those who are particularly remembering people at this time of year; for those who are sick and having treatment of any kind, including Pat Howlett home from hospital now, and Elizabeth Lester in hospital after a fall; for those in any sort of trouble. Please pray for the family of John Coyne, who died recently.

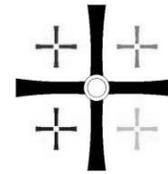
C is for Community—pray for the new neighbours' evening at Stoke this Friday 14th July, and for good connections at Cream Teas in Caistor and the coffee morning at Arminghall this summer.

D is for discipleship—pray for a good number of responses to our recent stewardship campaign.

E is for evangelism—throughout the summer months there can be time to do some different things, and meet up with people. Pray for the opportunity to meet up with someone you might share a little of your faith with.

Rob would value your prayers for the opportunity to plan ahead now well and effectively into the autumn, and for the number of families we will be helping with funerals and burials of ashes soon.

*Rob, Cathryn and the children will be away at New Wine but in phone/email contact from 30th July—6th August.*



# The Venta Group

Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston  
*Creating Community, Deepening Discipleship, Encouraging Evangelism*  
9th July 2017

Many congratulations to Lyn Marsh, who was ordained last Saturday morning. Thank you so much to the many of you who joined us either at the cathedral, in the afternoon at the school for the celebration and BBQ, or at the Sunday morning service in Arminghall where we were able to welcome Lyn again.

**Sunday 16th July** 9.30am Family Service at Caistor, 11am Traditional Holy Communion at Stoke, 6.30pm The Gathering at Stoke.

**Sunday 23rd July** 9am Traditional Holy Communion at Caistor, 10.30am Sunday 4 Everyone at Stoke Church Hall, 4pm Evening Service at Arminghall.

**Sunday 30th July** 10.30am Group Service of Holy Communion at Caistor.

**Sunday 6th August** 9am Traditional Holy Communion at Caistor, 10.30am Informal Holy Communion at Stoke, 4pm Traditional Holy Communion at Dunston.

We hope you are enjoying our series on the Psalms! Don't forget to pick up a booklet in church if you haven't had one already, or print one off the website. Soon we will have a bookstall for a few weeks at the services in case you would like to invest in something to help you dig even further into these fantastic texts.

**LAST CALL Friday 14th July welcome evening for newcomers to Stoke** at the Church Hall—we are inviting everyone from the new houses, but if you want to speak to any of your neighbours who have arrived in the last year or two that would be really helpful. You can get an invitation from Lyn or Viv.

**Arminghall Coffee Morning Wednesday 2nd August**, 10am-12pm at 6 Church Close. Don't miss it!

Autumn vision and prayer event, with fish and chips, **Wednesday 6th September**, 7.30pm in the Church Hall (we will be taking orders in advance)

**Harvest 2017** looks like happening in 3 parts! **Saturday 23rd September**, a benefice-wide gift day in Arminghall, Caistor and Stoke churches. **Sunday 24th September**, Harvest services across the group. **Friday 6th October**, one big group Harvest evening—more details soon.

E group are organising 2 brilliant **evangelism training evenings** in the Church Hall on **Wednesdays 4th and 11th October, at 7.30pm**. Don't miss out!

**Venta group day together with John McGinley, Saturday 4th November, continuing Sunday morning, 5th November**. This is a brilliant opportunity for all of us to get together and think about how God is leading us forward in discipleship