## One big group harvest event on Friday 6th October-more details soon.

**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 together—you mustn't miss out!

**Come to Coffee** every Thursday at Caistor church; **Dementia Café** continues 2nd and 4th Mondays; **Sparklers** pre-school group all Tuesdays 10-11.30 in term-time in the Church Hall; **Monday 11th June** Funeral of Peggy Woods, 11am at Stoke; **Thursday 15th June** Caistor PCC, 7.30pm; **Friday 16th June**, Worship practice at Stoke Church Hall, 7.30pm; **Saturday and Sunday 17th-18th June** Open gardens in aid of EACH; **Tuesday 20th June** Funeral of John Pordage, 10.30am at Earlham Crematorium; **Wednesday 21st June** Funeral of Janet Cropley, 11am at Arminghall.

## Please pray...

For our new government following on from the general election on Thursday. Please pray that whoever is elected will govern in the best interests of the whole nation, whether they voted for them or not. Please pray that God would be honoured in all things.

For all the victims of the attacks in London and Manchester and their families, and for all involved in deciding how to respond to this awful event. Pray that any considering evil of this kind would have their eyes opened to the truth.

Pray for those who are particularly remembering people at this time of year; for those who are sick and having treatment of any kind; for those in any sort of trouble. Please pray for the families of Joyce Davies, Peggy Woods, John Pordage and Janet Cropley, who have died recently.

C is for Community—pray for a good response to our invitation to people to join us both at Lyn's ordination celebrations on 1st July, and the new neighbours' evening at Stoke on 14h July.

D is for discipleship—pray for a good conclusion to our 2 stewardship Sundays, and a really blessed time together as we look at the psalms for the rest of the summer.

E is for evangelism. The E group are going to meet soon to plan some evangelism training for everyone in the churches later in the year, and would value your prayers.

Rob would value your prayers for the run-up to Lyn's ordination in July, for finishing the organisation for the Psalms series, and for some really good results from our stewardship programme.



## The Venta Group

Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston Creating Community, Deepening Discipleship, Encouraging Evangelism 11th June 2017

Many many thanks to Angela for all she has done for us in the Venta group in the last four years and more. The notice sheet will continue in this simplified form while we go ahead with appointing a new administrator.

11th June is the second of our **Stewardship Sundays**, giving another opportunity for all of us around the churches to reflect on our generosity to God who has given everything to us. We had a great time with Geoff Freeman, Parish Funding Officer, at our services last week. Please take a response form with you today, and return it to church or to the treasurer by the end of June. We will be in touch with everyone we haven't heard from by the beginning of July, and will give you the results of the programme a couple of weeks later. (In the autumn we will have a benefice-wide **Gift Day** on Saturday 23rd September where we invite those from the wider village communities to contribute towards the upkeep of our buildings here.)

Thank you for praying **Thy Kingdom come** from 26th May to 4th June, together with millions of Christians around the world. Please do keep praying!

**Services next Sunday 18th June**—9.30am Family Service at Caistor St Edmund, 11am Traditional Holy Communion at Stoke, 6.30pm The Gathering at Stoke.

**Sunday 25th June**—9am Traditional Holy Communion at Caistor, 10.30am Sunday 4 Everyone at Stoke Church Hall, 4pm Evening Service at Arminghall.

**Saturday 1st July Lyn's ordination celebrations** 10.30am at the Cathedral—plenty of space for everyone, and parking available in Browns Meadow off Recorder Road. Come in good time! Celebration continues at the school in the afternoon—service at 4pm, with BBQ from 5pm. Everyone is welcome for some or all of the day—if you are coming to the BBQ please sign up in church, email admin@venta-group.org or call Rob 492305 with exact numbers by 18th June. See you there!

**Sunday 2nd July** 10.30am Group family communion service at Arminghall, 4pm Traditional Holy Communion at Dunston.

**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 off Lyn or Viv.

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