We will be going to Week 2 of New Wine next year, from 5th to 11th August. It is an amazing opportunity to spend time together as church and with friends in other places, worship God, hear great teaching, and to pray and be prayed for. Book in at new-wine.org.

Please plan to join us at our APCMs at 7.30pm on 6th March (Arminghall), 13th March (Stoke/Dunston), and 19th March (Caistor St Edmund).

The **Discipleship planning group** have been enjoying reading *The A-Z of Discipleship* by Matthew Porter, and warmly recommend it to you. We will have copies available for sale soon: 26 bitesize chapters to fit into the 40 days of Lent, perhaps?

### Please pray...

As we enter the season of Lent, let's make room once again in our hearts to reflect on all that Jesus has done for us, and to grow in faith in him. Pray for the Lent events beginning on Ash Wednesday, and continuing for the rest of the season.

Pray for South Africa, where there is uncertainty surrounding the future of President Zuma and the leadership of the ruling ANC party.

Please pray for the family of Dorothy Martins, who died recently.

Please pray for us as we begin to make plans for a street party in Caistor to mark the royal wedding in May; for applications for grant money to support the building project in Arminghall; and towards the Good Friday family event in Stoke.

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# The Venta Group

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

13th February 2018

Welcome to our services today: it is so good to have you here as we worship Jesus together. On Ash Wednesday 14th February we move into the season of Lent, a special time to dedicate ourselves to living our lives for Jesus who died for us (2 Corinthians 5:15)

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

**Ash Wednesday 14th February,** 7:30pm in the Church Hall, Reflective Evening for Ash Wednesday with Lyn Marsh.

**Sunday 18th 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 25th 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

**Sunday 4th March,** 9.00am, Caistor St Edmund Church, Traditional Holy Communion, 10.30am, Stoke Holy Cross Church, Informal Holy Communion

**Allstars Club!** After school for children aged 4—11. Thursday 3.30pm—4.45pm in Stoke Church Hall. 22nd February, 22nd March, 26th April, 24th May and 28th June. Older ones are welcome as young leaders.

**Prayer meetings,** Thursday 15th February, 12noon, Caistor St Edmund Church, Wednesday 21st February, 12noon, Arminghall Church, Tuesday 27th February, 4.00pm, Beech Cottage.

**Lent Events:** The 6 Lent Breakfasts will be held on 17th February at Arminghall Village Hall. 24th February, 3rd and 10th March at Stoke Church Hall, 17th and 24th March at Caistor St Edmund. We would love people from across the group to join us at each of these at 8.30—10.00am every week. You can sign up on a Sunday, or email lent@venta-group.org

**Friday 30th March**, 2pm-4pm, Stoke Holy Cross Pavillion, **Easter Fun at the Park**, Join us on Good Friday for this fantastic event for all the family. With cakes and drinks, Easter crafts, and an egg hunt! We can almost guarantee that it will be lovely and sunny, and a great time will be had by all!

A big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers from the churches and the wider community who continue to make the Dementia café such a good place to be.