

**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 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 our brilliant carol services at Stoke and Arminghall last Sunday 9th December, and Christmas Café Church the week before.

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 Christmas, and the wonderful good news of Jesus. Pray for all the people and places who really need him to step into their muck and mess, just like he did that first Christmas, and continues to do for all of us.

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

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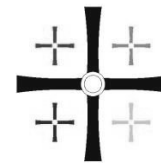
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# The Venta Group

Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston  
*Creating Community, Deepening Discipleship, Encouraging Evangelism*  
**Christmas 2018**

**All of us in the Venta group of churches wish all of you, especially our many visitors joining us over the next couple of weeks, a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for coming to worship Jesus with us today.**

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

**Tuesday 18th December**, 7:30pm, Stoke Holy Cross Church, Carols with the Tuesday Group.

**Sunday 23rd December**, 4:00pm, Caistor St Edmund Church, Carol Service

**Christmas Eve -Monday 24th December**, 4:00pm, Stoke Holy Cross Church, Crib Service. 11:30pm, Arminghall Church, Carols, Readings & Communion.

**Christmas Day—Tuesday 25th December**, 9:00am, Caistor St Edmund Church, Christmas Celebration service. 10:30am, Stoke Holy Cross Church, Christmas Celebration Service

**Sunday 30th December**, 10:30am, Stoke Holy Cross Church, Group Christmas Service.

**Sunday 6th January 2019**, 9:00am, Caistor St Edmund Church, Traditional Holy Communion. 10:30am, Stoke Holy Cross Church, Informal Holy Communion.

**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, Cafe Church.

#### **Prayer Meetings-NEW DATES FOR 2019—Leaflets available soon!**

Wednesday 19th December, 12noon, St Mary's Church, Arminghall.

Wednesday 9th January, 7.30pm, Stoke Church Hall

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

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

**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.

**Our churches are going to grow**, and we had a great time thinking how that will happen last 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**