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ometimes things happen that you will probably never forget, and will Ubecome moments in the future where you will always be able to remember where you were at the time. One of those, for me, came on 14th July when, at the fourth time of asking, and after six fairly disappointing tournaments in a row, England at last won the most exciting cricket World Cup final ever. I know there are many of you who aren't anything like as interested in cricket as I am, and lots of people all around the world who have never even heard of cricket, but our win came very near the 50th anniversary of something almost everyone has heard of, even if we can't all guite remember - the first successful moon landing in July 1969. I bet a lot of you could tell me exactly where you were when you heard about it.

I have been reading about it again over the last week or so, and I was reminded of something that I had seen before but had forgotten since, which was that Buzz Aldrin, who was an elder in his local church near Houston, took communion on the moon. The bread was carried in a food packet like everything else they took with them to eat, but his church had given him a silver cup that was small enough to carry with him. Did you know there is just about enough gravity on the moon to pour wine?

Then, in Aldrin's own words, "I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the first food eaten there, were communion elements." After taking the elements, Aldrin says he "sensed especially strongly my unity with our church back home, and with the church everywhere." Aldrin remembered Jesus's sacrifice for all of us, and in reading those words of Jesus he touched on a very powerful truth. It is amazing to think that Aldrin had reached the pinnacle

nothing without me."

of human achievement to that moment, but didn't think he could do anything on his own. It's a lesson I often need to remember. This is also such an encouragement to those of us who feel we struggle to manage on our own: "Whoever remains in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit." Because we aren't meant to. Jesus wants us to know that he is for us. and he is with us, always.

In the end, Buzz Aldrin was just remembering some words a man spoke to God long ago, that found their fulfilment in Jesus: "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there..." So next time you talk to someone about where they were when the first men landed on the moon, you will know where God was, too. He was there. He was there in the simple, beautiful act of a man who had achieved everything he had dreamed of, but couldn't do anything on his own.

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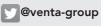
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Aldrin celebrated the moment quietly and personally so as to avoid controversy: Neil Armstrong watched on to one side. He read from a scrap of paper Jesus's words in John 15:5: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, for you can do

Rob



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Wednesday 10th July Tarina Cordy Stoke Holy Cross

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INTERNMENT OF ASHES

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Friday 5th July Gregory Keeble and Melodie Mclean Caistor St Edmund

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Café Church at Stoke Holy Cross

afé Church is a great place for all the family on the 2nd Sunday morning of the month We meet at 10.30 at Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall and we have breakfast items like ✓toast and croissants available as well as good coffee, cups of tea and fruit too. Rob and Cathryn or Lyn lead usually and we enjoy some songs plus a short bible based talk and often a helpful video. Ages can vary from new-borns to great grandparents and there are lots of relevant activities for the children and adults to get stuck (literally sometimes) into. This is a simple but serious relaxed form of church that might appeal if you are not a regular church goer. These are a few photos from recent 2nd Sundays.







first set of photos are from the June Café Church which was moved to the Holy Cross church building itself as the hall was in use for the Open Gardens weekend. Rob spoke about the Holy Spirit and how important it is to understand how the Holy Spirit is so relevant to our everyday lives. We did various related activities with some of the children enjoying decorating balloons with doves as one of the ways the Holy Spirit is represented in the bible is as a dove bringing



us peace and affirmation. You may also have noticed the colourful loop with doves hanging from it in the porch as a visual reminder of the Holy Spirit as we entered the church.





he July café Church moved back to its usual venue of the church hall and the focus was on being a follower of Jesus now. We had a great time doing marbled effect colouring of cut out paper feet using shaving foam, paint and a squeegee to spread the paint. These help to illustrate for us how we are all different but we can all be called by Jesus to be his children and step out to follow him. Rob also illustrated how perhaps we carry around with us a lot of things we don't really need and some of which we could drop to allow us more time with Jesus, learning to love our neighbours and putting others first. You can see Henry, helped by Grace, trying to hang onto lots of his stuff.

Why not come and give Café Church a try? You can be sure of a warm welcome. But, if the idea of Café Church does not appeal to you, details of all the other services held within the Venta Group are shown on this page.

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SERVICES FOR AUGUST IN THE VENTA GROUP **OF CHURCHES**

4th August 7th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am Informal Holy Communion Stoke Holy Cross Church

11th August 8th Sunday after Trinity 9.00 am Traditional Holy Communion

- Arminghall Church
- 9.30 am Praise and Worship Caistor St Edmund Church
- 10.30 am Café Church Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall

18th August 9th Sunday after Trinity

- 9.30 am Family Service Caistor St Edmund Church
- 11.00 am Traditional Holy Communion Stoke Holy Cross Church
- 4.00 pm Holy Communion Service Dunston Church

25th August 10th Sunday after Trinity

- 9.00 am Traditional Holy Communion Caistor St Edmund Church
- 10.30 am Sunday 4 Everyone Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall

29th August Thursday

10.00 am Morning Prayers Dunston Church



ST MARY'S CHURCH ARMINGHALL



There is just the one service at Arminghall this month being the 9.00 am Holy Communion on 11th August.

CREAM TEAS AT CAISTOR CHURCH



We will be serving cream teas at Caistor again this summer - each Sunday from 2-5pm in August and the 1st Sunday in September.

If you would like to help by serving at tables, washing up or getting the church ready any of the Sundays please let Jani Wymer know (01508 493572)

We will also be having a garden produce, plant and cake stall each week so any contributions for that will be much appreciated - contact Jani as above for more details.

Re our church services - please be aware there will not be a service at Caistor St Edmund church on Sunday 4th August this year.





blessing to the work we have done to make the church more user friendly for the community. Bishop Jonathan left us then to stop off at

Poringland Community Centre and Green Pastures cafe before going on to Chedgrave and Loddon where he joined a senior's Lunch Club before going on to Clinks Care Farm and the Waveney River Centre in the afternoon. For part of the journey the bishop even enjoyed a ride in a 1928 Chevrolet. The pilgrimage finished with Evening Prayer at Loddon church. The aim of the pilgrimage was to pray along the way for this area and to hand out prayer leaflets based on the Lord's Prayer.



Stoke Holy Cross

e felt very privileged to have the Bishop of Lynn join us for breakfast at Stoke

Holy Cross church at the start of his



Vicarage Barbeque

any people of all ages came along to enjoy a really great BBQ evening V on July 6th in the vicarage garden which was certainly a great success.

Rob and Cathryn had ensured there were ample things for the many children to enjoy while adults chatted. We all enjoyed the burgers, buns and bangers all excellently cooked again by Roy. Drinks, puddings and salads a plenty were brought and shared by everyone and thankfully the rain held off for the whole evening.







Safety & Security in your Home

ver the next few editions of the Free for All we are going proposing to run a series of occasional articles on safety and security in the home, with simple hints and tips on how to stay safe on the internet, the telephone, at the front door, with your bank and more. Please let us know if you have any suggestions you can contribute. And thank you to Andy for his major input in writing this article.

This month we focus on fire safety. 80% of deaths resulting from fire occur in the home and in a third of those cases, no smoke alarm was present. In one fifth there were smoke alarms but they were not working. The major hazard is not so much the burning fire, but rather the toxic fumes that a smouldering fire gives off. Smoke Alarms give you invaluable early warning, especially during the night and give you more time to exit the building safely before a fire really takes hold.



So the advice this month is simple - fit smoke alarms - ideally, get the experts in the Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service to come and assess your home. If you have mobility problems or are aged over 60, they will make a personal "In Home Safety Assessment" free of charge. Call them on 0300 123 1669, select option 2.

You should make sure to fit smoke alarms: - In every room used for sleeping purposes

- In the corridor or area giving access to each sleeping area - On every level of the home including basements Make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions on location because this can have a big impact on how quickly they detect smoke.

If money is an issue and you cannot afford more than one detector, the

best place for this would be on the upper landing above the main stairwell in the house. But we would encourage you to follow the advice above if at all possible. Even if you have detectors installed, there is still work for you

- Test your smoke alarm when the clocks are changed and vacuum it gently using the soft brush attachment to remove dust from the sensors

- Once a year change the battery (unless it's a ten-year alarm with built in batteries)

- After 10 years it's best to get a whole new alarm.

Carbon monoxide alarms are also recommended and will alert you if invisible and potentially lethal gas is in your home. Gas heaters that are not correctly adjusted are the most common cause.

Purchase an inexpensive CO alarm and install per manufacturer's instruction on the wall in the hall outside your sleeping areas.

Also think about your escape if there is a fire. Can your windows be opened, if necessary, in bedrooms - if locked are the keys nearby? Similarly you will have locked your doors at night, so are those keys where you all know where to find them?

These articles are written by an amateur based on a good deal of research and advice on the subject to provide useful hints. We hope they prove helpful. For further advice try the helpline above.

Look out for the next article in the series in a future magazine - Keeping Safe on the Internet.

St George's Hall Dementia Support Cafe

ome along and join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month for fun activities and refreshments for those suffering from dementia and for their careers.

We meet regularly from 10am to 12 noon at St George's Hall and also have subsidised outings.

We have an extra Cafe on 5th of August which is when we will be showing the award winning classic film "Driving Miss Daisy" Starring Morgan Freeman, Jessica Tandy and Dan Ackroyd - not one to miss. There will be our normal Cafe 12th August but no Cafe on 26th August because it is the bank Holiday.

For more details or information please ring 01508 493661 or 492938.







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STOKE HOLY CROSS THURSDAY CLUB

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st August, 2019 at 1.30pm in St. Georges Hall Upper Stoke Holy Cross. Why not come along and meet new friends and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. You will be made to feel very welcome

We will be holding a Jumble Sale in the hall on Saturday 21st September, 2019 -1pm-3pm

Our dates for bingo in August are the 7th and 21st - eyes down at 1.30pm

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nit Cadet Leader Calum Hardy welcomed District Volunteer H/R Lead Lynford Brunt and District Youth Lead Alice Stenner along with parents and friends to the Annual Presentation Evening on 8th July at Framingham Earl High School.

Eva Foy and Megan Norris were enrolled as Badgers by Lynford Brunt.

Eva Slowther and Breanna Leaberry were awarded their Super Badger Certificates and Pottery Badgers. Badger subject certificates for St. John Family and All About Me were also presented.

Alice Stenner enrolled Millie Goodbody-Mason, Olivia Culley, Livy Thurston, Alice Leeder, Neha Shammy, Willow Norton, Callum Blair and Millie Barnes as Cadet Members. Cadet Member Neha Shammy received her Bronze Award for completing 16 proficiency subjects and Travis Parker received a certificate for Outstanding Achievement in recognition of his skiing skills for Team GB. Many certificates were presented for First Aid and numerous Proficiency subjects.

Neha Shammy and Willow Norton were promoted to Cadet Corporals.

The Badger Trophy for a dedicated and enthusuastic Badger was awarded to Breanna Leaberry.

For the Cadets Millie Goodbody-Mason received the Uniform Shield.

The Cadet of The Year Trophy in memory of David Warren was awarded to Neha Shammy and the Ann Green Trophy for Best Newcomer was presented to Callum Blair.

Sadly our Badger Leader Hannah Mace will be leaving at the end of the Summer term and as yet we have been unable to find a replacement. We sincerely hope to be able to continue with the Badger section of our Unit in September. Calum will also be stepping aside, but as joint District Youth Lead he will be able to keep in touch with us. In his place we welcome Jack Prior a student from the UEA.

If you are interested in joining us in any capacity please contact Margaret Peters on 01508 492360. We meet on Tuesday evenings at St. Georges Hall, Upper Stoke.

Margaret Peters, Unit H/R Lead

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Thank you Adam and Fenella for all the amazing gardening tips!

am sure that readers of the Free for All magazine will have missed Adam's gardening tips last month.

Unfortunately, due to pressure of work, Adam no longer has the time to put together his helpful column full of useful gardening advice. Many thanks for all the time he spent putting together all the gardening tips. We are sure we all learnt a lot from his column.

Another set of thanks goes to Fenella for her delicious recipes which accompanied Adam's gardening tips. We tried out some of them and are sure some of our readers did to.

Adam and Fenella offered to write the Gardening piece at the start of the new-look Free for All.

We really appreciated their input and would love to hear from anybody else who feels they have something which would interest the communities of Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Dunston and Stoke Holy Cross.

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