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ways we can do that is to look at some of the places in the bible where it mentions the work of the Father, Son and Spirit all in the same place. We see that in the teaching of Jesus, who tells his friends that he is going to ask the Father to send them the Holy Spirit. That's Jesus the Son, asking God the Father, to send the Holy Spirit.

I love this one little phrase so much for a few reasons, but most of all because Jesus uses the word 'will', which means it is a promise: I will ask the Father, and he will send the Spirit. I hope I don't often break big promises, but I am conscious of the number of little commitments I make with best intentions and then don't follow up because I forget, or don't quite get around to it. Some of you will feel that people have let you down over much bigger things. But this is not my promise, but the promise of Jesus, who is faithful and reliable in every way.

Jesus asks the Father, the Father gives, and the Spirit is the gift. Jesus is consistent in offering the Holy Spirit, and says in another place that the Father will give him if we ask. He will give because he is a good Father, and if we fathers with our failings know how to give good gifts to our children, how much more will God our Father give us the good gift of the Holy Spirit if we ask him.

My own experience of the Holy Spirit, especially at some of the hardest times in my life, has been that he is deeply, deeply good, and so I have no hesitation in encouraging people to ask God for him. He is truly the gift of God, of the Father and of the Son, and reveals to us how very wonderful the best of teamwork can be.

Rob

Our annual service of Remembrance and Hope, for families who have been bereaved recently, was held at Caistor St Edmund on Thursday 14th June.

If you would like an invitation in the future, please email admin@venta-group.org or call 492305."

At the moment, if I asked you if you were enjoying the World Cup, you might well answer, "Which one?" As I write, we are making our way through the group stages of the Women's football World Cup, and the men's cricket World Cup, and England are looking good in both of them. If you have been watching either, you will have seen some great individual performances, but in the end it so often comes down to teamwork. By the time you read this, the final will be in sight, and the best team will surely have the best chance of winning the trophy.

Recently I have been thinking about teamwork in connection with the fact that God is revealed in the bible as three as well as one: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Pretty much as soon as we get talking about this idea, we begin to struggle to picture it, because it seems almost impossible for our brains to imagine something being 3 and 1 at the same time. All the examples Christians give run out of steam in the end; we might talk about a thing having three parts, like an egg, or someone being experienced in three different ways, like me as a father, a brother, or a son, and so on, but none of them are ever really three and one at once like God is.

That's why it is so helpful to concentrate on the effect of these three working together, if we can't quite picture the reality. One of the

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Monday 11th June

Caistor St Edmund

We continue to pray for all those who have lost loved ones recently, or are remembering someone particularly at this time of year.

We are always happy to record the names of anyone from the villages whose funeral has been held recently, even if it wasn't taken by a member of our ministry team.

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The Local Open Gardens Weekend



For all those who visited the wonderful array of gardens during the Open Gardens Weekend, we are sure you will remember that the Saturday was an absolute washout. Many congratulations to all those who braved the appalling weather and did visit gardens on that day. Fortunately Sunday proved to be a much brighter day altogether and attracted many more visitors. Our photos are just of a few of the wide range of gardens which we managed to visit but do we hope give a taste of the event and of the hard work undertaken by so many people who opened their gardens for the enjoyment of others.

This event was organised by many volunteers to raise funds for the nook appeal started because EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices) has outgrown its current hospice in Quidenham. This is at present based in an older building which was not originally designed for its current use as a children's hospice. The nook is being built on a five acre woodland site in Framingham Earl and this new, purpose-built hospice will offer services which are either currently unavailable or extremely limited at Quidenham. These facilities will include a hydrotherapy pool, music studio and larger and more accessible outside space for the children to explore and play. As many of you know the project is already well under way and it is hoped that the nook will be operational by September.

If you were unable to visit the gardens on the Open Gardens Weekend, or would just like to contribute to the nook appeal, donations can always be made via their website: www.eachorg.uk/the-nook.



SERVICES FOR JUNE IN THE VENTA GROUP OF CHURCHES

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| 7th July | 3rd Sunday after Trinity |
| 10.30 am | Informal Holy Communion Stoke Holy Cross Church |
| 14th July | 4th 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 |
| 21st July | 5th Sunday after Trinity |
| 9.30 am | Family Service Caistor St Edmund Church |
| 11.00 am | Traditional Holy Communion Stoke Holy Cross Church |
| 6.30pm | The Gathering with Mulbarton Church Stoke Holy Cross Church |
| 28th July | 6th Sunday after Trinity |
| 9.00 am | Traditional Holy Communion Caistor St Edmund Church |
| 10.30 am | Sunday 4 Everyone Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall |
| 4.00 pm | Evening Service Arminghall Church |

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ST MARY'S CHURCH ARMINGHALL

Wednesday 5 June dawned cloudy but warm and dry. A coffee morning in Annie and Adam's conservatory proved to be a hot place for St Mary's coffee morning.

A quiet but enjoyable morning attended by church friends and neighbours. Thank you to all those who came or contributed. Pam's cake was the usual favourite with most having second helpings. It was relaxing and enjoyable to just sit and chat! And we raised over £50 towards much needed church funds.

STOKE HOLY CROSS THURSDAY CLUB

Our next meeting is Thursday 4th July 1.30pm in St Georges Hall, Upper Stoke Holy Cross. Do please come and join us for a cup of tea and biscuit. All new members will be made very welcome.

Bingo eyes down at 1.30pm dates for July are 10th and 24th

Carpet bowls - 1.30pm in hall. £2. Dates for July 3rd, 17th, 31st.

Attached are photos from our meeting on 6th June where we had Mavin come and lead sit down exercises.

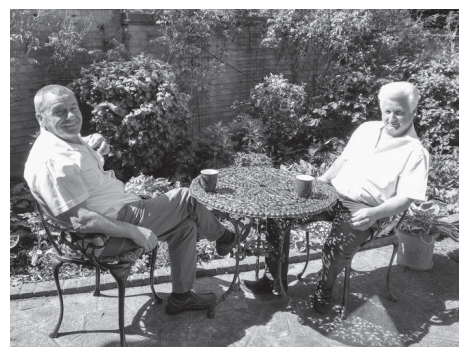


Stoke Holy Cross Plant Sale



Viv and David Carrington hosted another successful plant sale at their own lovely garden on June 10th. Many people were able to enjoy the garden on a sunny day and as you can see from the photos especially young Otho who clearly loved his ice cream. With the sale of refreshments cakes, a raffle and plants sold at the gate over £700 was raised towards the church's building fund.

Many thanks to all those who helped and contributed and especially to Viv in raising so many of the plants. Perhaps you can help us do even more next year by dividing some of your garden perennials next spring. Our churches are always in need of help to maintain the wonderful old buildings and the churchyards.



Stoke Holy Cross Clear Up

A big thank you to the many members of the church who helped with clearing out one of our porta-cabins. It was a good team effort with an excellent result – we can now see our way from one end of the cabin to the other and will be able to give some of the chairs stored there to replace some in the church hall.



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Planning Permission Granted For New Pavilion

Stoke Holy Cross Parish Council is pleased to report that on 17th May, South Norfolk Council granted planning permission to build a new community hall to replace the existing pavilion on the village playing fields.

Over the past two years, the New Pavilion Working Group has been working with architects on the type of replacement for the pavilion that would meet the needs of our growing village in the future. The approved plans incorporate a bigger floor layout that can accommodate the pre-school as well as a hall to host community events, parish meetings, and possibly a cafe.

We will now be seeking additional funding to build the hall to supplement the substantial amount of money already collected by the Parish Council in connection with the recent housing developments in Stoke Holy Cross.

We are confident that money for worthwhile local projects such as community halls is potentially available. Anyone who is able to help with this exciting project, particularly if they have any experience of fund raising, or community hall development and management, would be most welcome to join us. Please email Anita Rose, the Parish Clerk at stokeholycross.pc@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Glyn Davies - Chair - Parish Council, New Pavilion Working Group



Looking Ahead to 2 July — Prayers Please

On Tuesday 2 July Bishop Jonathan, the Bishop of Lynn, will be making a prayer pilgrimage through Loddon deanery, starting with breakfast at about 9am in Stoke Holy Cross and continuing via Poringland Community Centre to Green Pastures cafe and - hopefully then by bus (the X22) to Chedgrave and Loddon. He will join the Senior's Lunch Club (at Loddon Junior School) and go on to Clinks Care Farm and the Waveney River Centre in the afternoon. The aim of the pilgrimage is to pray along the way for this area, to join with those who can be with him and to hand out prayer leaflets based on the Lord's Prayer.

In the evening there will be a service of prayer for all parishes of the deanery, at 7pm in Holy Trinity, Loddon where we are invited to bring something that represents the parish where we regularly worship.

For more details contact the Rural Dean,
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STOKE HOLY CROSS TUESDAY GROUP

This is a reminder that the Group's July meeting will be a Summer Lunch on Sunday, July 7th, in the Church Hall. It's scheduled to begin at 12 30, so arrive a little after 12 noon.

The cost is £12, and the cause for 2019 is the East Anglian Air Ambulance. An excellent idea to have a break from cooking!

Barbara Thomas is happy to take bookings on 493486.

As usual, there will be no meeting during August, so here's hoping that there will be some good weather to enjoy during the summer!

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The final title of the Norfolk Christian Football League's 2018-19 season was decided last Saturday when Stoke United's Under 14s won a seven-goal thriller in the Plate knock-out final reports Alan Barnes.

The final between Lighthouse FC and Stoke United took place at the FDC Open on May 11 and Lighthouse had the early breaks with goals from Ben Smith, 10 minutes, and Isaac Palmer, 20 minutes, putting them 2-0 ahead. Stoke gained a lifeline before half-time when Henry Fagan reduced the deficit.

Stoke came out ready to attack in the second half and equalised through George Riches after three minutes. Further goals from Henry Fagan and Finley Williams for Stoke found them in control of the match. However, a late Lighthouse goal from Jude Philpott ensured a tense final few minutes.

Stoke held on to win 4-3 in what was a well contested final.



Cream Teas at Caistor Church this summer



We will be serving cream teas at Caistor again this summer - each Sunday from 2-5pm in July and 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 7th July or Sunday 4th August this year.

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