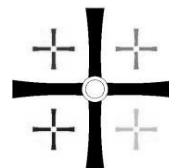


Our brand new **Venta Group website** is now live—all the events in all the churches and more in one place! Can you help us? To add colour and life to the website we need as many pictures as possible of church events and services. If you have anything from recent activities that might prove helpful, please email them to admin@venta-group.org. Thank you very much!

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Free For All

The Magazine of the Venta Group
Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston
July/August 2016

Caistor St Edmund



Cream Teas will be served in the church from the 6th August until the 4th September

3.00pm to 5.00pm

We look forward to seeing you

Union flag made by the
children at Stoke Holy
Cross Primary School



It is always a tricky business writing this article before the end of the month, when you don't know what will have happened by the time it rolls off the printer. Today, for example, there are 2 areas of big uncertainty where Europe is concerned. One of them will have major implications for the future of this country, and the other one is the referendum. Or is it the football? I can't quite be sure...

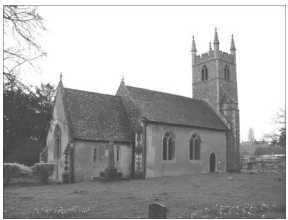
I have been struck by what a friend of mine wrote recently. He is not like me—he says what he thinks always and immediately, and does quite well with it, because, as he puts it, he tries to play the ball, not the man. This is a good lesson both in football and life, I think, and I suspect he and I both regret that the referendum campaign has become characterised by a lot of arguments which aren't telling the truth about what the opposing party think, or even what the statistics say, and much more about how dreadful or daft the other side are for thinking and feeling the things they do. (And in case you were wondering, the two of us are almost certain to vote in opposite directions, like the people in the photo above!)

I find it all the more difficult to write this month, because I happen to be sitting at my computer the morning after the horrific murder of Jo Cox MP. It would not remotely be playing the ball to suggest that either campaign, Remain or Leave, has to answer for a crime which is as yet far from explained, but much of the early commentary around this terrible event has been about the worrying climate that has been created by the strength of feeling on either side of the referendum. Paying tribute to his wife, Brendan Cox spoke of the need to 'fight against the hatred that killed her.'

By the time you read this, the result of the referendum should be clear, and, leave or remain, we will be looking towards a different future together. It would be lovely to think, and pray, that it would be one where we can read over the previous sentence again, and agree that the most important word in it is the last.



Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston



Stoke Holy Cross Allotment and Leisure Gardeners' Annual Show

The 2016 show is on Sunday 4th September in the hall at Stoke Holy Cross School.

It is open to all and the Show Schedule is available from Len Finch on 01508 492253.

The hall is open from 8am to 11am for entries at 25p each.

It's not just fruit and vegetables. You can enter cakes, bread, home made drink as well as flowers and pot plants.

The doors reopen for the show at 2pm (free entry). Come and see what is grown locally and view the prize winners!

Afternoon tea and cake available too.

St George's Hall Dementia Support Café

St. George's Dementia Support Group Cafe July and August meetings as follows:-

11th and 25th July. 8th and 22nd August meeting from 10-12.

We look forward to seeing you.

Telephone 01508493661 or 01508492938 for information about the cafe or becoming a volunteer



Churchwardens

Stoke Holy Cross & Dunston

Viv (493438) & Peter (471529)

Arminghall

Caistor St Edmund

Pat (492622) & Annie (495580)

Jani (493572) & Graham (493430)



Stoke Holy Cross
Church Hall

Monday 9.00-1.00

Wednesday 1.15-4.15

Sparklers welcomes all babies, toddlers
and pre-schoolers
with their parents & carers.

Tuesdays 10-11.30

Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall



Sparklers Stoke Holy Cross

cafe church

Sunday 3rd July and 7th August
10.30am
Stoke Church Hall
Breakfast, chat, songs, craft,
prayer, thought for the day...

Arminghall

Summer Garden Party
and Coffee Morning in
the garden of 6 Church
Close on Wednesday
August 10th at 10.00 till
12 noon.



We really hope that by the time you
read this there will be some more
England EURO 2016 matches
live on the big screen in the Church
Hall!

3rd, 7th and 10th July at 8pm
Doors open 30 minutes before—look
for the sign!

Hot dogs and pizzas provided, bring your own drinks. We are only planning
to show England matches at the moment, but are happy to open things up
for Wales, N. Ireland and Ireland matches or any others if the hall is free and
you would like to come down—please ring Rob on 492305 to let us know!

Free For All September 2016

Please send articles for the September magazine to Angela Bell by 21st
August, email admin@venta-group.org

St George's Hall bookings: Joyce Williams 492143
Stoke Church Hall bookings: Viv Carrington 493438
Stoke Holy Cross pavilion bookings: Barbara Cattermole
(Parish clerk) 530739

Services for July and August

3rd July—6th Sunday after Trinity

9am Traditional Holy Communion
10.30am Café Church
4pm Traditional Holy Communion

Caistor St Edmund
Stoke Church Hall
Dunston

10th July—7th Sunday after Trinity

9am Traditional Holy Communion
9.30am Praise and Worship
10.30am Informal Holy Communion
with children's groups

Arminghall
Caistor St Edmund
Stoke Holy Cross

17th July—8th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family Service
11am Traditional Holy Communion
6.30pm The Gathering

Caistor St Edmund
Stoke Holy Cross
Stoke Holy Cross

24th July—9th Sunday after Trinity

9am Traditional Holy Communion
10.30am All age Holy Communion
4pm Evening Service

Caistor St Edmund
Stoke Holy Cross
Arminghall

31st July—10th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Group Service of Holy Communion

Stoke Holy Cross

7th August—11th Sunday after Trinity

9am Traditional Holy Communion
10.30am Café Church
4pm Traditional Holy Communion

Caistor St Edmund
Stoke Church Hall
Dunston

14th August—12th Sunday after Trinity

9am Traditional Holy Communion
10.30am All age Service
6.30pm Reflective (Taize) Service

Arminghall
Stoke Holy Cross
Caistor St Edmund

21st August—13th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family Service
11am Traditional Holy Communion

Caistor St Edmund
Stoke Holy Cross

28th August—14th Sunday after Trinity

9am Traditional Holy Communion
10.30am All age Holy Communion
4pm Evening Service

Caistor St Edmund
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Arminghall

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Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston, Arminghall and Caistor St Edmund

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Caistor St Edmund

Although Saturday's weather could have been better Sunday's was and the number of people who came to Caistor Church to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday was very good after the hard work put in by so many people. A big thank you to all who helped in so many ways. The children from Stoke Holy Cross school made the very splendid Union Flag which we displayed in the church and the children the pre-school group at Stoke Holy Cross who made a very attractive bunting depicting many things to do with the Royal Birthday. This is now hanging at the back of the church and will be there over the summer for all to see when visiting. The amount raised, which includes generous donations, towards the upkeep and day to day running of the church was £830.10. Thank you to all who came and supported us over that special weekend. We look forward to seeing you all again in August and the first weekend in September when there will be Cream Teas in the church on Saturdays and Sundays from 3pm to 5pm each weekend, and there will also be a produce stall with fruit and vegetables and homemade cakes.



Arminghall

The Queen's Birthday Party went with a bang! Just as Rob was toasting Her Majesty and we sang happy birthday it started to thunder and rain. The true English spirit shone through as people sat, ate and drank under open umbrellas. A big thank you to all who helped make it a super day. The food and refreshments were

wonderful.

The Hearing Dogs for Deaf People charity raised £11,848 last year collecting stamps. We shall continue to support this so please keep sending us your used stamps.

Please remember it is getting close to Shoebox time. We shall be collecting until October and there will be a special service on Sunday October 23rd.

We will be holding a Summer Garden Party and Coffee Morning in the garden of 6 Church Close on Wednesday August 10th at 10.00 till 12 noon. Coffee and fancy cakes. Usual stalls etc.

Pat & Jim Howlett 6 Church Close Arminghall Norwich, NR14 8SE 01508-492622

Thursday Club at St George's Hall

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th July, 2016. This is 1.30pm for 2pm start. Please come along and join us for a friendly afternoon of tea and chat. We will be having an outing to Taverham Garden Centre for coffee then onto Cromer on Tuesday 26th July 2016. If you would like to join us please contact Liz Smith on 01508493245 to book. The cost for this is £8. We commence picking up in Trowse at 9.30am and work our way round the villages of Arminghall, Stoke Holy Cross, Framingham Earl and Poringland. We will also be having an outing on Tuesday 27th September, 2016 to Gt. Yarmouth and then onto the Gorleston Show. Again please phone Liz on the above number to book. For this trip numbers must be in by 4th August and monies paid when booking. No refunds.

Bingo - The dates for July are 6th and 20th - eyes down 1.45pm

Carpet Bowls - The dates for July are 13th and 27th - 1.30pm start - cost £2

August - Our next meeting will be on Thursday 4th August, 2016. This is 1.30pm for 2pm start. Please come along and join us for a friendly afternoon of tea and chat.

We will be having an outing to Springfields shopping outlet on Tuesday 20th September, 2016. If you would like to join us the cost for this is £10. To book a seat please contact Liz Smith on 01508493245.

Bingo - Our dates for August are 3rd, 17th and 31st - eyes down 1.45pm

Carpet Bowls - Our dates for August are the 10th and 24th - 1.30pm - cost £2

From the registers:

Funerals

Margaret Elvin, Arminghall, 8th June

Paul Cheeseman, Stoke Holy Cross, (Interment of Ashes) 15th June

Douglas Pullen, Earlham Crematorium, 21st June

Brenda Peasgood, Earlham Crematorium, 23rd June

Shelia Baker, Caistor St Edmund, 28th June

Caistor St Edmund Annual Parish

Meeting at St Edmund's Church

20th July at 7.00pm

Stoke Holy Cross Tuesday Group

July 10th—Summer BBQ

July 19th—David Bolton, Garden Wildlife

Stoke Holy Cross

Matinee Group

Thursday July 14h

Summer Lunch