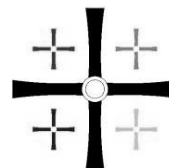


Our brand new **Venta Group website** is now live—all the events in all the churches and more in one place! Can you help us? To add colour and life to the website we need as many pictures as possible of church events and services. If you have anything from recent activities that might prove helpful,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

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

Afternoon Garden Tea Party

Saturday 11th June 2016

3.00pm

Bluebell Lodge, Arminghall

To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday

Prizes * Celebration Hat competition

**Children's Treasure Hunt * Entertainment **

Ticket Price: adults £5.00 children £1.00

Ticket Price includes afternoon tea and bubbly

Tickets on sale until 1st June

Tickets/information: 01508 492622 (Pat) or 01508 495580 (Annie)



More news on
other events
around the villages
for the Queen's
birthday on page 4!



We are Premier League! We are Premier League!

I am writing this on 25th May, so I don't know what happened on 28th, but there is a good chance that by the time you read this, Sheffield Wednesday will be in the Premier League. (Many thanks to Norwich City for kindly making the necessary room for us, by the way.)

I have supported Sheffield Wednesday for more than 25 years, so I have seen my fair share of ups and downs. Mostly I remember the downs—when we lost to Arsenal in both cup finals in 1993 (the only time this has ever happened in English football, Wikipedia tells me), the succession of relegations... There have been highs as well—eight years in the Premier League from 1992-2000, or back before my time when we beat Sheffield United 4-0 in 1979, a match we still refer to as *The Boxing Day Massacre*, and commemorate in a very entertaining song to the tune of *Mary's Boy Child*.

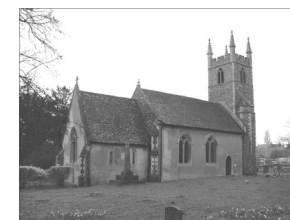
Having got that out of my system, I should return to the real point of this article, which is to say that whether we support Norwich or Sheffield Wednesday (or even Sheffield United or Ipswich) most of us will be getting behind England once again, as we try to put an end to 2016-1966=50 years of hurt. And in the spirit of getting together, all the England matches will be showing on the big screen in the Church Hall: we would love to see you there! There will be plenty of snacks if you would like to bring your own drinks of any variety.

When we talk about football, we tend to say *we*. Speaking for myself, I haven't ever played football for England, or even Sheffield Wednesday, but I say *we*. *We won*. Speaking of Jesus and what he has done for us, the bible uses the language of *we*. This is most evident when Paul talks about how we died and live—it is not that we died ourselves when Jesus did, but that as we put our trust in Jesus that his death and his life become our death and our life. He died, he lived, we died, we live. *We won*. Even better than the Premier League!



**All England EURO 2016 matches
live on the big screen in the Church Hall**
Saturday 11th June, 8pm
Thursday 16th June, 2pm
Monday 20th June, 8pm... and beyond?
Doors open 30 minutes before
Snacks provided, bring your own drinks

Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston



STOKE HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE SURVEY

A big thank you to everybody who took part in the village survey. We had a return rate of just under 60% which is very pleasing. The analysis is being undertaken, all your comments are being noted and the results will be available for the community events on Wednesday June 8th from 3-4 pm and Tuesday 12th July from 3-4 pm and from 6.30-7.30 pm, all at the Pavilion. Everyone is welcome.



Service of Remembrance and Hope At Stoke Holy Cross Church On Tuesday 14th June at 7.30 pm

We have written to invite all those we have helped with funerals in recent years, but anyone is welcome to join us.

St George's Hall Dementia Support Café June meetings as follows:

13th June 10-12 we shall be having Memory Joggers coming to talk to us.

27th June is our boat trip at Wroxham so no Café. The coach will park up in Brickle Rd at 9.30am ready to take us there. Please bring packed lunch.

Telephone 01508493661 or 01508492938 for information about the Café or becoming a volunteer.

We have just received news that Irene Gudgeon, whose husband Dave was instrumental in getting the café up and running, has very sadly died. We do send our best wishes and prayers to all their family at this difficult time.



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**

School Association 2015 Summer Fair

Friday 1st July from 3:15pm

Refreshments BBQ
Soft drinks Alcoholic drinks
Ice Creams Cakes

**All proceeds to the School Association,
please come along to support the school**

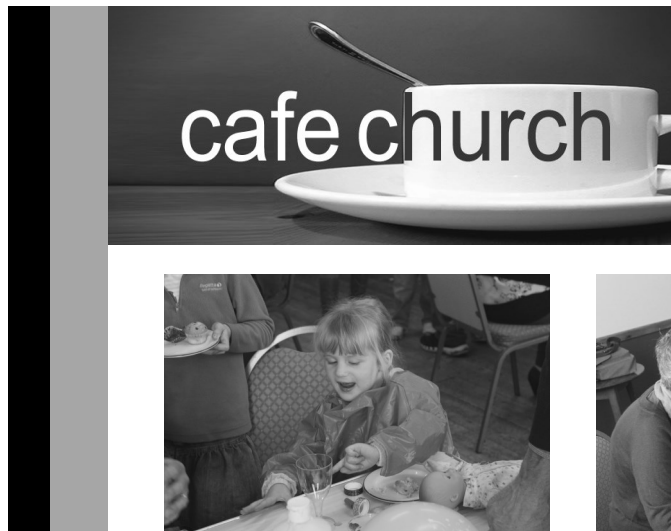


Saturday 25th June

10am-12noon, Beech Cottage, Norwich Road,
Stoke Holy Cross

*Perennials *Tomatoes etc
*Coffee & Cake *Treasure Stall

Proceeds to the churches' building fund, and
our partner church in Okunguro, Uganda.



Sunday 5th June
10.30am
Stoke Church Hall
Breakfast, chat,
songs, craft, prayer,
thought for the day...

St George's Hall bookings:
Stoke Church Hall bookings:
Stoke Holy Cross pavilion bookings:

Joyce Williams 492143
Viv Carrington 493438
Barbara Cattermole
(Parish clerk) 530739

Services for June

5th June—2nd Sunday after Trinity

9am	Traditional Holy Communion	Caistor St Edmund
10.30am	Café Church	Stoke Church Hall
4pm	Traditional Holy Communion	Dunston

12th June—3rd Sunday after Trinity

10am	Queen's Birthday celebration service	Arminghall
2pm	Queen's Birthday Celebration service	Stoke Primary School
6.30pm	Taize (Reflective) service	Caistor St Edmund

19th June—4th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Family Service	Caistor St Edmund
11am	Traditional Holy Communion	Stoke Holy Cross
6.30pm	Celebration service	Stoke Holy Cross

26th—5th Sunday after Trinity

9am	Traditional Holy Communion	Caistor St Edmund
10.30am	Informal Holy Communion <i>with children's groups</i>	Stoke Holy Cross
4pm	Traditional Holy Communion	Arminghall

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Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston, Arminghall and Caistor St Edmund

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Arminghall

Pat (492622) & Annie (495580)

Caistor St Edmund

Jani (493572) & Graham (493430)



More Queen's birthday news, continued from front cover!

Stoke Holy Cross celebration tea party, Sunday 12th June

Celebration Service 2pm, Tea at 3pm, all at the Primary School



All residents of Stoke Holy Cross, Upper Stoke and Dunston are very welcome to join us at the school to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

FREE TEA FOR ALL, WITH CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Tickets (required for catering purposes) from the Vicarage, Primary School, or from Angela Bell (details on page 3).



Free For All July/August 2016

Please send articles for the July/August magazine to Angela Bell by 19th June, email admin@venta-group.org

Thursday Club at St George's Hall

Stoke Holy Cross Thursday Club - Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd June 2016. We will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday so please arrive at 1pm. New members are always welcome.

Our next outing will be to Bury St. Edmunds on Wednesday 29th June 2016. The cost for guests is £8, if you would like to join us please call Liz Smith on 01508 493245 for availability.

Bingo - 8th and 22nd June, eyes down at 1.45pm

Carpet Bowls - 1st, 15th and the 29th June - 1.30pm, cost £2

Stoke Holy Cross Allotment and Leisure Gardeners' Association

Saturday June 4th 7.30pm at the Village Hall

You are invited to a wine tasting evening. Bring your favourite bottle for each one/two people attending, a bag of nibbles and a raffle prize. See which wine you like best. (No charge) Call Jill on 494359 to book a table or for more information. Do come!

Stoke Holy Cross Allotment and Leisure Gardeners' Association

Open Day at the allotments

Come and look round. Sunday 18th June 11.00 to 16.00.

All Welcome



Caistor St Edmund Annual Parish Meeting at St Edmund's Church 20th July at 7.00pm

Stoke Holy Cross Tuesday Group
June 21st - Rod Spokes
What happened to Norfolk Textiles

Stoke Holy Cross
Matinee Group

Thursday June 9th
Outing