Prayer intentions this week

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the
Spirit

in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Merciful redeemer,
who, by the life and preaching of your
servant Bernard,
rekindled the radiant light of your Church:
grant us, in our generation,
to be inflamed with the same spirit of
discipline and love
and ever to walk before you as children of
light;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,

Those in need

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sarah Davis	Kelly Sanderson
Stephen Milner	Eric Dunstan
19,198,582,767	Ann Kuczak
Beverley Reaney	Lindsay Richards
Francis Berryman	Rebecca Ormian
Margaret Johnson	Teresa Nicholls

Those who have died recently

Stella Rimmington	Casey Poponne

Those in our year's mind

George Ruggles	Desmond Creed
Mike Stonach	Jackie Valentine
Margaret Hayden-Scott	

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them

Nar Valley Benefice

This Sunday 17th August 2025 is the ninth Sunday after Trinity (green)

9am at West Acre BCP said Eucharist

The scriptures are: Hebrews 11.29-12.2 & Luke 12.49-56

10.30am at Narborough CW sung Eucharist

The scriptures are: Jeremiah 23.23-29 Hebrews 11.29-12.2 & Luke 12.49-56 The hymns are: 466,580,711,56

Wednesday 20th August St Bernard of Clairvaux (white)

9am at Narborough CW midweek Eucharist

The scriptures are: Revelation 19.5-9 & Luke 9.57-end

Next Sunday 24th August St Bartholomew the apostle (red)

10.30am at Pentney CW Morning Praise

The scriptures are: Psalm 145.1-7 Acts 5.12-16 & Luke 22.24-30

10.30am at Castle Acre CW sung Eucharist

The scriptures are: Isaiah 43.8-13 Acts 5.12-16 & Luke 22.24-30 The hymns are: 19,198,582,767

6pm at South Acre Healing Service with anointing

The scripture is: Matthew 10.1-22

Welcome to all

We are always welcome in God's house and greet one another with joy.

Just before worship, we quieten ourselves to be met by God in prayer, word, and sacrament.

Children

We love it when babies or children of any age come to church. We do not expect them to impersonate adults. Please feel relaxed if they wander about. In both Castle Acre and Narborough there are dedicated children's spaces in the worship area and quiet rooms at the back of church. Do use them if they are a help to you.

Use hearing aids?

There are hearing loop systems in Castle Acre, Narborough & Pentney Churches

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults from harm. We follow the House of Bishops' guidance and policies. Each church has its own Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). Their contact details are:

Castle Acre

Dr Ilga Chakrabarti (01760 755368)

Pentney

Andrew Smith (01760 755102)

Narborough & Narford

Joan Upton (01760 337053)

West Acre

Henry Birkbeck (01760 755254)

South Acre

James Stephenson (01760 337901)

Newton

Tony Bell (01760 755506)

Contact our Diocesan safeguarding team safeguarding@dioceseofnorwich.org or 01603 882345

Sue Brice, diocesan safeguarding advisor sue.brice@dioceseofnorwich.org or 07958377079

If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police and your local authority's children or adult social care services.

Contact details

Mother Angela is very happy to be contacted on her landline 01760 338552 or by email narvalleyrector@hotmail.com

Her usual rest day is Friday.

Father Richard balances a full-time job with being a priest. He is happy to be contacted by email richardgranthowells4@gmail.com or on his mobile 07802432594

Churchwardens for each church may be rung at home. They are all volunteers.

Castle Acre:

David Bowman 01603 483658 Anne Loch 01760 755403

Narborough:

James Stephenson 01760 337901

Newton:

Tony Bell 01760 755506 Stephen Laing 01760 755455

Pentney

Sue Neep 01760 338037 Andrew Smith 01760755102

South Acre:

Davina Barber 01760 755618

West Acre:

Henry Birkbeck 01760 755254

Future Events

Mother Angela is out of the benefice from Saturday 16th August to Saturday 23rd August. Please contact Chris at the Rectory or Father Richard or a churchwarden during this time. Thank you to Canons Michael and Allan for agreeing to preside this week.

Castle Acre Flower Festival in church Saturday 23rd-Monday 25th August.

Healing service with anointing: 4pm on Sunday 24th August in South Acre church.

Summer Entertainment with Leah Spence's 3's company and friends. £12.50 Organised by the Friends of Castle Acre Church for 4pm on Monday 25th August in Church.

Pentney PCC meets in Little Abbey Farm at 2pm on Tuesday 26th August.

The Churchwardens meet at the Rectory 2.30-4.30pm on **Wednesday 27**th **August.**

Castle Acre PCC at the Rectory 10.30am followed by lunch on Monday 1st
September

Saturday 13th September. Raise money for your church by participating in the sponsored walk/cycle/drive visiting churches. Alternatively, be present to welcome visitors to our church buildings.