

Prayer intentions this week

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in
great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Almighty Father, lover of souls,
who chose your servant Nicholas
to be a bishop in the Church,
that he might give freely out of the
treasures of your grace:
make us mindful of the needs of others
and, as we have received, so teach us also
to give;
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.

For Advent

With love and compassion,
come, Lord Jesus.
With judgement and mercy,
come, Lord Jesus.
In power and glory,
come, Lord Jesus.
In wisdom and truth,
come, Lord Jesus.

Those in need

Sarah Davis	Kelly Sanderson
Stephen Milner	Eric Dunstan
Queenie Parker	Ann Kuczak
Beverley Reaney	Lindsay Richards
Francis Berryman	Rebecca Ormian
Margaret Johnson	Teresa Nicholls
Wendy Goodwin	

Those who have died recently

Roy Wallis

Those in our year's mind

Alfred Smith	James Ward
George Bush	Allan Brooks

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

Nar Valley Benefice

This Sunday 30th November 2025

is Advent Sunday: Hope (purple)

8.30am at West Acre

Traditional Said Eucharist

The scriptures are:
Isaiah 2.1-5 & Matthew 24.36-44

10.30am at Castle Acre

Sung Eucharist

The scriptures are:
Isaiah 2.1-5 & Matthew 24.36-44
Hymns: 669, 449, 307

10.30am at Pentney

Morning Praise

The scriptures are: Psalm 122
Isaiah 2.1-5 & Matthew 24.36-44

Wednesday 3rd December

Francis Xavier (purple)

9am at Narborough

Said Eucharist

The scriptures are:
Isaiah 26.1-6 & Matthew 15.29-37

Saturday 6th December 2025

is St Nicholas Day (white)

10am at Castle Acre

Festal Eucharist

The Scriptures are:
1 Timothy 6.6-11 & Mark 10.13-16

Next Sunday 7th December 2025

is Advent 2: Peace (purple)

8.30am at Newton

Traditional Said Eucharist

The scriptures are:
Romans 15.4-13 & Matthew 3.1-12

9.30am at Castle Acre

Morning Praise

The scriptures are: Psalm 72.1-7
Romans 15.4-13 & Matthew 3.1-12

11am at Narborough

Sung Eucharist

The scriptures are:
Romans 15.4-13 & Matthew 3.1-12
Hymns: 246, 280, 589

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 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 usually happy to be contacted on his mobile **07802432594** or by email **richardgranthowells4@gmail.com**

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

Castle Acre:

Anne Loch 01760 755403

David Bowman 01603 483658

Narborough:

James Stephenson 01760 337901

Newton:

Tony Bell 01760 755506

Stephen Laing 01760 755455

Pentney

Sue Neep 01760 338037

Andrew Smith 01760 755102

South Acre:

Davina Barber 01760 755618

West Acre:

Henry Birkbeck 01760 755254

Present and future events

St James Castle Acre has **new pew Bibles**. You are invited to sponsor one - £15 each.

Thursdays 4th, 11th, & 18th December

6-6.30pm 'Expectant' in Castle Acre church.

Half an hour of space to recharge and recentre. You can choose stillness or colouring or listening to calming music.

Saturday December 6th is Santa Claus Day based in Castle Acre. Worship at **10am**.

11.30-1.30 – Free community event with Santa Claus, hospitality, games, and stalls
Contact Mother Angela to volunteer yourself or nominate a local group to get involved.

2.30pm Santa Claus and light refreshments in Narborough church.

NB We start our new Sunday service pattern next week. We will worship in Castle Acre at 9.30am and alternate between Narborough and Pentney at 11am.

West Acre has already begun the new pattern. Newton and South Acre remain the same. Please sign up to be included in rotas by using the sheets at the back of church or by emailing Mother Angela.

Recent Events

Congratulations to Diane and all involved in the wreath making workshop in Pentney.

Those participating created beautiful arrangements and had a wonderful time.