

Prayer intentions this week

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.

For the world

Those at war or under occupation

Those making dangerous journeys

Those giving birth in difficult circumstances

Those working nights or away from home

Those whose faith is new or growing

Those who are homeless or refugees

Those leading countries or advising them

Those making life changing decisions

Those in need

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

Those whose ashes are being interred

Douglas Haden-Scott

Those in our year's mind

Joyce Creed	Islay West
Brent Bunting	Judith Smith
Angela Clifton	Linda Dunstan
Hazel Clarke	Barbara Blanks
Jenny Whiting	

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

Nar Valley Benefice

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This Sunday 21st December 2025
is Advent 4: Love (purple)

9.30am at Castle Acre

Sung Eucharist

The scriptures are:

Romans 1.1-7 & Matthew 1.18-end

Hymns: 535, 140, 451

11am at Narborough

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6pm at West Acre

Carol Service

The scriptures are: Zechariah 9.9-10
Jeremiah 23.5-6, Micah 5.2-4, Isaiah 9.2,6-7,
Isaiah 7.10-15 & Matthew 1.18-25
Carols: 11, 27v1-4, 9, 3, 20, 12

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as
our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
(or)
Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Monday 22nd December

4pm at Castle Acre church

Christmas Christingle

Carols: 15, 3, 20, 5.

6pm at Narborough Church

Carol Service

The scriptures are: Luke 1.26-38, Luke 1.39-56,
Luke 2.1-7, Luke 2.8-14, Luke 2.15-20,
Titus 2.11-14, 3.3-7
Carols: 5, 21, 23 v1-3, 3, 9, 13 v1-3, 6.

Wednesday 24th December
is Christmas Eve (white and gold)

4pm at Pentney church
Christmas Christingle
Carols: 15, 3, 20, 5.

6pm at Newton church
Carol Service

The scriptures are: Isaiah 9.2,6,7, Isaiah
11.1-9, Isaiah 60.1-6, 19, Luke 2.1-7, Luke
2.8-16, John 1.1-14
Carols: 1, 15, 22, 26, 26, 10, 9, 20.

8pm at Castle Acre church
Midnight in Bethlehem Mass
The scriptures are:
Titus 3.4-7 & Luke 2.8-20
Carols: 11, 15, 20

11.30pm at Narborough church
Midnight Mass
The Scriptures are:
Titus 3.4-7 & Luke 2.8-20
Carols: 11, 15, 20

The Collect

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one
true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of
that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
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.
(or)
Eternal God,
in the stillness of this night
you sent your almighty Word
to pierce the world's darkness with the light
of salvation:
give to the earth the peace that we long for
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Thursday 25th December
is Christmas Day (white and gold)

9am at South Acre church
Said traditional Holy Communion
The scriptures are:
Hebrews 1.1-4 & John 1.1-14
9.30am at Castle Acre church
Sung Eucharist

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
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South Acre:

Davina Barber 07967 369 573

West Acre:

Henry Birkbeck 01760 755254

Notices

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

We have begun our new Sunday service
pattern. Volunteers please sign the sheets
in church or email Mother Angela.

Monday January 5th 2025 is the Pilgrimage
of the wise men through the Nar Valley

9.30am Newton church
10am Narborough church
10.30am Pentney church
11am West Acre church
11.30am South Acre church
Noon Castle Acre church
12.30pm Eucharist for Epiphany at Castle
Acre church

A big thank you to all those who have
worked to make this Christmas in the Nar
Valley special -

those who work to make our
churches look beautiful,
those who work to make our events
welcoming,
those who work to make our
worship inspiring,
those who work to make our life
together loving,
those who do the practical
organising to make things happen.

We wish you a joyful Christmas
and a peaceful New Year.
God bless you!

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.

The scriptures are:
Hebrews 1.1-4 & John 1.1-14
Carols: 7, 4, 13

10.30am at Narborough church Sung Eucharist

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Carols: 7, 4, 13

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure
virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and
grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
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.
(or)
Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven
touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Friday 26th December is St Stephen's Day (red)

10am at West Acre church Traditional Holy Communion

The scriptures are:
Acts 7.51-end & Matthew 10.17-22
Carol: 8

The Collect

Gracious Father,
who gave the first martyr Stephen
grace to pray for those who took up stones
against him:
grant that in all our sufferings for the truth
we may learn to love even our enemies
and to seek forgiveness for those who
desire our hurt,
looking up to heaven to him who was
crucified for us,
Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Saturday 27th December
is St John's day (white)

10am at Newton church
Said traditional Holy Communion

The scriptures are:
1 John 1 & John 21.19b-end

The Collect

Merciful Lord,
cast your bright beams of light upon the
Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching of
your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint
John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth
that we may at last attain to the light of
everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Next Sunday 28th December 2025
is Christmas 1 (white)

8.30am at West Acre
Traditional said Holy Communion

The scriptures are:
Hebrews 2.10-end & Matthew 2.13-end

9.30am at Castle Acre
Sung Eucharist

The scriptures are:
Hebrews 2.10-end & Matthew 2.13-end
Hymns: 463, 521, 623

11am at Pentney
Morning Praise

The scriptures are:
Hebrews 2.10-end & Matthew 2.13-end

Next Monday 29th December 2025
is Holy Innocents (red)

10am at South Acre
Said traditional Holy Communion

The scriptures are:
Jeremiah 31.15-17 & Matthew 2.13-18
Hymn: 782

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose children suffered at the hands of
Herod,
though they had done no wrong:

by the suffering of your Son
and by the innocence of our lives
frustrate all evil designs
and establish your reign of justice 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.

Next Wednesday 31st December 2025
is in Christmas season (white)

9am at Narborough church
Said Eucharist

The scriptures are:
1 John 2.18-21 & John 1.1-18

Next Thursday 1st January 2026
is the Naming & Circumcision of Jesus
(white)

10am at Pentney church
Said Eucharist

The scriptures are:
Numbers 6.22-end & Luke 2.15-21

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was circumcised
in obedience to the law for our sake
and given the Name that is above every
name:
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the
world;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 4th January 2026
is Christmas 2 (white)

8.30am in Newton church
Said traditional Holy Communion

The scriptures are:
Ephesians 1.3-14 & John 1.10-18

9.30am in Castle Acre church
Morning Praise

The Scriptures are:
Ephesians 1.3-14 & John 1.10-18

11am in Narborough church
Sung Eucharist

The scriptures are:
Ephesians 1.3-14 & John 1.10-18
Hymns: 766, 584, 183