

Prayer intentions this week

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your
incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his
love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

then

O God,

who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of
the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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)

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 who have recently died

Samuel Keeble

Those whose ashes are being interred

Douglas Haden-Scott

Those in our year's mind

Bryan Duncanson	Roger Bonas
Eric Matthews	Barry Mickleborough
William Foster	David Bretten

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

Nar Valley Benefice

Pew News

4th – 10th January 2026

This Sunday 4th January

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: Psalm 147.13-end

Ephesians 1.3-14 & John 1.10-18

11am in Narborough church

Eucharist

The scriptures are:

Ephesians 1.3-14 & John 1.10-18

Hymns: 766, 584, 183 EP:E

Monday 5th January

**The Pilgrimage of the wise men through
the Nar Valley**

9.30am Newton 10am Narborough

10.30am Pentney 11am West Acre

11.30am South Acre Noon Castle Acre

12.30pm at Castle Acre church

Eucharist for Epiphany (white & gold)

The scriptures are:

1 John 4.7-10 & Matthew 2.1-12

Hymns: 89, 46 EP:B

Wednesday 8th January

Epiphany season (white)

9am at Narborough church

Said Eucharist

The scriptures are:

1 John 4.11-18 & Mark 6.45-52

Sunday 11th January

the Baptism of Christ (white & gold)

9.30am at Castle Acre

Eucharist

The scriptures are:

Acts 10.34-43 & Matthew 3.13-17

Hymns: 56, 150, 798 EP:B

11am at Pentney

Eucharist

The Scriptures are:

Acts 10.34-43 & Matthew 3.13-17

Hymns: 56, 150, 798 EP:B

6pm at South Acre

Traditional Evensong with Holy Baptism

The scriptures are: Psalm 46

Joshua 3.1-8,14-17 & Hebrews 1.1-12

Hymns: 580, 66, 702, 273

Contact details

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.

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

Liz Collins (01760 337403)

Joan Upton (01760 337053)

West Acre

Clare Levere (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.

Mother Angela is building up her database of people's contact details. Please fill in a form and put it in an envelope. Then hand it to her, her husband, or a churchwarden.

Mother Angela is happy to be contacted on her landline **01760 338552** or by email narvalleyrector@hotmail.com
Her usual rest day is Friday.

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 07967 369 573

West Acre:

Henry Birkbeck 01760 755254

Notices

It's **Epiphany** this week. Don't miss the Pilgrimage of the Wise Men or at least collect some chalk to bless your home for 2026.

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.

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 continue to wish you a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

God bless you!