

Prayer intentions this week

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water
and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as
your adopted children;
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)

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your
Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved
children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

For the world

For all those seeking a new direction
For those nations that have lost their way
That the world may be cleansed of evil
Come Holy Spirit.

Those being baptised

Lloyd Taylor

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

Margaret Armstrong	Sheila Ferguson
Joanne Smith	Duncan Wallace
Mary Overman	Carole Fitt
John Hobson	

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

Nar Valley Benefice

Pew News

11th – 17th January 2026

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 1.1-1-12

Hymns: 580, 66, 702, 273

Monday 12th January

11am Funeral at Castle Acre church

Wednesday 14th January Epiphany season (white)

9am at Narborough church

Said Eucharist

The scriptures are:

1 Samuel 3.1-10, 19-20 & Mark 1.29-39

Next Sunday 18th January Epiphany 2: Unity (white)

9.30am in Castle Acre church Eucharist

The Scriptures are:

1 Corinthians 1.1-9 & John 1.29-42

Hymns: 127, 280, 99 EP:B

11am in Narborough church Eucharist

The scriptures are:

1 Corinthians 1.1-9 & John 1.29-42

Hymns: 127, 280, 99 EP: B

6pm at West Acre Traditional Evensong

The scriptures are: Psalm 96

Ezekiel 2.1-3.4 & Galatians 1.11-24

Hymns: 413, 841

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 (07709232851)

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.

Contact details

Mother Angela is happy to be contacted on her landline **01760 338552** or by email narvalleyrector@hotmail.com
However, please note that she is on leave Tuesday 13th – Tuesday 20th January.

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

Sadly, the bad weather **last Monday** caused us to cancel our church activities including the pilgrimage of the wise men. It was disappointing but important to keep everybody safe. Thank you to everybody who had worked to prepare for this event and whose efforts were frustrated.

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 our church life here 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.