

Prayer intentions this week

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented
in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

For the world

For the newborn and for the very elderly
For parents and for priests
For all who yearn for peace and salvation
For the healing of the nations

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
Stephen Keeble	Richard Howells

Those who have recently died

Joan Margaret Pightling	
Samuel Charles Keeble	Julia Rosemary Howarth

Those in our year's mind

Ava Holly Gibbons	George Cowen
Gwendoline Wallace	

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

Nar Valley Benefice

Pew News

1st-7th February 2026

This Sunday 1st February **Candlemas (gold & white)**

8.30am at Newton
Traditional Holy Communion
The scriptures are:
Malachi 3.1-5 & Luke 2.22-40

9.30am in Castle Acre church
Morning Praise
The Scriptures are: Psalm 24.7-end
Malachi 3.1-5 & Luke 2.22-40

11am in Narborough church
Eucharist
The scripture is Luke 2.22-40
Hymns: 105, 39, 479 EP: A

Wednesday 4th February **Gilbert of Sempringham (green)**

9am at Narborough church
Said Eucharist
The scriptures are:
2 Samuel 24.2,9-17 & Mark 6.1-6a

Next Sunday 8th February **Second Sunday before Lent (green)**

9.30am at Castle Acre
Eucharist
The scriptures are:
Genesis 1.1-2.3 & Matthew 6.25-end
Hymns: 510, 10 (omitting starred verses), 19
Eucharistic Prayer: G

11am at Pentney
Eucharist
The Scriptures are:
Genesis 1.1-2.3 & Matthew 6.25-end
Hymns: 510, 10 (omitting starred verses), 19
Eucharistic Prayer: G

6pm at South Acre
Traditional Evensong
The scriptures are: Psalm 148
Proverbs 8.1,22-31 & Revelation 4
Hymns: 123, 435, 563, 767

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, she goes into retreat Friday 6th – Friday 13th February and it will not be possible to contact her during this time.

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

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.

Saturday 14th February 7-9pm **Valentine's Day Wine and Cheese Party** in the Church Rooms. Get a ticket from a churchwarden or from the Rectory. Donations towards the rebuilding of the fallen wall in Narborough Churchyard are encouraged.

Tuesday 17th February 5.30-6.30pm **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party** in the Church Rooms. Let Mother Angela know that you will be coming.

Lent begins on Wednesday 18th February. Have you decided how you are going to use it for good yet?

Saturday 28th February 6.30pm for 7pm **Pentney Pie and Mash and Games evening** at Little Abbey Farm. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £15 from Janet Beck 01760 337419
All profits to Pentney Parish Church.