

Prayer intentions

The Collects this week

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of
your grace,
that we, running the way of your
commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly
treasure;
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

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**for Rebecca Ormian being laid to rest in
Lincolnshire on Monday afternoon**

Those who have asked for our prayers

Sarah Davis	Teresa Nicholls
Stephen Milner	Richard Howells
Eric Dunstan	Wendy Goodwin
Kelly Sanderson	David Bowman
Beverley Reaney	Francis Berryman
Ann Kuczak	Lindsay Richards
Corrina Brooks	Margaret Johnson
Neil Flood	Andrew Stevenson

Those who have recently died

Maureen Eagling.

Those whose ashes have been interred

David Titchmarsh, Robert Gradon

Rest eternal grant unto them o Lord and
let light perpetual shine upon them

Nar Valley Benefice Pew News

16th August 2026

This Sunday 16th August **(green)**

9.30am at Castle Acre Eucharist including thanksgiving and baptism

The scripture is Matthew 15.21-28
Hymns: 26 (odd verses only), 306, 387,
14, 732. EP:1

11am at Narborough Eucharist

The Scriptures are:
Isaiah 56.1, 6-8 & Matthew 15.21-28
Hymns: 387, 36, 14. EP:G

6pm at West Acre

Traditional Evensong

The Scriptures are: Psalm 90.1-12
2 Kings 4.1-37 & Acts 16.1-15
Hymns: 96, 425.

Thursday 20th August

(green)

St Bernard

9.30am in Narborough Eucharist

The scriptures are:
Ezekiel 36.23-28 & Matthew 22.1-14

Next Sunday: 23rd August

Trinity 12 (green)

'Everyone has a story'

9.30am at Castle Acre Eucharist

The scriptures are:
Isaiah 51.1-6 & Matthew 16.13-20
Hymns: 563, 34, 692. EP:G

11am at Narborough Morning Praise

The Scriptures are: Psalm 67
Isaiah 51.1-6 & Matthew 16.13-20
Hymns: 563, 706, 692, 595.

4pm at South Acre

Anointing for healing and wholeness

The Scriptures are: Psalm 90.1-12
2 Kings 4.1-37 & Acts 16.1-15

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.

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):

Castle Acre

Dr Ilga Chakrabarti (01760 755368)

Narborough with Narford

Liz Collins (01760 337403)

Newton and West Acre

Clare Levere (07709232851)

Pentney

Andrew Smith (01760 755102)

South Acre

James Stephenson (01760 337901)

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.

Hearing aids

There are hearing loop systems in Castle Acre, Narborough, & Pentney Churches.

Contact details

Please fill in a form. Then hand it to Mother Angela, her husband, or a churchwarden.

Get in touch

Mother Angela is happy to be contacted on her landline **01760 338552** or by email narvalleyrector@hotmail.com Once she returns on Saturday 15th.

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

Castle Acre:

Lloyd Taylor 07907 525988
(Anne Loch 01760 755403)

Narborough:

Vacant

Newton:

Tony Bell 01760 755506

Pentney

Sue Neep 01760 338037
Andrew Smith 01760 755102

South Acre:

(Davina Barber 07967369573)

West Acre:

Henry Birkbeck 01760 755254

Notices

Bible Studies return this week. They are in the Rectory and on Zoom **Tuesday 7-8pm** and in Castle Acre Church **Thursday 7-8pm**. The Zoom meeting ID is 82791722210 and the passcode is 890022. All are welcome.

Castle Acre PCC meets in church at **11.30am this Monday August 17th**.

Last chance to book on the local in-person **safeguarding training** at Castle Acre Village Hall on **Monday Sept 21st**. Contact your Safeguarding Officer or your Church Wardens.

22nd-23rd August across our benefice **'Everyone has a story'**

If you are prepared to help, please speak to your churchwarden or to Mother Angela. Do add your story to the wooden box in your church and consider who you might invite.

Thanks

A big thank you to all those who serve on our PCCs. These trustees of the church help to give direction, practical organisation, and coordination to each of our parishes.