WNPG 6.00 pm Online Evening Prayer (See WNPG website) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84842560875?pwd=Ym82ajBzWlZzdXRoYVNiUW 1JSWRsQT09

Every Sunday 6.30

# Welcome to our parishes

## Sunday 28th December Holy Innocents Day

Monday	29th			
Tuesday	30th			
Wednesday	31st			
Thursday	January	NEW YEAR'S DAY!		
-	1st			
Friday	2nd			
Saturday	3rd			
Sunday	4th	4th Jan	uary 2026 (Epiphany)	
,		10.00	Feltwell	
			Joint Benefice Holy Communion	
			Rev. Juanita's Farewell Service	
		09.30	Runcton Holme – Holy Communion	
		11.00	Shouldham – Morning Prayer	
		11.00	Marham – Holy Communion	
		18.00	Online & Phone– Evening Prayer	

'There is greater comfort in silence than in the answer to a question. Eternity is in the present... a seed of fire whose sudden roots break barriers that keep my heart from becoming an abyss.' (Thomas Merton, 1952)

Taken from the Ely Spirituality page.

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#### Readings for Holy Innocents' Day

**FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 1:26-29** For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

That no flesh should glory in his presence. **This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.** 

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:13-18 Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *Glory to you, O Lord.* And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great

mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

### **Collect and Post Communion for Christmas 1**

**COLLECT** O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or) God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Post Communion**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.