

# The Erringden Eagle

Mytholmroyd & Cragg Vale News September 2025 Visit our website

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## Would you consider being confirmed?

**Being confirmed is a choice not a requirement – the Church of England doesn't have a formal membership in that sense - anyone is welcome to come along to church, worship and be a part of the church community. Being confirmed is simply a sign of your commitment and involvement.**

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. If you were baptized at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you.

The local bishop will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life.

Bishop Smitha is holding a confirmation Service at Todmorden at the end of November. Ian, the Vicar of St Mary's Luddenden, will be holding preparation classes in the weeks leading up to this.

**Please contact your churchwardens if you are wanting to take this step.**

## Events and activities in September

Date	St John's	St Michael's
Mon 1st		10.30am BREW
Tue 2nd	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubbub	2.00pm Guild meeting — Julie Ingham 7.00pm PCC meeting
Wed 3rd		
Thu 4th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 5th		9am Benefice prayers 7 for 7.30pm Quiz Night
Sat 6th		10am Coffee in Erringden Room 11am Gardening group - all welcome
Sun 7th	9.30am Worship	11am Worship
Mon 8th	2.30pm YCA meeting	10.30am BREW
Tue 9th	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubbub	
Wed 10th		
Thu 11th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 12th		9am Benefice prayers
Sat 13th		10am PCC Coffee Morning in Erringden Room
Sun 14th	9.30am Worship	11am Worship
Mon 15th	3.30pm PCC meeting	10.30am BREW
Tue 16th	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubbub	

<b>Date</b>	<b>St John's</b>	<b>St Michael's</b>
Wed 17th		2.00pm Book Club
Thu 18th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 7.30pm Choir Practice 8.00pm Wives meeting
Fri 19th		9am Benefice prayers
Sat 20th		10am Coffee in Erringden Room
Sun 21st	9.30am Worship	11am Worship 1-4pm Repair Café
Mon 22nd	2-3pm Exercise Group	10.30am BREW
Tue 23rd	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubbub	
Wed 24th		
Thu 25th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 26th		9am Benefice prayers 1-3pm Wives - Afternoon tea
Sat 27th		10am Coffee in Erringden Room
Sun 28th	9.30am Worship	11am Worship
Mon 29th		10.30am BREW
Tue 30th	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubbub	

## St Michael's Gardening Group

During June's PCC meeting, discussions around a church garden worker's party began. The idea was to bring members of the congregation together whilst maintaining and contributing to the



flower beds as well as general tidying and maintenance. Flower beds have been looked after for a long while by others such as Lesley, Eric and Wilf who have worked hard over the years bringing colour to them around the church hall. Like all things within the church, the up-keep works better if more are encouraged to help – more hands make light work. It also deepens friendships and connections with one another leading to better mental wellbeing plus the added benefits of extra exercise.

So, with all this in mind, it was decided to look at incorporating a

garden party to run alongside the tea/coffee morning held on Saturdays. It started off with an initial tidy of the grounds and some excellent ivy trimming by the gate from Roy, Steve and Kath!

We then had our first gathering in early July after folk enjoyed their morning tea/coffee and managed to start work on the big bed round the back of the hall. There was a great sense of accomplishment in just one hour of working and we could really see the difference. It was also greatly helped by Jackie's gardening tool donations – thank you Jackie!

Slightly thwarted with either rain or extreme heat and with it being the holiday season, we have been unable to meet again however the plan moving forward is the first Saturday of every month. As we move into slightly cooler times we'll hopefully get a good bit of work done before winter sets in.

If you would like to come and help you can always enjoy a tea/coffee first as the gardening doesn't start until 11am (finishing around mid-day). The next one will be 6<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome even if you feel you can't do a lot of bending as there are always ways to adapt, just let one of us know if you have any limitations but would like to help.

There may be variations on dates depending on the weather etc. but we will always aim to let people know asap if this is the case.

If you would like to donate anything gardening related that would be most welcome. Please check with Roy beforehand to ensure there's space and something we may need.

Many thanks and happy future gardening here at St. Michael's.

**Rebecca Garrud**

# REPAIR CAFE

Mytholmroyd

**St Michael's Church Hall  
Mytholmroyd,  
HX7 5DS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
every 2 Months**

**Assisted repairs:**

bikes, clean clothes, bags  
electrical appliances  
(not microwaves), toys.

knife sharpening.  
smartphone/laptop help

**Sunday 21st  
September  
1pm—4pm**

**Cost: A voluntary donation**

**Tea/coffee and home baking too**

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<b>Rotas St Michael's</b>	<b>Stewards</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>7th September</b>	Vivienne Gloria	Margaret	Daphne	Christine Margaret
<b>14th September</b>	Geraldine Linda	Jackie	Christine	Sandra K Gill J
<b>21st September</b>	Eric Linda K	Gill J	David	Jackie Kathryn
<b>28th September</b>	Mary, Pam, Louise	Daphne	Roy	Sheila Libby
<b>5th October</b>	Jenny Sheila P	Eric	Margaret	Madeline Sandra

<b>Rotas St John's</b>	<b>Stewards</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Communion assistant</b>
<b>7th September</b>	Sylvia Amanda	Pat	Viv	Ed
<b>14th September</b>	Sue Howard	Ed	Sylvia	Pat
<b>21st September</b>	Ed Geraint	Ann	Julie	Sylvia
<b>28th September</b>	Anne B Sylvia	Geraint	Carol	Ann
<b>5th October</b>	Ed Howard	Angela	Amanda	Julie

	Readings	Gospel
7th September Trinity 12	Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Philemon 1-21	Luke 14.25-33
14th September Trinity 13	Exodus 32.7-14 1 Timothy 1.12-17	Luke 15.1-10
21st September Trinity 14	Amos 8.4-7 1 Timothy 2.1-7	Luke 16.1-13
28th September Trinity 15	Amos 6.1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6.6-19	Luke 16.19-31
5th October Trinity 16	Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 2 Timothy 1.1-14	Luke 17.5-10

### Our Interregnum Prayer

All knowing and loving Father, we bring before you our three parishes of St John's, St Mary's and St Michael's as we look forward to the appointment of our New Vicar.

We pray that the person you are calling to lead us will hear and respond to that call. We ask that your Holy Spirit will prepare us to respond, with open hearts and minds, to all the future holds for our three churches and the communities around them.

We ask this in our Saviour's name. **Amen**

Please send articles and detail of events for October to Margaret by

15th September