

# The Erringden Eagle



Mytholmroyd & Cragg Vale News Dec 2025 and Jan 2026 Visit our website

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## Christmas Communion

Archdeacon Bill will be leading our joint service on  
Christmas Day.

**It will start at 10am and will be held at St Michael's.**

All are welcome as we celebrate the birth of our Lord  
and Saviour, Jesus Christ

## Events and activities in December

Date	St John's	St Michael's
Mon 1st	<b>7pm Christmas Wreath Making (see poster)</b> <b>Please book by 12noon</b>	10.30am BREW
Tue 2nd	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubhub	2.00pm Guild meeting — Christmas Social 7.00pm PCC meeting
Wed 3rd		
Thu 4th	<b>7pm Landscape for water project - Knowledge Sharing Event</b> <b>See Page 10</b>	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
Sun 7th	9.30am Worship	11am Worship
Mon 8th	2pm YCA	10.30am BREW Church Decorations
Tue 9th	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubhub	
Wed 10th		2.00pm Book Club
Thu 11th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice <b>7.00pm The Big Sing (see poster)</b>
Fri 12th	<b>6.30pm Cragg Christmas Cracker (see poster)</b>	9am Benefice prayers 7 for 7.30pm Quiz Night
Sat 13th		<b>10am SANTA'S GROTTTO (see poster)</b>
Sun 14th	9.30am Worship	11am Worship

<b>Date</b>	<b>St John's</b>	<b>St Michael's</b>
Mon15th	3.30pm PCC meeting	10.30am BREW Church Decorations
Tue16th	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubbub	
Wed 17th		
Thu 18th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 19th		9am Benefice prayers
Sat 20th		10am Coffee in Erringden Room
Sun 21st	<b>9.30am Carol Service</b>	11am Worship <b>6.30pm Carols by Candle light</b>
Mon 22nd		
Tue 23rd	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubbub	
Wed 24th		
Thu 25th	<b>Christmas day 10am Joint Communion Service</b>	<b>The service will be led by the Archdeacon at St Michael's</b>
Fri 26th	Boxing Day	
Sat 27th		
Sun 28th	9.30am Worship	11am Worship
Mon 29th		
Tue 30th		
Wed 31st	New Year's Eve	

## Events and activities in January

Date	St John's	St Michael's
Thu 1st		
Fri 2nd		9am Benefice prayers 7 for 7.30pm Quiz Night
Sat 3rd		10am Coffee in Erringden Room 11am Gardening group - all welcome
Sun 4th	9.30am Worship	11am Worship
Mon 5th		10.30am BREW
Tue 6th	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubbub	7.00pm PCC meeting
Wed 7th		
Thu 8th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 9th		9am Benefice prayers
Sat 10th		10am PCC Coffee Morning in Erringden Room
Sun 11th	9.30am Worship -	11am Worship
Mon 12th	2pm YCA	10.30am BREW
Tue13th	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubbub	
Wed 14th		2.00pm Book Club
Thu 15th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 7.30pm Choir Practice 8.00pm Wives - Quiz
Fri 16th		9am Benefice prayers

<b>Date</b>	<b>St John's</b>	<b>St Michael's</b>
Sat 17th	10—11.30am Community Councillor Drop In	10am Coffee in Erringden Room Evening: Wives - Annual Party
Sun 18th	9.30am Worship	11am Worship
Mon 19th	3.30pm PCC meeting	10.30am BREW
Tue 20th	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubbub	
Wed 21st		
Thu 22nd		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 23rd		9am Benefice prayers
Sat 24th		10am Coffee in Erringden Room
Sun 25th	9.30am Worship	11am Worship
Mon 26th		10.30am BREW
Tue 27th	12-3pm Cragg Community Hubbub	
Wed 28th		
Thu 29th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 30th		9am Benefice prayers
Sat 31st		10am Coffee in Erringden Room

St John the Baptist in the Wilderness, Cragg Vale



# **Christmas Wreath**

## **Making**



Monday December 1st from 7pm

**Come and make your own  
Christmas wreath.**

£22 – includes wreath base,  
greenery, wire, twine, ribbon, dried  
oranges etc. plus a glass of wine and  
nibbles.

There will be a donations bar for wine and  
beer.

**Feel free to bring along extra greenery  
and decorations plus secateurs if you  
have them!**

Book your place by emailing Julie at  
[gjwsa2@gmail.com](mailto:gjwsa2@gmail.com) or texting 07443420907



Come and join us for a



# **Cragg Christmas Cracker!**



St John's Church, Cragg Vale

Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6.30pm

Featuring

**Hebden Bridge Junior Band**



Adults £12 Children (u12) £6

Family ticket £32 (2 ad & 2+ children)



Supper, Mulled Wine/juice  
and Crackers included!

Book your place at [gjwsa2@gmail.com](mailto:gjwsa2@gmail.com) or text to  
07443420907



# Big



# Sing

Come and join us as we sing in support  
of Christian Aid's crucial work.



**Date: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Location: St Michael's Church**

**Time: 7pm**



christian  
**aid**



# **Santa's Grotto**

**at St Michael's Church  
Mytholmroyd**



**Admission Free**

**Stalls**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.00 to 12.30**

**(Santa here from 10.30 to 12.00)**

**£2.00 to meet Santa (includes gift)**

**Bacon and Sausage Butties and tea  
and coffee on sale**

## Landscapes for Water Project



The National Trust and Yorkshire Water are working together in their 5-year Landscapes for Water project, to create 350 hectares of woodland in the South Pennines,

install thousands of natural flood management interventions and restore peatland. It is anticipated that the work will reduce flood risk in nearby areas, while improving habitats and water quality and capturing carbon. The agencies are holding public meetings and Knowledge Sharing Events to give people the chance to learn more about plans.

**The Knowledge Sharing Event for Cragg Vale is scheduled for Thursday 4th December 2025 from 19:00 – 21:00 at St John's Church, Cragg Vale.**

Hosted by the National Trust it will include: A talk from the National Trust's archaeology expert Mark Newman, about the history and findings in the local area. An overview of the Landscapes for Water Project and the work happening/planned close by. An open discussion and Q&A on the history of the local area

**Numbers are limited, so please visit <https://bit.ly/3LX2yjd> or call 0344 249 1895 to book your space.**

## Ukraine Appeal



St Michael's recently made an appeal to support people in Ukraine. We had a collection which was sent directly to the people coordinating the transport by lorry of the donations. The lorry left on the 15th of November. I understand that the cash was used to purchase hand-warmers to help fight the bitter winter cold. We also sent some candle

"stumps" which are either used for heating or melted down to make new candles for lighting.

We will collect more candle "stumps" in January so please do save them after Christmas!

The photos are taken in the packing area where everything is packed and labelled ready for all the border controls.



This is my favourite Christmas poem:

U.A. Fanthorpe (born 1929)

*BC:AD*

This was the moment when Before  
Turned into After, and the future's  
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing  
Happened. Only dull peace  
Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even energetic Romans  
Could find nothing better to do  
Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment  
When a few farm workers and three  
Members of an obscure Persian sect  
Walked haphazard by starlight straight  
Into the kingdom of heaven.

## **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 note that the next edition of the Eagle will come out for February so don't recycle this one until the end of January!

Please send articles and detail of events for February to Margaret by 15th January

Wishing you all every blessing for the New Year!

# DECEMBER

<b>Rotas St Michael's</b>	<b>Stewards</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>7th December</b>	Madeline Daphne	Roy	Geraldine	Sandra K Gill J
<b>14th December</b>	Geraldine Linda	Lesley	Christine	Mandy Nathan
<b>21st December</b>	Eric Linda K	Eric	Margaret	Jackie Kathryn
<b>28th December</b>	Vivienne Mandy	Daphne	Jackie	Sheila Libby

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

# JANUARY

<b>Rotas St Michael's</b>	<b>Stewards</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>4th January</b>	Mary, Pam Louise	Margaret	Daphne	Madeline Sandra
<b>11th January</b>	Libby Ali	Christine	David	Nancy Gloria
<b>18th January</b>	Jenny Sheila P	Geraldine	Roy	Christine Margaret
<b>25th January</b>	Gloria Sue L	Gill J	Christine	Sandra K Gill J
<b>1st February</b>	Madeline Daphne	Libby	Margaret	Jackie Kathryn

<b>Rotas St John's</b>	<b>Stewards</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Communion assistant</b>
<b>4th January</b>	Anne B Geraint	Sylvia	Julie	Ed
<b>11th January</b>	Amanda Howard	Ann	Carol	Pat
<b>18th January</b>	Ed Sue	Pat	Amanda	Sylvia
<b>25th January</b>	Howard Sylvia	Geraint	Viv	Ann
<b>1st February</b>	Anne B Sue	Ed	Sylvia	Julie

	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>7th December Advent 2</b>	Isaiah 11. 1-10 Romans 15.4-13	Matthew 3.1-12
<b>14th December Advent 3</b>	Isaiah 35.1-10 James 5.7-10	Matthew 11.2-11
<b>21st December Advent 4</b>	Isaiah 7.10-16 Romans 1.1-7	Matthew 1.18-end
<b>25th December Christmas Day</b>	Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-4 [5-12]	John 1.1-14
<b>28th December Christmas 1</b>	Isaiah 63.7-9 Hebrews 2.10-end	Matthew 2.13-end
<b>4th January Epiphany Sun- day</b>	Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.1-12	Matthew 2.1-12
<b>11th January Baptism of Christ</b>	Isaiah 42.1-9 Acts 10.34-43	Matthew 3.13-end
<b>18th January Epiphany 2</b>	Isaiah 49.1-7 1 Corinthians 1.1-9	John 1.29-42
<b>25th January Epiphany 3</b>	Isaiah 9.1-4 1 Corinthians 1.10-18	Matthew 4.12-23
<b>1st February Candlemas</b>	Malachi 3.1-5 Hebrews 2.14-end	Luke 2.22-40