

The Erringden Eagle



Mytholmroyd & Cragg Vale News Apr 2026. If you are on Facebook why not join the group 'Friends of the Erringden Benefice?'
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Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Holy Week events:



Palm Sunday March 29th:

12 noon onwards: Christian aid lent lunch at St Michael's

3.30pm: Music and readings for Palm Sunday with St Michael's Choir and our organist, David Baker.

Monday March 30th:

7pm A short service of Compline at **St Michael's**

Tuesday March 31st:

7pm A short service of Compline at **St Michael's**

Wednesday April 1st:

7pm A short service of Compline at **St Michael's**

Thursday April 2nd:

6pm Join us for our **Agape Meal** at **St Michael's hall** when we celebrate the Last Supper. The Rev John Flood will lead us.

Good Friday April 3rd:

7pm A service of readings and hymns at **St John's**

Easter Sunday April 5th:

9.30am Easter worship at **St John's**

11am Easter Communion at **St Michael's**

Events and activities in April

Date	St John's	St Michael's
Wed 1st		7.00pm Compline
Thu 2nd Maundy Thursday		6.00 pm Agape Meal 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 3rd Good Friday	7pm Good Friday Hymns and Readings	9am Benefice prayers
Sat 4th		10am Coffee in Erringden Room
Sun 5th Easter Sunday	9.30am Easter Worship	11am Easter Communion
Mon 6th		10.30am BREW
Tue 7th	2pm-4pm Cragg Community Hubhub	2.00pm Guild meeting —Rosaleen Brown 7.00pm PCC meeting
Wed 8th		2.00pm Book Club
Thu 9th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 6.30pm Alpha Course 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 10th	Chair Yoga 4.45-5.45pm Yoga 6pm	9am Benefice prayers
Sat 11th		10am PCC coffee morning
Sun 12th	9.30am Worship	11am Worship
Mon 13th	2.30pm YCA Yoga 6pm and 7pm	10.30am BREW
Tue 14th	2pm-4pm Cragg Community Hubhub	
Wed 15th		

Date	St John's	St Michael's
Thu16th	7.30pm History Group	9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 6.30pm Alpha Course 7.30pm Choir Practice 8pm Wives—Kathryn Ogden
Fri17th	Chair Yoga 4.45-5.45pm Yoga 6pm	9am Benefice prayers
Sat 18th		10am Coffee in Erringden Room
Sun19th	9.30am Worship	11am Worship
Mon 20th	3.30pm PCC meeting Yoga 6pm and 7pm	10.30am BREW
Tue 21st	2-4pm Cragg Community Hubbub	
Wed 22nd		
Thu 23rd		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 24th	2-3pm Over 75s exercise class Chair Yoga 4.45-5.45pm Yoga 6pm	9am Benefice prayers
Sat 25th	9-11.30am Dock Pudding Breakfast—see poster	10am Coffee in Erringden Room
Sun 26th	9.30am Worship	11am Worship
Mon 27th	Yoga 6pm and 7pm	10.30am BREW
Tue 28th	2-4pm Cragg Community Hubbub	
Wed 29th		
Thu 30th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 6.30pm Alpha Course 7.30pm Choir Practice



St John's Church, Cragg Vale

Dock Pudding



Breakfast



A Traditional Breakfast with dock pudding

Vegetarian, Vegan and GF available

Saturday April 25th

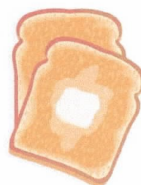
9am – 11.30am



Full breakfast £10

Child's Breakfast £6

**Includes toast, jam and
marmalade + tea/coffee**



Book your breakfast by emailing

stjohnscraggvale@gmail.com or texting 07443420907
stating how many places you need, what time you'd
like to come and if you require full or child and any
meaty, veggie, vegan, GF breakfasts



**CRAGG VALE'S
COMMUNITY**



Every Tuesday
2pm – 4pm



Please note time change for summer
Come along for a cuppa and a
cake, have a go at a jigsaw,
play table tennis or chess, read
a book from our library or just
have a chat with friends!



Happy Memories of Whitsun Walks

Chris Darke

I was born on Whit Friday on 18th June ,1943, and that was the day we had our walks. Not that I remembered that first one! My dad researched and told me it would never be so late in my lifetime! It was the most exciting day of my childhood! We all wore our very best clothes which my dad had bought me prior to the walk.



We all met at the top of Wardle village and were given a ribbon to hold which was attached to one of our banners from St James' Church. It kept us in tow!

We were joined by the Methodist church, a visiting brass band, our rose queen and the retiring queen as well as the brownies and cubs.

After singing 'Onward Christian soldiers' and prayers we marched down through the village led by music from the band and the procession grew as we were joined by prams, children and older people. What an honour especially when you were chosen to be a queen and what a lovely sight! We rested on the way and sang hymns and prayers,

After the procession we met in the church primary school for a drink and pie and peas to revive us before going home to change into shorts ready for an afternoon of races and a tug-of-war for various ages. Not the mention stalls selling cakes and sweets – yum yum!

Then it was time to go home again to put on our party frocks for the social evening where a booked dance band played while we learned to do the velta, polyglide, square tango and other old-time dances and, of course, the ladies choice. It seemed that all the village came! Of course, there were more refreshments all on a side-plate stamped with the church emblem. Eventually

we all went home while the adults and teenagers carried on till 11pm. A very exhausting fun day! I fell asleep very happy.

In my teenage years I spent a lot of time preparing for this great day. The queen and attendants needed help putting on beautiful velvet trains, all refresh-

ments needed making and the hall needed preparing for the social. We had a bar of wax that we grated over the floor to help the dancers! I'm sure this would be classed as dangerous now, but as children we loved sliding across the hall when no one was dancing.

All our entertainments came through the churchpantomime, concerts, bazaar, fashion shows and crowning of the queens, Sunday school anniversaries etc.

So, when you think, we at St Michael's do very well. We do provide entertainment for all!!

Sadly, St James' Church Wardle was closed around 1979 and was being converted into flats but the money ran out so now it stands, in all its glory, overlooking the village. I was christened, confirmed and married there but will be happily resting in St Michael's Mytholmroyd when the time comes!

Whatever happened to Whitsun walks?

Alpha course at St Michael's Church Hall

**Alpha is a space to
unpack the basics of the Christian faith together.**

We hope to start at 6.30 pm with a light meal in the hall
followed by a video and then group
discussion.

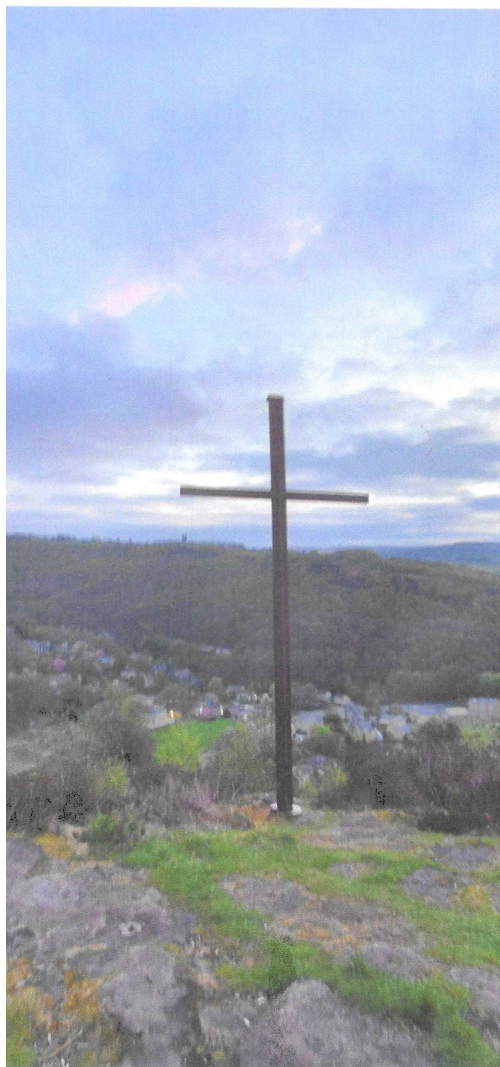
All are welcome

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>
April 9	Is there more to life than this?
April 16	Who is Jesus?
April 23	<i>-no Alpha meeting-</i>
April 30	Why did Jesus die?
May 7	<i>-no Alpha meeting-</i>
May 14	How can I have faith?
May 21	Why and how do I pray?
May 28	Why and how should I read the Bible
June 4	How does God guide us?
June 11	<i>-no Alpha meeting-</i>
June 13	Holy Spirit weekend at Broad Head End (10.00-5.00) &(1.00-4.00)
June 18	How can I resist evil?
June 25	Why and how should I tell others?
July 2	Does God heal today?
July 9	What about the Church?

Easter Day Sunrise Service

Join fellow Christians from Churches Together at the Easter morning sunrise service at the cross at Horsehold.

The cross will be raised on Palm Sunday and the Easter morning service will begin at **6.30am** on Sunday April 5th



World Day of prayer

Our Service this year was held on Friday 6th March at Hebdenroyd Methodist Church. It was a well-attended and moving event. People were very generous and we raised an amazing £370.00 of which £232.00 was gift aided which will take the total over £400.00. Many thanks to all who read and all who attended

ROTAS FOR APRIL

Rotas St Michael's	Stewards	Readers	Prayers	Coffee
5th April	Geraldine Linda	Lesley	Sian	Madeline Sandra
12th April	Libby Ali	Margaret	David	Nancy Gloria
19th April	Sue Gloria	Jackie	Daphne	Sandra K Gill J
26th April	Mary, Pam Louise	Gill J	Jackie	Mandy Nathan
3rd May	Vivienne Jenny	Libby	Margaret	Christine Margaret

Rotas St John's	Stewards	Readers	Coffee	Communion assistant
5th April	Geraint Anne B	Pat	Sylvia	Julie
12th April	Howard Sylvia	Ed	Carol	Amanda
19th April	Sue Ed	Ann	Amanda	Ed
26th April	Amanda Geraint	Sylvia	Viv	Pat
3rd May	Sylvia Ed	Angela	Julie	Ann

	Readings	Gospel
5th April Easter Sunday	Jeremiah 31.1-6 Acts 10.34-43	Matthew 28.1-10
12th April Easter 2	Acts 2.14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1.3-9	John 20.19-end
19th April Easter 3	Acts 2.14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1.17-23	Luke 24.13-35
26th April Easter 4	Acts 2.42-end 1 Peter 2.19-end	John 10.1-10
3rd May Easter 5	Acts 7.55-end 1 Peter 2.2-10	John 14.1-14

Our Vacancy 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 May by
15th April