

# The Erringden Eagle



Mytholmroyd & Cragg Vale News June 2026. If you are on Facebook why not join the group 'Friends of the Erringden Benefice?'  
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## Welcome to our June edition of the Eagle.

There is a very encouraging sermon that Siân gave us at the beginning of May.

Also there are opportunities for some entertainment.

Please look at the posters for:

- the St Michael's Amateur's latest production of '**The Addams Family**' from 10th—13th June. Please make a booking for one of the five performances.
- the '**Spring into Summer**' event on June 12th at St John's where you can listen to the Hebden Bridge Junior Band and enjoy supper.

Don't forget the weekly opportunities to meet and chat:

- **Brew** on Mondays and **coffee mornings** on Saturday at St Michael's
- **Cragg Community Hubbub** on Tuesday afternoons at St John's

## Events and activities in June

Date	St John's	St Michael's
Mon 1st		10.30am BREW
Tue 2nd	2pm-4pm Cragg Community Hubhub	2.00pm Guild meeting 7.00pm PCC meeting
Wed 3rd		
Thu 4th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 6.30pm Alpha Course 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 5th	Chair Yoga 4.45-5.45pm Yoga 6pm (see <a href="https://www.oervalesandhills.co.uk/">https:// www.oervalesandhills.co.uk/</a> )	9am Benefice prayers 7 for 7.30pm Quiz Night
Sat 6th		10am Coffee in Erringden Room
Sun 7th	9.30am Worship Yoga 6pm	11am Worship
Mon 8th	2.30pm YCA	10.30am BREW
Tue 9th	2pm-4pm Cragg Community Hubhub	
Wed 10th		2.00pm Book Club <b>7.15pm The Addams Family</b>
Thu 11th	7.30pm History Group	9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice <b>7.15pm The Addams Family</b> 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 12th	Chair Yoga 4.45-5.45pm <b>6.30pm Spring into Summer Concert (See poster)</b>	9am Benefice prayers <b>7.15pm The Addams Family</b>
Sat 13th	Alpha Course Holy Spirit weekend (10.00-5.00)	10am PCC coffee morning <b>2.15pm The Addams Family</b> <b>7.15pm The Addams Family</b>
Sun 14th	9.30am Worship Alpha Course Holy Spirit weekend (1.00-4.00) Yoga 6pm	11am Worship

Date	St John's	St Michael's
Mon 15th	3.30pm PCC meeting	10.30am BREW
Tue 16th	2-4pm Cragg Community Hubbub	
Wed 17th		
Thu 18th	7.30pm Cragg Vale History Group	9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 6.30pm Alpha Course 8pm Wives—Maryline Shalks 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 19th	Chair Yoga 4.45-5.45pm Yoga 6pm	9am Benefice prayers
Sat 20th		10am Coffee in Erringden Room 7pm Wives Social Evening
Sun 21st	<b>No service as Cragg Challenge road closure</b> Yoga 6pm	11am Worship
Mon 22nd	2-3pm Over 75s exercise class	10.30am BREW
Tue 23rd	2-4pm Cragg Community Hubbub	
Wed 24th		
Thu 25th		9.30am Angels 6.00pm Bell ringing practice 6.30pm Alpha Course 7.30pm Choir Practice
Fri 26th	Chair Yoga 4.45-5.45pm Yoga 6pm	9am Benefice prayers
Sat 27th		10am Coffee in Erringden Room
Sun 28th	9.30am Worship Yoga 6pm	11am Worship
Mon 29th		10.30am BREW
Tue 30th	2-4pm Cragg Community Hubbub	

## **Siân's sermon on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, John 14.1-14**

For today's Gospel reading we've gone back to the evening of Jesus's arrest and to his last meal with his disciples. For the disciples, this meal in the exciting but dangerous city of Jerusalem must have been a confusing and alarming occasion, in which Jesus upsets all their ideas about what is going to happen and what should happen. He does this through what he does and what he says.

First of all, he knelt down and washed their feet, which scandalised and disturbed them – especially Peter, who's horrified at the thought of Jesus lowering himself like that. And then he told them that one of them was going to betray him. And after that, most upsetting of all, he told them that he was going to leave them, and to top it all, Peter is going to deny he even knows Jesus.

We can imagine their distress, their bewilderment and their consternation at all this. How can all this be true? And what will happen to them, if Jesus is leaving them

But Jesus says to them, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.' 'Believe' here has the sense of 'have faith in', or 'trust'. You trust God, he says, so trust me too. Don't be afraid. I will come back for you. You know the way to the place where I'm going.

'Don't worry', says Jesus. But we all know that that's easier said than done. We know that the disciples continued being terrified, right up to the moment when they saw the risen Jesus and finally knew and understood. So it's natural to worry about the future, it's natural to be afraid, and even terrified if the stakes are high enough – no matter how much someone we love and trust tells us not to be afraid. We can't turn it off just like that.

In this passage we see how different disciples react in different ways to what Jesus tells them. And we also see how Jesus responds to each of their insecurities – he's a bit frustrated, perhaps, that they're so slow to understand and so slow to trust, but he still answers the questions of Thomas and Philip and responds to their individual needs.

Thomas is someone who likes to know for himself. He asks questions – perhaps he's a bit argumentative – after all, he's the one who won't believe Jesus is alive until he doesn't just see but touches the evidence. Now, he wants to know the way.

That would be me – I'm a person who needs to feel well prepared – can you draw me a map, Jesus? But, Jesus tells Thomas, you already have the knowledge you need – I myself am the way – I myself am the truth – you don't need anything other than me.

And Philip wants the ultimate revelation – if Jesus is leaving them, then before he goes, Philip wants to be shown the Father. Then, he says, they will be satisfied. I think he means they'll be able to bear the loss of Jesus. Even though Jesus has left them, they will have the vision or the knowledge of the Father to comfort them.

Philip is trying to solve his problem – the problem of fear and distress – through his own strength. Just give me this, Jesus, he seems to be saying, and then I'll be able to bear it. But he has failed to see what has been in front of him for the whole time he's been with Jesus. Have I been with you so long, says Jesus, and you still don't know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

So Thomas *already has* the knowledge he needs. Philip *already has* been given what he's asking for. Both of them, right from the start, have had everything they need – and that everything is Jesus.

And yet – they still can't calm their fears. They still can't fully trust in Jesus. Despite being forewarned, and despite being willing to die for Jesus, Peter is **still** going to be too frightened to admit he even knows him. After Jesus's execution, despite having been told it isn't the end, the disciples are going to hide away in terror. After his resurrection Thomas is **still** going to refuse to believe without the evidence of his own eyes.

It's one thing to believe we shouldn't be afraid, we shouldn't worry, it's another thing to achieve it. If the disciples, who'd known Jesus, couldn't manage it, we shouldn't be surprised if we can't either.

Worry is natural, and some kinds of worrying are essential and useful. It's helpful and constructive when we worry about the possibility of something happening, and put some plan in place to help deal with it if it does happen. But once we've done that, it's right to put the worrying aside and focus instead on the present time, our present place. God wants us to be present to him, and present to the needs of our neighbour.

Jesus said, Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust God, and trust me too.

I don't want to suggest for a moment that if someone was a good enough Christian, if they really trusted God, they'd be able to stop worrying. As I said before, the disciples couldn't do it, and they had Jesus right in front of them. But God takes our puny efforts and magnifies them, if we can just take the first step of admitting that dwelling on our fears and worries stops us from living in the present, where God wants us to live, and stops us from getting on with the task he has placed in front of us to do.

So I'm not saying you should beat yourself up because you can't stop worrying. I'm definitely not saying that. But I am saying, God wants you to be free from your worries, and to have peace.

Jesus said to the disciples, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you... Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

And here to finish with are some words from Psalm 31, the psalm set for today:

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge...

Incline your ear to me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold...

Into your hands I commit my spirit

for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth. **Amen**

## **YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN, CRAGG VALE**

**BRANCH** The Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association brings women from all areas and backgrounds together.

We enjoy our core values of

\*Companionship

\*Crafting

\*Community

And much more

We meet on the second Monday of every month at St John's Church, Cragg Vale.

Why not pop in to our next meeting on 8th June at 2.30pm? We would love you to





Come and join us to

# Spring into Summer!



St John's Church, Cragg Vale  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm.

With

## Hebden Bridge Junior Band

Adults £12 Children £6

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



Includes  
Supper!



Donation bar and tombola

Book your place at [gjwsa2@gmail.com](mailto:gjwsa2@gmail.com) or text to  
07508197497

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# Duck Race!



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

**from 1.30pm**

Free garden games (Hook a duck, Jenga, Croquet, Quoits etc!).

Refreshments available

**Duck Race at 2pm**

Ducks £1 each

available till 1.50pm!

**First Prize - £50**

Contact Julie at [gjwsa2@gmail.com](mailto:gjwsa2@gmail.com) or come along to the Hubbub to buy your ducks in advance or buy them on the day (unless all sold beforehand!)

Mytholmroyd St. Michael's Amateurs Presents



*The*  
**Addams  
Family**  
MUSICAL

10th – 13th June 2026  
[ticketsource.com/MSMA](https://ticketsource.com/MSMA)

Book by  
MARSHALL  
BRICKMAN  
and  
RICK ELICE

Based on  
Characters  
Created by  
Charles  
Addams

Music and  
Lyrics by  
ANDREW  
LIPPA

Originally produced on Broadway by Stuart Oken, Roy Furman, Michael Leavitt, Five Cent Productions, Stephen Schuler, Decca Theatricals, Scott M. Delman, Stuart Ditsky, Terry Allen Kramer, Stephanie P. McClelland, James L. Nederlander, Eva Price, Jam Theatricals/Mary LuRoffe, Pittsburgh CLO/Gutterman-Swinsky, Vivek Tiwary/Gary Kaplan, The Weinstein Company/Clarence, LLC, Adam Zolovitch/Tribe Theatricals  
By Special Arrangement with Elephant Eye Theatrical

"THE ADDAMS FAMILY" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by  
Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), [www.theatricalrights.co.uk](http://www.theatricalrights.co.uk)



## Alpha course at St Michael's Church Hall

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

We 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>
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?

# ROTAS FOR JUNE

<b>Rotas St Michael's</b>	<b>Stewards</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>7th June</b>	Vivienne Jenny	Margaret	Jackie	Nancy Gloria
<b>14th June</b>	Sue Gloria	Roy	Geraldine	Mandy Nathan
<b>21st June</b>	Madeline Daphne	Gill J	Siân	Christine Margaret
<b>28th June</b>	Libby Ali	Lesley	Margaret	Jackie Kathryn
<b>5th July</b>	Mary Pam, Louise	Daphne	Christine	Sheila Libby

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

	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>7th June Trinity 1</b>	Hosea 5.15 – 6.6 Romans 4.13-end	Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26
<b>14th June Trinity 2</b>	Exodus 19.2-8a Romans 5.1-8	Matthew 9.35 – 10.8 [9-23]
<b>21st June Trinity 3</b>	Jeremiah 20.7-13 Romans 6.1b-11	Matthew 10.24-39
<b>28th June Trinity 4</b>	Jeremiah 28.5-9 Romans 6.12-end	Matthew 10.40-end
<b>5th July Trinity 5</b>	Zechariah 9.9-12 Romans 7.15-25a	Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

## **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 July by  
15th June