

St John the Baptist
In the Wilderness
Cragg Vale



Benefice of Erringden
Newsletter
Feb/March 2014

CHURCH SERVICES in Feb/March 2014

CW1 = Yellow book

CW2 = Green book

2 Feb	Candlemas	09.30	CW1 Holy Communion
9 Feb	4 Before Lent	09.30	CW2 Holy Communion
16 Feb	3 Before Lent	09.30	CW1 Holy Communion
23 Feb	2 Before Lent	09.30	CW2 Holy Communion
2 March	Next Before Lent	09.30	CW1 Holy Communion
9 March	Lent 1	09.30	Lent Communion
16 March	Lent 2	09.30	Lent Communion
23 March	Lent 3	09.30	Lent Communion
30 March	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	09.30	Lent Communion

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A Winter Prayer

Let us huddle together as a community and allow the frost and bitterness to melt away as we open ourselves to a sense of peace and goodwill, whilst we extend our thoughts to all those who are cold today, lacking shelter or love to keep them warm.

Cover picture: Mrs Patricia Lees

STOP PRESS: Anglican priest gives out free ciggies.

No not me! Can you imagine the scandal today if I did? No, the priest in question went by the glorious name of the Revd. Geoffrey Anketel Studdert Kennedy (1883-1929) but he was better known as Woodbine Willie.

To say that he was a bit of a character would be, perhaps, a slight understatement because he was:

An Anglican priest who freely gave out cigarettes to those in his care!

An Anglican priest who was also a poet

An Anglican priest who told his astonished congregation in their beautiful and ancient parish church in Rugby that “he would like to take a great sledgehammer and smash every stained glass window in the church, and then go out and celebrate the Eucharist in a field with a tea-cup and plate”

An Anglican priest who was referred to by Archbishop William Temple as “the finest priest I’ve ever known.”

An Anglican priest who won the Military Cross in WW1 even though he never once bore arms.

Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy was an amazing man but is perhaps better known by the affectionate name given to him by the men he met in the trenches of the 1st World War- Woodbine Willie.

Born in Leeds in 1883, Kennedy was the seventh of nine children born to Jeanette Anketell and William Studdert Kennedy, a vicar in Leeds. He was educated at Leeds Grammar School and Trinity College, Dublin, where he gained a degree in classics and divinity in 1904.

After a year's training, he became a curate in Rugby and then, in 1914, the vicar of St. Paul's, Worcester. On the outbreak of war, Kennedy volunteered as a chaplain to the armed forces on the Western Front, where he gained the nickname 'Woodbine Willie.' He spent his days in the trenches with his men, ministering to their needs, praying over their mutilated bodies. He soon was dubbed, Woodbine Willie by his comrades, after his habit of giving Woodbine cigarettes to all those in his charge.

In the foxholes and garrisons of the most brutal war mankind had ever seen, Kennedy walked among his men as a peer. In 1917, he won the Military Cross

at Messines Ridge after running into No Man's Land to help the wounded during an attack on the German frontline.

All the while he was jotting down mental notes which later became the basis for an amazing and startling collection of poetry that would encourage generations of war survivors as well as families distraught after losing their loved ones in battle. These were then compiled into what became 'Rough Rhymes of a Padre.' The original version was a small pocket-sized collection for the soldiers, only 4 x 5 inches. The poems of Studdert Kennedy tell of the bleakness of war, but also provide hope and intercession provided by faith, a trust in God that so vividly circumscribed his life and his actions.

After the war, Kennedy was given charge of St. Edmund King and Martyr in Lombard Street, London. Having been converted to Christian socialism and pacifism during the war he wrote many books. Later he moved to work for the Industrial Christian Fellowship, for whom he went on speaking tours of Britain. It was on one of these tours that he was taken ill, and died in Liverpool in 1929

As his body was taken to be buried, across the Mersey by ferry, a young man approached the coffin and laid a pack of Woodbines on top of the pine box. Archbishop William Temple said of Kennedy, "he was the finest priest I've ever known."

CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

Cathy's first Christmas at Cragg as our new vicar was a very successful one with well attended Christingle, Crib and Christmas services enjoyed by the good numbers of people who attended. The Christmas flowers and musical evening was a great success – thanks to all who helped in different ways to make it a very enjoyable evening.

We said goodbye to Joy Wilson, whose funeral took place in church in December. She was a much loved and longstanding member of our church; all her friends at St John's will sadly miss her, and our thoughts are particularly with her family.

The Long Company and Ryburn 3 Step performed their Mummers play at the Hinchliffe Arms with church providing facilities for changing before and after.

The performance went very well and we have since received a very nice thank you card and generous donation to Church funds from the group.

Plans are well under way now for the dismantling and relocation of the organ to its new home in the Abbey at Marcilhac sur Cele in southern France. The church there will provide a fantastic new home for the organ. Maybe we can organise a trip from Cragg to see and hear it once it's installed? To say goodbye to the organ in its current home we are having an evening event, which will include a talk on the Bronte's links with Calderdale by David Glover and a recital by Professor David Baker.

This year one of our main objectives is the reordering of our church to make it fit for purpose as both a community resource and a space for worship. This will involve a lot of work beforehand sorting everything out ready for the work to begin – any help you can offer will be gratefully received.

We will also be continuing with the churchyard project and we have organised a work party afternoon for next Thursday 30th January from 2 till 4pm – if you are free to help with grass pulling and general tidying ready for the new season please turn up when you can. Refreshments will be provided!

Geraint Harris Amanda Farthing

I am the Bread of Life

John 6:48

Be gentle when you touch bread.
Let it not lie uncared for,
unwanted;
So often bread is taken for
granted.
There is such beauty in bread,
Beauty of sun and soil,
Beauty of patient toil.
Wind and sun have caressed it;
Christ often blessed it.
Be gentle when you touch bread.



IT'S THE BIG SPRING CLEAN AGAIN

Hebden Royd Town Council is once more arranging a clean-up weekend, so that the area will be sparkling! It will be the weekend of 29-30 March 2014, but here in Cragg we are flexible.

The Church is looking for volunteers to help. For each team of 6 they will give the Church £60. We hope to enter 2 teams. Are you prepared to give up a couple of hours of your time to help? Litter pickers, gloves and bags are provided.

Let me know if you can help
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PCC Report

The November meeting of the PCC once again had little to report. We are, of course, waiting for news of when a start can be made on the alterations to the Church. We did, however give our organist, David Baker the go-ahead to look for a new smaller pipe organ for the Church, now that our large one is to go to a new home in France.

Our Treasurer, Ian Walkden, gave us the good news that we are solvent and in a position to pay our Parish Share to the Diocese. The members of the PCC expressed their appreciation to Ian for keeping our finances in order.

During the month money had been raised from Gift Day and a very enjoyable bonfire. Thanks were expressed to Gordon Nelson for allowing us to have the fire in his field.

Amanda Farthing was welcomed as she begins her duties as Warden.

Beryl Horsfall
Secretary to the PCC

Lets' Go Bunting Barmy!

It cannot have escaped your notice that the Tour de France will be coming through Cragg Vale in July of this year. To compliment that event it has been decided that it would be a fun thing to attempt the World Record for the longest length of bunting, to be erected alongside the longest uninterrupted gradient in the country.

The bad news is that an Australian group has recently beaten the previous bunting record. So, come on folks, the Aussies may have beaten us at cricket but let's show them that we can beat them at what matters most – **BUNTING!**

I know lots of you are already working away on this, but more helpers would be very welcome. Even if you do not sew or don't fancy doing the whole process on your own, it does not matter. We need people to carefully measure the tape so that flags are correctly placed. We need people who are willing to cut out the flags for somebody else to sew on. Every little bit of assistance would be welcomed, and will show that as a community we can pull together.

There are 2 drop-off points for finished lengths of bunting, The Robin Hood in Cragg Vale, and Word of Mouth craft shop on Valley road (just past the Health Centre). Please fold finished lengths carefully, flag over flag, and place in a bag to keep them tidy. Also, on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 7 pm you can pop into the Robin Hood to chat about bunting, to get help and advice, as well as to leave finished lengths.

The target is to have enough bunting for the full length of the incline by the Spring Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May.

Contacts for the pattern, to offer help or seek advice:-

bunting@craggvale.co.uk

islasalisbury@wirelesspa.co.uk

or myself, Ann Kilbey – for details see back page.

Don't forget you can stay up to date via this website which has some new how to videos on it - www.bunting.craggvale.co.uk

Q. What does a frog do when his car breaks down?

A. He gets it toad away.

Q. What do you say to a hitch-hiking frog?

A. Hop in.





Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association Cragg Vale Branch

Our Honorary Member Mrs Joy Wilson aged 97 passed away in December 2013. She was a stalwart and constant supporter of Cragg Vale YCA and she will be sadly missed.

In December 18 members and friends enjoyed a Christmas meal at the Hinchcliffe Arms in Cragg Vale. A collection made during the meal raised £46.20 for Overgate Hospice.

The January meeting was held in the church room. The speaker was Jill Robinson talking about 'Life's Rich Tapestry'. She spoke of times she had visited care homes and talked to residents about their lives, which were many and varied, some happy some sad and some funny. It was a very thought provoking evening. Sue Whitehead thanked Jill for her very interesting and informative talk.

The competition winner was Jane Redmond and the raffle was won by Sue Whitehead.

The speaker for the February meeting will be John Billingsley with 'A Resident's View of Japan'. The competition will be a photo of a Far Eastern event.

Muriel Morgan

Book Club



The next Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday, 18th March at 7.15pm in the Erringden Room at St. Michael's when the group will discuss "The Thread" by Victoria Hislop.

Anne Beard

New bus timetable from 26th January 2014

Hebden Bridge to Cragg Vale Monday to Friday

Bus Company	TDK	TLC	TLC	TDK	TDK	TDK	TDK	TDK	TDK	TLC	TDK	TLC								
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Hebden Bridge Hope Street	07:32	07:39	08:39	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10	14:10	15:10	15:39	16:20	17:05	18:05	19:05	20:05	21:05	22:05	23:12		
Mytholmroyd Dusty Miller	07:36	07:43	08:43	10:14	11:14	12:14	13:14	14:14	15:14	15:43	16:24	17:09	18:09	19:08	20:08	21:08	22:08	23:15		
Cragg Vale Turvin Cottages	07:42	07:51	08:51	10:19	11:19	12:19	13:19	14:19	15:19	15:51	16:29	17:17	18:17	19:15	20:15	21:15	22:15	23:22		
Ripponden Brig Royd	07:59			10:35	11:35	12:35	13:35	14:35	15:35		16:45									
Huddersfield Bus Station	08:40			11:04	12:04	13:04	14:04	15:04	16:04		17:14									

Hebden Bridge to Cragg Vale Saturdays

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Hebden Bridge Hope Street	07:39	08:39	10:00	11:10	12:10	13:10	14:10	15:10	15:39	16:20	17:05	18:05	19:05	20:05	21:05	22:05	23:12		
Mytholmroyd Dusty Miller	07:43	08:43	10:04	11:14	12:14	13:14	14:14	15:14	15:43	16:24	17:09	18:09	19:08	20:08	21:08	22:08	23:15		
Cragg Vale Turvin Cottages	07:51	08:51	10:10	11:19	12:19	13:19	14:19	15:19	15:51	16:29	17:17	18:17	19:15	20:15	21:15	22:15	23:22		
Ripponden Brig Royd			10:27	11:35	12:35	13:35	14:35	15:35		16:45									
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Hebden Bridge Hope Street	10:05	11:10	12:05	13:05	14:10	15:05	16:10	17:05	18:05	19:05	20:05	21:05	22:05
Mytholmroyd Dusty Miller	10:08	11:14	12:08	13:08	14:14	15:08	16:14	17:08	18:08	19:08	20:08	21:08	22:08
Cragg Vale Turvin Cottages	10:15	11:19	12:15	13:15	14:19	15:15	16:19	17:15	18:15	19:15	20:15	21:15	22:15
Ripponden Brig Royd		11:35			14:35		16:35						
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Ripponden Brig Royd				09:37	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37		15:47		17:47						
Cragg Vale Turvin Cottages	06:53	07:53	08:53	09:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	15:53	16:03	17:19	18:01	18:17	19:17	20:17	21:17	22:17	23:22
Mytholmroyd Dusty Miller	07:00	08:00	09:00	09:58	10:58	11:58	12:58	13:58	14:58	16:00	16:08	17:26	18:06	18:23	19:23	20:23	21:23	22:23	23:28
Hebden Bridge Hope Street			09:05									17:31	18:26	19:26	20:26	21:26	22:26	23:31	
Hebden Bridge Rail station	07:05	08:05	09:07							16:05		17:33	18:28	19:28	20:28	21:28	22:28	23:33	
Hebden Bridge Hope Street	07:07	08:07		10:03	11:03	12:03	13:03	14:03	15:03	16:07	16:13		18:11						

Cragg Vale to Hebden Bridge Saturdays

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Ripponden Brig Royd			09:27	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37		15:47							
Cragg Vale Turvin Cottages	07:53	08:53	09:43	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	15:53	16:03	17:19	18:17	19:17	20:17	21:17	22:17	23:22
Mytholmroyd Dusty Miller	08:00	09:00	09:48	10:58	11:58	12:58	13:58	14:58	16:00	16:08	17:26	18:23	19:23	20:23	21:23	22:23	23:28
Hebden Bridge Hope Street	08:05	09:05									17:31	18:26	19:26	20:26	21:26	22:26	23:31
Hebden Bridge Rail station	08:07	09:07							16:05		17:33	18:28	19:28	20:28	21:28	22:28	23:33
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Cragg Vale Turvin Cottages	10:17	10:53	12:17	12:53	13:17	15:17	15:53	17:17	18:17	19:17	20:17	21:17	22:17
Mytholmroyd Dusty Miller	10:23	10:58	12:23	12:58	13:23	15:23	15:58	17:23	18:23	19:23	20:23	21:23	22:23
Hebden Bridge Hope Street	10:26		12:26		13:26	15:26		17:26	18:26	19:26	20:26	21:26	22:26
Hebden Bridge Rail station	10:28		12:28		13:28	15:28		17:28	18:28	19:28	20:28	21:28	22:28
Hebden Bridge Hope Street		11:03		13:03			16:03						

St John the Baptist in the Wilderness

Cragg Vale

Thursday 30th January 2014

7pm for 7.30pm

Come and enjoy an evening of Culture & Music

**Admission is only £3
including a sherry reception**

The Brontés in Calderdale

A talk by David Glover

Followed by

An Organ Recital

By

David Baker

Our organ will soon be on its way to France, so come and hear it played by our very talented organist before it departs.

The evening will close with refreshments – we very much look forward to seeing you

Guide to Forthcoming Events In the Benefice

- 05 Feb From 10.30 am. Work party at St John's preparing for removal of organ.
- 06 Feb Funeral of Donald Crossley, St Michael's, 1.30 pm.
- 07 Feb From 10.30 am. Work party at St John's preparing for removal of organ.
- 10 Feb YCA, 7.30 pm St John's. Speaker John Billingsley with 'A resident's view of Japan'.
- 17 Feb St John's PCC, 6.30 pm at the back of church.
- 20 Feb Cragg Vale History Group, 7.30 pm at the Robin Hood, Cragg Vale. Speaker: Jonathan Emberton on Le Tour de France, the story.
- 21 Feb St John's Church cleaning after removal of the organ
- 10 Mar YCA, 7.30 pm St John's. Speaker: Rebecca Hilton on 'The work of Oxfam, home and abroad.'
- 17 Mar St John's PCC, 6.30 pm at the back of church.

Command those who are rich in the things of this life not to be proud, but to place their hope, not in such uncertain things as riches, but in God, who generously gives us everything for our enjoyment.

1 Timothy 6:17

Rotas for Feb & March 2014

Date	Sidesmen	Readers	Servers	Coffee
2 Feb	Betty Disley & Beryl Horsfall	Gordon Nelson	Victoria	Doris Wheelwright
9 Feb	Dorothy & Barry Shepherd	Beryl Horsfall	Margaret	Carol & Patrick Taylor
16 Feb	Margaret Greenwood & Pam Talbot	Pat Benson	Mary	Anne Beard & Beryl Horsfall
23 Feb	Sylvia Maudsley & Doris Wheelwright	Hilary Darby	Gordon	Dorothy & Barry Shepherd
2 March	Amanda Farthing & Ed Talbot	Hugh Morgan	Terry	Doris Wheelwright
9 March	Betty Disley & Beryl Horsfall	June M & Carol W	Victoria	Carol & Patrick Taylor
16 March	Dorothy & Barry Shepherd	Ed & Doris H	Margaret	Anne Beard & Beryl Horsfall
23 March	Margaret Greenwood & Pam Talbot	Sylvia M & John D	Mary	Dorothy & Barry Shepherd
30 March	Sylvia Maudsley & Doris Wheelwright	Geraint & Ann K	Gordon	Jean Smith

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