


A photograph of St Michael's church in Mytholmroyd, featuring a prominent stone tower with a spire and a flag flying from the top. The church is situated on a hillside overlooking a river, with a stone wall and a paved walkway in the foreground. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

**St Michael's,
Mytholmroyd**

**Erringden
Benefice**

A photograph of St John the Baptist church in Cragg Vale, showing a stone building with a dark roof, partially obscured by trees and a stone wall. The church is set in a lush, green landscape with rolling hills in the background.

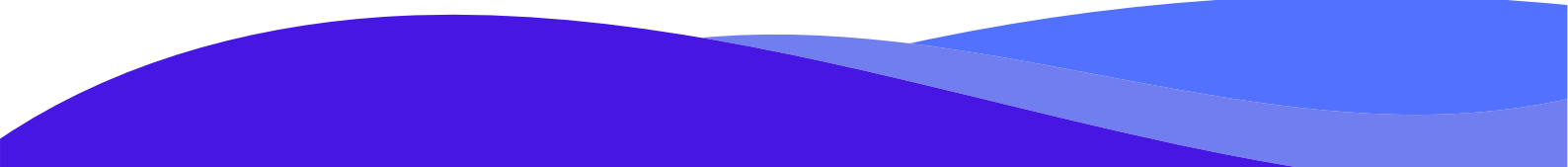
**St John the Baptist
in the Wilderness,
Cragg Vale**



The two parishes of St John the Baptist in the Wilderness, Cragg Vale and St Michael's, Mytholmroyd work together as the Erringden Benefice, in the Leeds Diocese of the Church of England in West Yorkshire. We are two very different church communities, both with a middle of the road evangelical tradition, who are committed to working together, learning more about God and sharing the good news we have discovered.

The Benefice is in the Luddenden Foot ward of the Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale (third largest ward in the district) and is located to the West of Halifax. There are extensive areas of open moorland from which the wooded Cragg and Luddenden valleys extend down to the Calder Valley which bisects the ward from West to East. The largest village in the Ward is Mytholmroyd; the smaller settlements are Cragg Vale, Midgley, Booth, Wainstalls, Luddenden Foot and Luddenden. The population of the ward is approximately 10,000 of which about 5,180 live in the benefice (4452 in Mytholmroyd, 727 in Cragg Vale).

The proportion of those aged 45 – 74 years is higher than that in the rest of the district and country. Around 96.9% of the population is white, higher than the national average. Compared to the rest of Calderdale, the benefice contains a higher proportion of pensioner households and lower proportions of lone parents and one person households. It has high rates of owner occupation and car ownership with low rates of social housing, overcrowded conditions and homes without central heating. Mytholmroyd has a higher rate of deprivation than Cragg Vale.



Who are we looking for?

We are excited to welcome someone

Who is:-

- A good communicator
- Passionate about God and the church
- Prepared to 'think outside the box'

Who has:-

- Great leadership skills
- Innovative ideas to reach out into the community
- A sense of humour

Who will:-

- Build the prayer life of the churches
- Be at ease with different styles of worship
- Help us to grow the number of people who consider St John's or St Michael's to be 'their church'
- Recognise the uniqueness of each church