

Muddiford



United Reformed Church

(The Chapel in the Valley)



**Stepping
Stones**

April 2023

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



MUDDIFORD

MONTHLY

APRIL 2023



The
United
Reformed
Church

| Date | Service Leader | Reader |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| 2 nd | Alison Biggs | Daphne |
| | ***** Easter Day ***** | |
| 9 th | Rev John Robinson | Adrian |
| 16 th | Deacon Joan Cole | Sheila |
| 23 rd | John Parkhouse | Paul |
| 30 th | Paula Littlewood | Raymond |

| Date | Flowers | Tea & Coffee |
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| 2 nd | Muriel | Pam & Jean |
| 9 th | <i>Easter flowers</i> | Sheila & Dorothy |
| 16 th | Pauline | Penny & Gary |
| 23 rd | Maureen | Rosie & Chris |
| 30 th | Alison | Pauline & Raymond |



7th April, leaving Marwood Methodist Church Car Park at 9.15am to process to the Parish Church for a service at 10am. There will be Hot Cross Buns served in the church before the service.



*Tenebrae Service @ Lavington
United Reformed Church Bideford,
Thursday 6th April at 6.00 p.m.*



A Blessed Easter-tide to all.

Two Voices

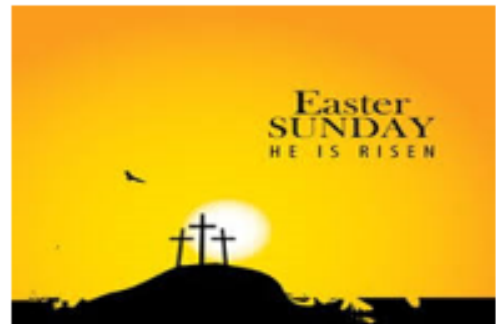
Good Friday

*Without listening
Without knowing it,
The Lost man said:
“Give me a dead tree,
A green hill
With a hole in it,
A handful of nails;
Old rope;
A bag of spite,
Blanket of apathy,
A crate of cowardice;
Full spate of hate
And fear, a pinch
Of expediency -
And I will put out
The Light of Life
For ever.”*

Easter Sunday

*Fully persuaded,
The New man said:
“Give me one grain
Of faith;
One leap of hope
One glance of love;
and each one
Pure, undiluted,
Genuine
As a diamond
Without flaw -
and I will banish
Death
And all his dominion
for ever.”*

A.J.Lewis.



Happy & Blessed Easter

Recognise Jesus!

Jesus in the garden, newly risen from the dead, who stood by weeping Mary, and who heard the words she said as if you were the gardener, till at last your shepherd's voice called her 'Mary' and with one word gave her reason to rejoice, Jesus in the garden, ever new but still the same, help me recognise you in the speaking of my name.

Jesus on the journey, fellow traveller on the road, who met two sad disciples, walking with them as you showed the meaning of the scriptures that predicted you would rise, but only when you blessed the meal could they believe their eyes. Jesus on the journey, meet me where my hopes have fled, help me recognise you in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus in the locked room, breaking through despair and doubt, who comforted your friends when they had shut the whole world out, who came again for Thomas, and revealed your hands and side so that he could touch and know you as alive, though you had died. Jesus in the locked room, breaking through our self-built bars, help me recognise you in the touching of your scars.

Jesus on the shoreline, cooking breakfast for your friends, who offered guilty Peter one more chance to make amends, who filled a net with fish for him, and helped him to recall the first catch that convinced him to respond to your first call.

Jesus on the shoreline, know my best, forgive my worst, help me recognise you in the way I met you first.