

Muddiford



United Reformed Church

(The Chapel in the Valley)



**Stepping
Stones**



October

2025

*“You can give without loving,
but you cannot love without giving.”*

MUDDIFORD MONTHLY OCTOBER 2025



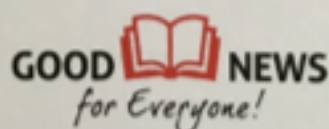
Date	Service Leader	Reader
5 th	Peter Edwards	Andrew
12 th	Rev Rob Weston	Paul
9 th	Paula Littlewood	Rod
26 th	Rev Jonathan Richards	Sheila

Date	Flowers	Tea & Coffee
5 th	Sheila	Pauline & Martin
12 th	Pauline	Sheila & Dorothy
19 th	Maureen	Rosie & Chris
26 th	Alison	Daphne & Paul.

All Services are at 10 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Zoom internet lines open from 9.30a.m.

Sunday prayer meeting 6.30p.m. on zoom.



**INVITATION
COFFEE & CAKE**

Tea, coffee and cake will be available from 10 am with a short presentation starting at 10.30. this will include some video testimonies from those who have come to know the LORD through reading Bibles and Testaments placed by GFFN Members as well as an update on the work here in North Devon.

Everyone welcome.

Saturday 25 October 2025 at The Baptist Church, New Road, South Molton.

Dear All,

Recently the Church Elders have been made aware, with thanks to Pauline Stentiford, of a local South West Charity called, Christian Response 2 Eastern Europe, (cr2ee) established in 1997. The website is, [www. cr2ee.org.uk](http://www.cr2ee.org.uk), and scroll down to the heading of Starcross in South Devon, where they are based and operated completely by unpaid Volunteers.

There is a local couple who for many years, arrange collection of Aid at their home in Roundswell, Barnstaple. They collect gifts and take them every month to the distribution centre at Starcross.

From there lorries travel to various East European countries to deliver the gifts of Aid to where they are most needed.

Over the years this has been sent to various countries, including Romania, Moldova and more recently Ukraine.

Currently, as we will all be aware, Ukraine is in desperate need of any gifts of Aid.



So, our suggestion is that we, as a Church will support them, initially with Christmas Shoe Boxes.

The charity is very willing to accept all types of gifts. E.g. clothing, bedding, utensils, personal care items etc. and also cash donations, at any time of year, not just

Christmas. We can arrange any gifts to be collected from Church, just bring them, if you want to donate. We may well decide to support them further at Christmas, with our Carol Service collection, but this has yet to be discussed or confirmed with all our Church congregation, hopefully at our next Church meeting.

For now, if you are willing, and want to fill a shoe box or boxes, they need to be completed **by Friday October 31st** and be in Church for **Sunday 2nd November**, as the following week they will be taken to Starcross.

Shoe boxes are mainly for children at Christmas, but it is suggested that if you would like too, you can do some for adults as well.

All shoe boxes need to be adult size shoe boxes (children's size shoe boxes are too small). There is no need to wrap them up, and do not seal them with sellotape. Simply fix the lid on with a good strong elastic band. All boxes are opened for inspection prior to dispatch. Please use a plain label stuck on the lid, to say either Boy or Girl, Man or Woman.

The list of items are suggestions only, of what to put into your shoe box. For sure, you will all have many good ideas.

There are only a few definite **NOT** suitable items,
No sharp items, such as scissors, **No** reading books, because of language, **No** aerosols, **No** perishable food items such as chocolate. Other sweets with a reasonable expiry date are good.

Just a few examples of items to fill the boxes, please use your own ideas.
Knitted hats, gloves, scarves, all socks and tights.

Small toys, small dolls, colouring books, crayons, painting books,
sketch books, writing pads, small games, dominoes, pack of cards.

Personal care items. Toothpaste and brushes, flannel and soap, tissues, roll on deodorant. and so on and on. etc

We feel confident that as a Church we can send some great gifts.

On behalf of everyone at Muddiford URC. Thank you and we look forward to having a good number to send. Adrian.



**British Summer Time Ends on
26th October 2025.**

Clocks go back 1 hour at 2 a.m.
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