

Muddiford



United Reformed Church

(The Chapel in the Valley)



Stepping

Stones

January 2026



“Each year's regrets are envelopes in which messages of hope are found for the new year.”

MUDDIFORD MONTHLY

JANUARY 2026

Date	Service Leader	Reader
4 th	Duncan Withall	Martin
11 th	Peter/Sylvia Edwards	Adrian
18 th	Emily Thubron	Paul
25 th	Deacon Joan Cole	Chris

Date	Flowers	Tea & Coffee
4 th	Maureen	Pauline & Martin
11 th	Alison	Gill & Adrian
18 th	Penny	Sheila & Dorothy
25 th	Gill	Daphne & Paul

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

*Tuesday January 6th – Communion @ Paul and Daphne's.
6.00 for 6.30pm.*

*Christmas songs, festive music and light seasonal
refreshments. Open to all.*

Please let us know if you can come.



The start of a new year, for many, brings new resolutions, a search for purpose, and a deeper desire for joy and peace. Billy Graham often talked about the true source of purpose, joy, and peace: the Lord Jesus Christ.



a prayer for the NEW YEAR

Lord, please bless the coming year. Help me to use my time wisely and strengthen my resolve to consistently do all of the following:

Never stop praying (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Lord, teach me to pray without ceasing. Remind me to make prayer my first response rather than a last resort. Conform me to the image of Christ, that I might with Him pray, "Not my will, but Thine be done."

Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Lord, open my eyes to the needs of those around me. Help me to love my neighbors as I love myself & to put their interests ahead of my own. May every word I speak edify and uplift and point others to You.

Work without complaining (Philippians 2:14)

Place a guard on my mouth. God, that I might not grumble about the tasks I've been given to do. Help me to serve others with gladness & do my work heartily & cheerfully, as a sacrifice of praise unto You.

Yearn for Christ's return (Mark 13:32-33)

Lord, keep me mindful of the fact that my hope is not rooted in social movements or political reform, but in Christ alone. Speed the day of His return & let me be found faithfully doing His work when He appears.

Evangelize the lost (Mark 16:15)

Give me a heart for those who don't know You, God. May I boldly & urgently proclaim the gospel of grace & forgiveness of sins freely available to all who confess Jesus is Lord & believe You raised Him from the dead.

Acknowledge Him (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Don't let me outlive my love & devotion to You, Lord. Let my life serve as an example of what it means to trust You fully. May all I do & say & hope & think bring glory & honor to Your precious, holy name.

Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

"Lord, teach us to number our days, that we might apply our hearts to wisdom." Don't let me squander my time on earth. Show me how to invest it wisely in activities & pursuits that will bear fruit for all of eternity.

A New Chapter, 2026

The page is turned, a number new we trace,
Another year unfolds by sovereign grace.
The moments, Lord, are Thine, each passing day,
To walk within Thy light, and in Thy way.

Though seasons shift and earthly shadows fall,
Thy constant love, O Christ, is over all.
In valleys deep, on mountains we may roam,
Thou art our guide, our everlasting home.

Let faith arise, a pillar strong and clear,
To trust Thy hand, and cast away all fear.
For every trial, strength Thou wilt provide,
With Thee, our Rock, we safely can abide.

So for this year, whatever it may bring,
Our hearts shall praise, our souls shall ever sing.
May 2026 reflect Thy truth and light,
And lead us onward in Thy holy sight.

Amen.

