

Muddiford



United Reformed Church

(The Chapel in the Valley)



Stepping

Stones

February

2024



*Never be afraid to fail.
Failure is only a stepping stone to
improvement.*

MUDDIFORD MONTHLY



FEBRUARY 2024

Date	Preacher	Reader
4 th	David Peyton	Sheila
11 th	Local arrangement ©	Dorothy
18 th	Paula Littlewood	Rod
25 th	Heather Bolt	Paul

Date	Flowers	Tea & Coffee
4 th	Muriel	Pauline & Raymond
11 th	Pauline	Sheila & Dorothy
18 th	Alison	Rosie & Chris
25 th	Penny	Penny & Gary

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

**EVENING
PRAYER**
Online

6.30 p.m.
On Zoom
Each Sunday.





Mid-week meetings on Zoom for February.

Lines open from 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start.

7th February Prof. David Cranston.

21st February Identify places from Photographs.



"IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION. BUT TAKE HEART; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."

"SO DO NOT FEAR, FOR I AM WITH YOU; DO NOT BE DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD. I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU AND HELP YOU; I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND."

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When you're in a dark place you feel like you have been buried, but.....perhaps you have been planted..... BLOOM!

In 1982 Muddiford formed part of the North Devon Group of United Reformed Churches. (Muddiford, Cross Street, Bickington, Torrington & South Molton).

This is a piece I found in the October 1982 edition written by Barry Champion concerning Bickington URC.



“Some years ago, an off-duty policeman was passing Bickington Congregational Church at the time of one of the services, when he felt the desire to go in. He wasn’t a Christian but never-the-less yielded to this compelling urge within. As the preacher commenced the service the hymn no. 161 was announced (How sweet the name of Jesus sounds). How strange thought the policeman, as no.161 is my own number in the police force. Then his eye strayed to the end of the hymn and saw that John Newton was the hymn’s author. Another remarkable coincidence, his own name. Police constable John Newton heard the voice of God speak to him that day. If all the facts as I have them are correct it was as the result of this experience in our Church that constable John Newton yielded his life to the Lord. Those of us who were privileged to know Sergeant John Newton, in his retirement, when he served the Master so faithfully in Barnstaple Emmanuel Church can vouch for the fact that here was a man who like his namesake the Rev. John Newton, ex drunkard and slave ship captain, know of the transforming influence of the Lord Jesus Christ in his life and that “God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.””