Muddiford * United Reformed Church



(The Chapel in the Valley)

Stepping Stones

September 2023



The best way to treat Obstacles is to use them as Stepping Stones. Laugh at them, tread on them and let them lead you to something better.



MUDDIFORD

MONTHLY



SEPTEMBER 2023

Date	Service Leader	Reader
3 rd	Rev John Robinson ©	Pauline
10 th	Rev Colin Biggs	Chris
17 th	Paula Littlewood	Rod
24 th	Harvest Festíval	
24 th	John Parkhouse	Maureen

Date	Flowers	Tea & Coffee
3 rd	Pauline	Rosie & Chris
10 th	Maureen	Pam & Jean
17 th	Alison	Gill & Adrian
24 th	Harvest Festival	

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.

*Please note the Harvest Service will start at 11.00 a.m.



Following the service there will be a "BRING & SHARE" Harvest Lunch. Please speak to Penny for details.



The Miracle of Answered Prayer.

When I am down and feeling stressed And I can't see a pathway through.

When my life feels like just one big mess That's when I come in prayer, to You.

When the world is out of kilter
And I don't know what to do.
When my brain has lost its filter
I come in prayer, to You.

Then, this is when I feel You near,
My resources gone, in deep despair,
This is when Your presence dispels my fear
When I come to You in heartfelt prayer.

I know that You are listening, Lord,
That Your promises are true.
I know that Your presence is with me
As my soul cries out to You.

You speak to me and answer my prayer Your voice speaks and my spirits renew. Your gentleness, Your love, Your care Heal my heart as I speak with You.

So thank you Lord, that You feel my need.
Thank you for the times that You care
I paise Your name. All glory to GOD
For the miracle of answered prayer.

By Sheila Jennings.



The Farmer & the Well



One day, a farmer was looking for a water source for his farm, when he bought a well from his neighbor. The neighbor, however, was cunning. The next day, as the farmer came to draw water from his well, the neighbor refused to let him take any water.

When the farmer asked why, the neighbor replied, "I sold you the well, not the water," and walked away. Distraught, the farmer went to the emperor to ask for justice. He explained what had happened.

The emperor called on Birbal, one of his nine, and wisest, courtiers. Birbal proceeded to question the neighbor, "Why don't you let the farmer take water from the well? You did sell the well to the farmer?"

The neighbor replied, "Birbal, I did sell the well to the farmer but not the water within it. He has no right to draw water from the well."

Birbal said, "Look, since you sold the well, you have no right to keep the water in the farmer's well. Either you pay rent to the farmer, or take it out immediately."

Realizing that his scheme had failed, the neighbor apologized and went home.

The Moral Cheating will not get you anything. If you cheat, you'll pay soon enough.