

***Muddiford***



***United Reformed Church***

*(The Chapel in the Valley)*



***Stepping  
Stones***



***October***

***2023***

**“Struggles are Stepping Stones to Strength”**

# MUDDIFORD

## MONTHLY

### OCTOBER 2023



<b>Date</b>	<b>Service Leader</b>	<b>Reader</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sheila Jennings	Dorothy
8 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Rob Weston	Daphne
15 <sup>th</sup>	David Symons	Paul
22 <sup>nd</sup>	David Peyton	Adrian
29 <sup>th</sup>	Paula Littlewood	Raymond

<b>Date</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Penny	Pauline & Raymond
8 <sup>th</sup>	Gill	Sheila & Dorothy
15 <sup>th</sup>	Jean	Rosie & Chris
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pam	Penny & Gary
29 <sup>th</sup>	Gary	Pam & Jean

All Services are at 10 a.m. unless otherwise stated.  
Zoom internet lines open from 9.30a.m. to join meeting

Sunday prayer meeting 6.30p.m. on zoom.

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***Wednesday Evening "get togethers" are back!***

**7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m. start.**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> Musical Evening in the Chapel.**



**October 25<sup>th</sup> An evening on ZOOM  
with Rev Rob Weston.**

Halloween has deep spiritual roots. These have been much distorted over time to become what it represents today for most people (which is completely different to the root of it). You may want to think twice about promoting Halloween simply by joining in the fun yourself, with your family and with others. It may be fun today, but it was deadly serious originally (pardon the pun), and those original beliefs have rippled out through history and still remain today. The very earliest roots of Halloween are centred around death, which we can't avoid, but the Bible is clear about not trying to get in touch with the dead in any way while you're alive on this earth – be it directly 'contacting' or believing that the dead can be connect with just one day in the year. Of course, we purposefully haven't yet mentioned that people who believe in magic, sorcery and the like use Halloween as a key event in their calendars too, so that's another completely obvious general (not just Christian reason) to choose not to be getting involved in Halloween at any level.

In Christianity, warding off evil spirits is part of a serious area of Spiritual Warfare, not really something to be veiled thinly behind Halloween costumes, trick or treat or sugar-coated sweets. Such things, from history, whether you like it or not, influences you and your life around you, perhaps without you being aware – whether you are a Christian or not. Maybe it is worth thinking twice about how – or even if – you might get involved in Halloween in the future. After all, there are plenty of other ways to have fun.

# What money can buy:

A bed but not sleep.

A clock but not time.

A book but not knowledge.

A position but not respect.

Medicine but not health.

Amusements but not happiness.

Acquaintance but not friendship.

Obedience but not faithfulness.

A house but not a home.



*A Smart person knows what to say.*

*A wise person knows whether or not to say it.*