

# Muddiford



# United Reformed Church



(The Chapel in  
the Valley)

## Stepping Stones


## November 2024



*Everything you do today of your own free will, do it in remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives to make it possible.*

# MUDDIFORD MONTHLY

## NOVEMBER 2024

Date	Service Leaders	Reader
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heather Bolt	Daphne
10 <sup>th</sup>	 Helen Potter	Laurie
17 <sup>th</sup>	David Symons	Sheila
24 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Edwards	Paul
	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pauline	Pam & Jean
10 <sup>th</sup>	Maureen	Gill & Adrian
17 <sup>th</sup>	Alison	Sheila & Dorothy
24 <sup>th</sup>	Penny	Daphne & Paul

All Services are at 10 a.m.



**Wednesday evening "get together" for November  
7.00 for 7.30pm on Zoom**

6<sup>th</sup> November      Action for Children

20<sup>th</sup>      Bring, Show & Talk about a "homemade" item.

## Changing of the Seasons

We change the clocks and dark sets in and now the Winter seasons in  
Shorter days and darker nights and freezing cold the wind it bites  
Many hours we stay indoors and cannot be bothered with the chores  
And to many folk days can be blue no family calls to check on you  
But one new morning we get more light even the garden shows new  
life

A tiny flower begins to show it even buds beneath the snow  
An aptly named small flower appears a Snowdrop can dispel your fears  
Because we know that when we are sad Our God just wants us to be  
glad

More light of step you venture out and in early March daffodils are out  
Golden heads stand so proud "I wandered lonely like a cloud"  
Wordsworth poem just says it all the golden daffs which stand so tall  
And then in April comes the showers you run to hide beneath the  
bowers

It really is the gentlest rain and so you venture out again  
Enjoying April May as well till June arrives and who can tell  
What this month the weather will bring. But safely say its warmer than  
Spring

July and August the English Rose, bloom after bloom the perfume  
flows

Outdoors in the garden bed, but if inside it can be said  
The perfume flows through every bloom as you enter in another room  
You could not capture if you tried the scent this flower can provide

And now to Autumn the colours change  
golden browns of every range  
Yellows too and deepest red as God just  
gently puts to bed

The tallest tree and littlest hedge, as  
Winter nears the leaves are dead  
But the wonder of our changing seasons  
is here for all the best of reasons  
Now is the time Nature must rest and  
then in Springtime look their best.





## International Humanitarian Aid in Jesus' Name



After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ, working with the local church to demonstrate the love of God to people in need around the world.

The annual Shoebox Appeal, run by Samaritans Purse, has begun with the National Collection Week being 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like further details about packing a shoebox or the range of work that the organisation is involved in, visit

<https://samaritans-purse.org.uk/>



**Items for the Christmas Magazine to me by 6<sup>th</sup> December please.  
By e-mail if possible**



*The leaves are turning, the temperatures are dropping and the sun is rising slightly later each day. And on 27<sup>th</sup> October, the clocks will go back 1 hour at 2 a.m.*

