



# The Mundens with Sacombe Church and Parish Newsletter



## JANUARY 2012

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January

*8.00am	Holy Communion	Standon
10.30am	United Morning Worship	Standon
3.00pm	Evening Prayer	Sacombe

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

10.30am	Morning Worship	Standon
10.30am	Holy Communion	Little Munden
3.00pm	Healing Service	Sacombe

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January

10.30am	United Holy Communion	Little Munden
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### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

*8.00am	Holy Communion	Standon
10.30am	United Morning Worship	Little Munden
6.00pm	Service of Light	Standon

\*service from Book of Common Prayer

A short service of Holy Communion is held every Tuesday morning at 9.30am at St Catherine's, Sacombe, and prayers are said every Thursday morning at 9.15am in the upper room at All Saints', Little Munden. You would be warmly welcomed at any of these services.

**Rector: Revd David Payne, The Vicarage, Standon**

**Tel. 01920 821390**

**Curate: Revd Lindsey Moss.**

**Tel. 01920 822077**

### Churchwardens:

#### The Mundens

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Diane Gale	438493
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Websites:

[www.achurchnearyou.com/littlemunden](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/littlemunden)

[www.achurchnearyou.com/sacombe](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/sacombe)

### Bible Readings for January

15 <sup>th</sup> January	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	Revelation 5: 1-10, John 1: 43-51
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	Revelation 19: 6-10, John 2: 1-11
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Presentation of Christ	Hebrews 2: 14-18, Luke 2: 22-40
5 <sup>th</sup> February	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent	1 Corinthians 9: 16-23, Mark 1: 29-39

## **New Year – New Life?**

Welcome to another New Year! Some people use New Year to mark the start of a new life for themselves, a new life where they want to change something about either themselves or their lifestyles, usually for the better. We could say that New Year gives us a feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning.

Some of my friends have shared with me their New Year's resolution (in no particular order):

- 1 – Spending more time with family and friends
- 2 – Joining a gym
- 3 – Doing voluntary work
- 4 – To lose weight
- 5 – To quit smoking

A New Year's resolution list is endless – but it is a list where people choose to change something about themselves.

Do you have a New Years resolution? Is there something about your lifestyle that you want to change?

Christians believe that they changed when they became Christians – that they have a new outlook on life; and the great thing about becoming a Christian is that you don't have to wait until New Year to do this, because you can make this change at any time of the year.

So what does this 'Christian change' look like? Some people believe that, if they become a Christian, then something big will change in them almost straight away – but this is not usually the case. Usually when you find out more about Christianity and start to understand and believe, then you do change, but this change is slow and over a period of time, and it is only when you look back on your life that you realise that you've changed.

So what is your New Years resolution? Do you want to change your lifestyle for the better?

Christians believe that there is no better way to live than through Christian faith. If you want to find out more about what it means to be a Christian then come along to any of our services, or call either David Tel: 01920 821390 or Lindsey Tel: 01920 822077.

**Happy New Year!**  
**Lindsey**

**Gardening Club**  
**Monday, 9th January**  
**at 7.45 p.m.**  
**in the Memorial Hall**  
**Vic Hobson**  
**is going to tell us all about**  
**Mudlarks,**  
**a charity which introduces people with**  
**mental health and learning difficulties**  
**to allotmenting**  
**New members and visitors (£3) welcome**

**The DameEnders womens group meet on the first Thursday of each month for details:**

Linda Young 438560,  
Sharon Johnson 438468,  
Josie Barnard 438700

As we have a flexible programme please contact (Linda, Sharon or Josie as usual) for details of what is happening each month.



**Playdays Toddler Group (Dane End)**

Contacts: Jo Willis and Isabel Teare 01920 438633

email: [jo.willishome@googlemail.com](mailto:jo.willishome@googlemail.com),

[isabel.teare@gmail.com](mailto:isabel.teare@gmail.com)

**Playdays will be back on 9th January.**  
**See you then!**

## **POSTCARDS**

Please save these for the Sudan Church Association for work in the Sudan and take them to:

Barbara Springate, All Saints Church, St. Catherines Church or give them to me: Jackie Morris.

Thank you, keep them coming in!

**Could you make a real difference to the lives of children and young people in your area?**

**Think about fostering for Hertfordshire.**

We really need people in your area who could offer a caring and stable home for children and young people in Hertfordshire.

There are lots of different types of fostering and we need carers for children and young people of all ages who can provide care for anything from a few weeks up to several years or more.

At the moment we particularly need foster carers who have more than one spare bedroom in their home who could care for brothers and sisters to ensure that they can stay together while they are going through some tough times.

In order to become a foster carer, you will need to have plenty of enthusiasm for working with children and young people and have at least one spare room in your home.

In return, you will receive a competitive weekly fee and allowance as well as ongoing training, access to support groups and a dedicated social worker.

Our foster carers come from all walks of life... to find out if fostering could be for you, please come along to one of our open evenings where you can talk to our staff and foster carers about what fostering involves.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 6.30pm to 8.30pm –**  
**Ramada Hotel, Hemel Hempstead Road,**  
**Redbourn, AL3 7AF**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30pm to 8.30pm –  
Novotel, Knebworth Park, Knebworth, Stevenage,  
SG1 2AX**

These are drop-in sessions, so please come along any time between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

Please give us a call on **0800 917 0925** if you'd like to come along. Or if you can't make it to an information evening but want to find out more about fostering, please give us a call or visit

[www.hertsdirect.org/fostering](http://www.hertsdirect.org/fostering)

You can also come along to find out more about supported lodgings and shared care for children with disabilities.

## **ISABEL HOSPICE**

**Sat 17 March - Sun 18 March**

### **Midnight Swim 20:00**

Isabel Hospice second annual MIDNIGHT swim! Two venues to choose from. Haileybury Swimming Pool, Hertford Heath and Hatfield Swim Centre, Lemsford Road, Hatfield. The evening will include the normal sponsored swim and the Boat Race Challenge. There will be a sun & surf theme so don your bikini or board shorts and join the fun! Info: 01707 382500

**Fri 27 April**

### **The 3 Peaks Challenge**

Raising funds for Isabel Hospice. The "3 Peaks Challenge" is a well know legend throughout the hill walking and mountain climbing fraternities of Britain and even the world. Incorporating ascents of all 3 of the highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales, the challenge covers a travelling distance of over 475 miles between the peaks with 3407 metres of ascents over 26 miles of mountain paths. All this and an attempt to complete the adventure in 24 hours or less! Used by fund raisers and dare devils alike, the "3 Peaks Challenge" constitutes the ultimate endurance mountaineering challenge in Britain and is a must for all climbers and walkers to have under their belt. Info: 01707 382547

**April 2012**

### **Coast to Coast Walk**

Walk to raise funds for Isabel Hospice. Depending on skills this takes between 10 - 14 days. We have flexible dates in April. Originally laid down in 1972 by the legendary Lake District walker Alfred Wainwright, the "Coast to Coast" walk is one of the greatest and most challenging prospects available in Britain to the walking community. At almost 200 miles in length and taking in the national parks of the North Yorkshire moors, Yorkshire dales and the Lake District, the walk gives an ever changing and breath taking view of northern England. The walk starts from St Bees on the West coast of Cumbria. It then travels through Ennerdale and through the famous Honister Pass and over Shap and Sunbiggin Tarn. Following this you travel up to Nine Standards Rigg then out of Cumbria. The route then travels through the majestic Yorkshire Dales, and finishes by pushing across the the North York Moors, heading towards the finishing post at Robin Hood's Bay on the East Coast of North Yorkshire. Info: 01707 382547

## **News from the Gardens of Easton Lodge Preservation Trust**

We had a tremendous end to the 2011 season with a huge number of visitors in October for our "Live n Deadly" activity in association with BBC Activity Maker.

We have made great inroads in clearing the beds in the Italian garden and have been able to start on the all-important planting; thanks in part to some generous donations of plants from supporters. We need people to grow annuals from seed in the spring to help fill out the beds and if anyone is interested in this they should email [enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk) or leave a message on 01371 876979.

Our Snowdrop Sunday dates are set as the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February, Noon to 4pm (last entry 3pm); homemade soup and cakes will be available alongside the increasingly popular bacon rolls. Snowdrops "in the green" will be available to buy on the days and to pre-order from the website [www.eatonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eatonlodge.co.uk) from the beginning of February. Don't miss the opportunity to see the fantastic display of snowdrops in this beautiful setting.

We are pleased to announce that we are keeping our entry prices the same for 2012 with adult entry £2.50 and children free of charge; "Friends" membership of the gardens for 2012 is also being held at the same price and is also available through the website. We would like to thank everyone for their support in 2011 and look forward to seeing you back in 2012.

## **DANE END UNITED**

### **Fixtures**

8.1.12 DE Utd v F.C. Cheshunt home LJ cup

15.1.12 DE Utd v Gosling Youth Seniors away LJ cup

22.1.12 ?

29.1.12 ?

### **Results**

27.11.11 DE Utd 3 v Rifle Volunteer 0

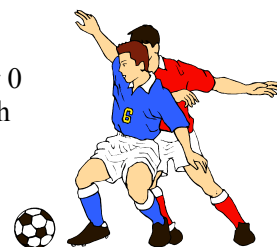
Scorers: B.Golding, T.Caruso, A.High

4.12.11 DE Utd 2 v White Bear 4

Scorers: B.Lott, B.Margett

11.12.11 DE Utd 1 v T.A. FC 3

Scorers: A.Hough



### **Inner Strength**

*If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills....*

*If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains..*

*If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles.....*

*If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it.....*

*If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time....*

*If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong.....*

*If you can take criticism and blame without resentment.....*

*If you can face the world without lies and deceit..*

*If you can conquer tension without medical help..*

*If you can relax without liquor.....*

*If you can sleep without the aid of drugs.....*

*If you can do all these things.....*

*Then you are probably the family dog!*

## LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

### Meeting.

As those of you who are regular readers of the newsletter will know for some time now the Memorial Hall has been looking for a new committee to run it. After many years of sterling service Tony and Florrie Brown have called time and are retiring as from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

Therefore the meeting called for the 6<sup>th</sup> December was of some import, I was initially in the chair and got the meeting started at 8pm, Geraldine Ward (clerk to LMPC) had volunteered to take the minutes.

Encouragingly a fair number of interested parishioners (some representing interested groups) were present. Apologies for absence were received from other interested parties who though not present were keen to be involved in various roles.

After some discussion on the history of the Memorial Hall, the role played by the trustee's and the working trustees (committee) the time came to seek volunteers for the various jobs, this was made a lot easier as we already had to hand briefed volunteers who were keen to offer their services and experience.

#### **The following were elected:**

Chairman: Bob Kirkby: 438340

Vice Chairman: Tony Willis: 438546

Treasurer: Derek Wheeler: 438875

Committee Members: Anthea Cook, Tony Bartels, Darren Stephens, Erica Slade, Marie Jones, Isabell Teare, Jo Willis.

Secretary: At the meeting the post was not filled, but at a later date Vicky Thompson (438944) has come forward to fill the post. Bookings clerk will continue to be Clio Bromley for the present.

Tony Brown handed over the hall Contract to DM and pointed out that changes in the Management Committee would mean completion of a new Bank Mandate and the Insurance Company would have to be informed. DM would get Derek Wheeler to liaise with Tony Brown over these matters.

Bob Kirkby then took over as Chairman and DM handed him all the relevant paperwork. After giving a brief introduction about himself, he went on to say that he would like to see all members of the new Committee on an individual basis to understand more about the organisations who used the hall.

The Memorial Hall is a registered charity (No. 302426) The Hall was built to act as a memorial to the fallen of WW1. The Memorial Hall is completely separate from the Parish Council. As such the PC has had up till now NO involvement with it. It is very well maintained and profitable, no expense has been spared in its upkeep, it boasts newly varnished floor, new water heater, recent new toilets, brand new heating and new entrance gates. No debts and capital invested. It is also well booked and used regularly by local community groups, playgroups, local residents etc. Tony & Florrie in running our Hall have done a magnificent job. All parishioners & users of the hall owe them a serious debt of gratitude for doing such a superb, and at times thankless, job over the years.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.50 pm.

### PART TIME MEMORIAL HALL CARETAKER.

The memorial Hall committee is looking for a part time caretaker to take over the various light maintenance duties associated with the Hall. This job would ideally suit an active applicant who lives within easy walking distance of the hall. Although the remuneration is not great, this is a paid part time job open to all applicants. In first instance please contact Vicky Thompson, Tony Willis or Derek Wheeler to be put on list of applicants.

**David Metcalf - Chairman. Little Munden PC.**

#### **LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**The next meeting will be held**

**On 19<sup>th</sup> January**

**at Little Munden School – 8pm**

#### **SUPERHOME OPEN DAYS SET TO INSPIRE YOUR ECO MAKEOVER**

**Interested in making your home one of the most environmentally friendly in your area?**

**This is your chance to talk to someone who has already done it!**

**Pioneering owners of some of the UK's most energy efficient SuperHomes will be hosting free open days between Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012.**

SuperHomes are older homes that have been refurbished to the highest standards of energy efficiency – resulting in greater comfort, significantly lower running costs and a reduction in carbon emissions of at least 60%.

SuperHomes showcase a range of home improvements likely to become popular following the launch of the Green Deal in October 2012. The majority of SuperHomes are super-insulated so visitors with draughty old solid wall properties

will discover some clever ways to make their home more comfortable in winter. In many cases renewable energy heats water, provides electricity or contributes to space heating. Attending an open day provides the opportunity to speak to a homeowner who has already done the thinking and undertaken and lived with some major improvements. Who could be better qualified to help you make the right choices? The SuperHomes website makes it easy to find properties with features you may have on your wish list. SuperHomes open to the public in March, September and at other times by appointment. For more information, or to book to attend an open day, visit [www.superhomes.org.uk](http://www.superhomes.org.uk)

**GREAT MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
Next meeting: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
7.30pm Great Munden Church

**THIS IS HAPPENING RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY, so we must stop it immediately!**

**Have you noticed that stairs are getting *steeper*?** Groceries are *heavier*.

And everything is *further* away. Yesterday I walked to the corner and I was dumbfounded to discover how *long* our street had become!

And, you know, people are less considerate now, especially the young ones. They speak in *whispers* all the time! If you ask them to speak up they just keep repeating themselves, endlessly mouthing the same *silent message* until they're red in the face! What do they think I am a lip reader?

I also think they are much younger than I was at the same age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much *older* than I am. I ran into an old friend the other day and she has aged so much that she *didn't even recognize* me.

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so, I glanced at my own reflection, well, REALLY NOW - *even mirrors* are not made the way they used to be! Another thing, everyone drives so *fast* these days! You're risking life and limb if you happen to pull onto the motorway in front of them. All I can say is their brakes must wear out awfully fast, the way I see them *screech and swerve* in my rear view mirror. Clothing manufacturers are *less civilized* these days - why else would they suddenly start labelling a size 10 or 12 dress as 18 or 20? Do they think no one notices? The people who make *bathroom scales* are pulling the same prank. Do they think I actually 'believe' the number I see on that dial? HA! I would never let myself weigh that much! Just who do these people think they're fooling?

I'd like to call up someone in authority to report what's going on but the *telephone company* is in on the conspiracy too! They've printed the phone books in such *small* type that no one could ever find a number.

***WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!***

***Unless something drastic happens, pretty soon everyone will have to suffer these awful indignities.....***

## Starting on Wednesday afternoons from

11<sup>th</sup> January 2012

A New Friendship Group

For mature folk

Meeting in

Little Munden Memorial Hall

on

Wednesday afternoons

1.45 to 3.30

Refreshments

Transport and

help in getting there available.

Phone

Rebecca Wells 830314

or

Deborah Ovens 438436

Why not come along for a change of scenery (it will be warm). Catch up with friends and make some new ones. Enjoy a chat over a cuppa or maybe play a game.

If you would like to come but need help to get there please don't hesitate to contact either Rebecca or Deborah who will arrange this for you.

**DANE END STORES**

**AND POST OFFICE**

**01920 438984**

**Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm**

**Closed Wednesday afternoons**

**Saturday 8am to 6pm**

**Sunday 8.30am to 12.30pm**

**Bank Holidays 9am – 12pm**

**Magazines and newspapers can be ordered.**

**Local products including bread, cakes, honey, free range eggs, pies etc.**

**Munden cakes and biscuits.**

**Farmers Market produce and**

**We stock Euros!**

**LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Children's parties : £9 per hour (up to 6.30pm)

Other functions : £12 per hour

For further information: Clio Bromley at

5, Kingfield Road, Dane End - **01920 438902**

**POLICE SURGERY**

Every Saturday 2-4pm in The Police Station, Buntingford.

**LOST**

**'Ginny' Barbara Springates big fat cat.**

**She is white with tabby markings.**

**We think something scared her on**

**Sunday evening January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**If you know of her whereabouts,  
please ring Barbara on 438277.**

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Please take your news to Barbara Springate at  
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February Deadline  
27th January

