



**The Mundens with Sacombe
Church and Parish
Newsletter
April 2010**



Maundy Thursday April 1st

*8.00pm Holy Communion St Catherine's, Sacombe

Good Friday April 2nd

10.30am Service by the Cross All Saints, Little Munden
12.00pm Liquid Worship St Mary's, Standon
2.00pm Service of Reflection Standon

Easter Day April 4th

*8.00am Holy Communion Little Munden
10.30am United Holy Communion Standon

Sunday April 11th

10.30am Holy Communion Standon
*10.30am Morning Prayer Little Munden
*6.00pm Holy Communion Sacombe

Sunday April 18th

* 8.00am Holy Communion Standon
10.30am United Morning Worship Standon
6.00pm Evening Prayer Sacombe

Sunday April 25th

10.30am Morning Worship Standon
10.30am Holy Communion Little Munden
6.00pm Healing Service Sacombe

Sunday May 2nd

*8.00am Holy Communion Standon
10.30am United Morning Worship Little Munden
*6.00pm Choral Evensong Standon

*service from Book of Common Prayer

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The Mundens

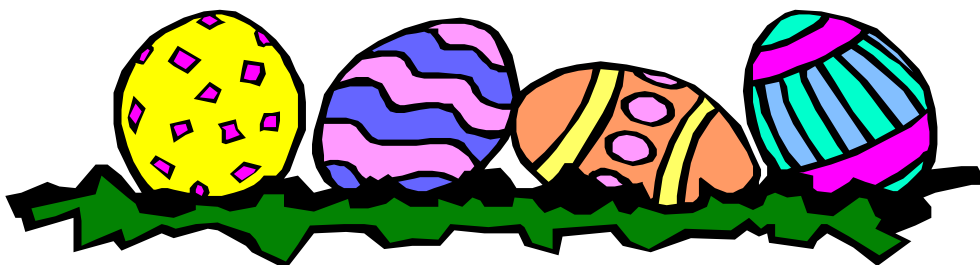
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Bible Readings for April

April 1 st	Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12: 1-14, John 13: 1-17 and 31b-35
April 4 th	Easter Day	Acts 10: 34-43, Luke 24: 1-12
April 11 th	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 5: 27-32, John 20: 19-31
April 18 th	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 9: 1-20, John 21: 1-19
April 25 th	4 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 9: 36-43, John 10: 22-30
May 2 nd	5 th Sunday of Easter (morning)	Acts 11: 1-18, John 13: 31-35

Uniquely Qualified.

For a short while in 1987 I was a man in demand, someone everyone wanted to be with. The reason was simple. A new burglar alarm had been installed at work, and I was the only one with the cool confidence to disarm it. Colleagues would wait in the car park for my arrival, sheepishly following me into the building as I silenced the bleeping menace with aplomb.

Competence breeds confidence. Know that a surgeon has successfully removed thousands of appendices and you're far more likely to trust him with yours. The moral of the story is that in most things it's easier to trust someone who's been there, got the t-shirt and lived to tell the tale.

But not so when it comes to dying. People often tell me that the Christian hope of life after death is based on nothing more than wishful thinking. I don't think it is. Wishful thinking is blithely assuming that, if your house burns down and you're not insured, somehow someone will re-build it for you. True confidence is trusting that there is someone who will do something about it if it happens, and has the track record to show that this is so.

And so the Christian view of life after death is not wishful thinking but genuine confidence, that the one person who conquered death is capable of seeing us through that as well. He's said he can do it and he's done it himself.

The message of Easter is about the victory of Jesus over death. It's about a whole lot more too, but that's not a bad place to start. The people who followed me around only did so because I could press a few buttons without getting flustered. People who follow Jesus have a great deal more reason for confidence and a whole lot more to gain.

A Happy Easter to you.

David Payne

From the Registers:

We offer love and sympathy to those who mourn for: Arvids Nikazis

POLICE OFFICER COMMENTS

The comments were taken off actual police car videos/recordings around the country:

'Yeah, we have a quota.. two more tickets and my wife gets a microwave oven.'

All Saints' Church Little Munden: **Everyone is Welcome; 7pm onwards,** **Thursday 6th May**

Some of you may have noticed that the facilities development in All Saints' is now (almost!) complete. Some parts have been in use since just after Christmas and to celebrate its completion we have invited the Bishop of Bedford to open the facilities on 6th May.

7pm	Church opens to view the facilities.
7.30pm	Formal opening by the Bishop
7.45-8.30pm	Musical entertainment
8.30 onwards	Refreshments and more time to tour the facilities.

Although our church building is first and foremost a place to worship God, it's also a resource for the whole community, and the project will make it possible for this beautiful building to be used for all sorts of other activities and occasions.

We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to the cost of making the project possible including a grant of £27,000 from Biffa, out of the land fill tax they collect as a result of their activities in the area and most impressively £50 000 donated by church members and the local community.

The real reason for the celebration is to say thank you, to everyone who has given so generously and to God whose bounty we all enjoy.

We look forward to welcoming everyone on 6th May.

Little Munden cafe

**Come and join us
for fresh coffee, tea, juice,
homemade cakes
and a warm welcome
at the church**

on

Thursday 22nd and 29th April 2-4pm.

**We serve fairly traded products
whenever possible.**

**There is no charge for refreshments
but if you would like to make a donation it
will be used to cover our costs.**

**Please contact Gaby Jenkinson on
01920 438379 if you would like a lift.**

Men's Breakfast: 8.30am, 15th May at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

The first of a series of breakfast meetings is planned for 15th May; the format will be a cooked breakfast followed by a short talk by an invited guest, addressing how being a Christian has affected their life and work. We will be finished at or before 10am. For 15th May we have invited Prof. Paul Watson to speak about his work as a vet, scientist and expert in mammalian reproduction.

Whatever you views or beliefs you are welcome to join us. For more details please contact Anthony Taylor (01920 830390) or David Plummer (01763 273152), or simply turn up on the day, there is no need to book in advance.

Worship on Good Friday

It has become something of a tradition that, on Good Friday at 10.30am in All Saints, our worship follows the events of the passion, taking us through the story in dramatised readings and music. We will again be finishing around the cross as we reflect on the crucifixion and its impact upon the world.

If you are looking for something a little different, our Curate, Lindsey Moss is setting up a series of stations in Standon church to help people reflect on the Easter story, and everyone is welcome in church from midday. If you prefer, a more traditional service of readings and reflection for Good Friday follows in St. Mary's at 2pm

Easter Day - Say it Again

Our Easter Day worship again begins with an early communion in All Saints at 8am, followed by our united celebration at St. Mary's Standon at 10.30am. Children from both our Sunday Clubs are being presented with the Easter scrapbooks they have been compiling for some weeks, whilst everyone who wishes to can renew their baptismal vows. It's a great day to make a fresh start with your faith and we'd love to see you there.

Tuesday Communion/Thursday Prayers

We have decided for a trial period to continue holding our Tuesday Communion (9.30am) at St. Catherine's Sacombe. Now that the building work is complete, our Thursday morning prayers (9.15am) will return to All Saints after Easter. All are welcome.

Spring is Sprung

Also after Easter, the evening services at St Catherine's will revert to their summertime slot, at 6pm.

Holiday Club is Almost Here

Our annual benefice holiday club starts on Monday April 12th so if your child is aged from reception to Year 6 we would love to welcome them each morning from 12th – 15th, for games, singing, craft activities, Bible stories and general excitement. The action takes place at St. Mary's, Standon, but we are hoping that

folk from this side of the A10 will again come in good numbers. You'll need an application form if you haven't already received one - please ring David or Jo Payne on 821390 soon!

Bye to the Bishop

News has reached us that the Bishop of Hertford, the Rt Rev Christopher Foster has been appointed as the next Bishop of Portsmouth. Bishop Christopher has been very supportive of the churches in Little Munden and Sacombe and will be greatly missed. Our churches are making a contribution to Christopher's leaving present, but we are happy to pass on any other contributions. Cheques should be made payable to the Bishop of St. Albans Special Account and can be given to the Vicar or Churchwardens.

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS EMERGENCY/CRIME OCCURRING NOW 999

Non-emergency number 0845 33 00 222

Inspector 913 Damien Kennedy 01992 533127

Sergeant 1714 Duncan Wallace 01992 533328

Rural PCSO 6577 Jo Alston 01992 533330

Rural PC 669 Kevin Gibbs 01992 533329

Schools PCSO 6673 Janet Geach 01992 533329

Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator 01992 531423

CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111

Call anonymously with information about crime.

DEAF, HARD OF HEARING?

If you or someone you know is deaf or hard of hearing, there is an emergency text messaging service that is now in use to allow you to contact the Emergency Services. Please text **07786 207 091** including who is needed - Police, Fire or Ambulance, where they are needed and what the problem is.

1st Little Munden Guides

For girls aged 10 and a half to 14

Wednesday nights 7:30pm-9pm

Little Munden School, Dane End

For all girls looking for fun and adventure!!!

For details contact Katie on 07792712563

or email: xx_katie_gentryxx@hotmail.co.uk

DAME ENDERS

LADIES MEETING:

**Please contact Barbara for details:
438277**

www.hertsmemories.org.uk

Take a look at this most interesting website, thank you Jacky for forwarding the information.



THANKS

I would like to thank my family, friends and neighbours for the lovely get well cards, flowers and messages sent by you when I was taken very ill and to Little Munden Brownies and friends on the 384 bus Wednesday.

You all gave me an inner strength and I am happy to say, I am now making a slow, good recovery.

Love to you all. Doris and Arthur Smith.

East Herts Eco FilmFest April 2010 at Hertford

East Herts Eco FilmFest, Saturday 24th April at Castle Hall, The Wash, Hertford.

1.30pm to 9.30pm. FREE Entry. A family programme of entertaining, provocative and inspiring environmental films and children's creative workshops. Presented by East Herts Council and East Herts Eco Groups. Refreshments. See

www.transitionhertford.ning.com for further details or email transitionhertford@googlemail.com

ISABEL HOSPICE – April Sun 25th

Open Gardens at Great Munden House

2pm – 5pm Please come along to visit these beautiful gardens, open in aid of the Hospice by kind permission of Mrs. Bridget Wentworth-Stanley. Great Munden House, Great Munden,

BRAUGHING MUSIC SOCIETY

The Alberni String Quartet

Three Beethoven Quartets **Saturday 8th May 7:30 pm**

St Mary's Church, Braughing

TICKETS: 01763 289073

St NICHOLAS's CHURCH, GREAT MUNDEN

Thursday 8th April 7.15pm for 8pm

The Hermitage Ensemble: Traditional Russian folk songs. Tickets: £20 to include refreshments: Christopher Melliush at Thundridge Hill House, Ware, SG12 0UE. Cheques payable: St.Nicholas Church, Great Munden. Please enclose an SAE.

Little Munden Gardening Club

12th April at 7.45 p.m.

in the Memorial Hall

Major Shepherd from Watton Nursery

Planning and planting your borders

Please note that subs are due:

£12 per person please

Visitors welcome - £3 each visit

for a maximum of 3 visits.

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**

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!

Letter.....

'Just been reading the Church Newsletter about Mobile Phone Signals. I'm on Vodaphone and they do a thing called Sure Signal that plugs into the Broadband Router. I have one and can get a full signal all over the house, garden and up to end of my driveway.....'

Thank you for this information Margarete.

THE MUNDENS WEBSITES

www.mundens.net

This is the community website for the parishes of Little Munden, Great Munden and Sacombe. If you have any updates, comments or suggestions for the website please contact Carol Bartels (webmaster@munden.net). We would especially like to hear from young people in the parish – what would you like to see on this site?

www.themundenssource.myfreeforum.org

A place for the residents of The Mundens and surrounding area to find a friend, sell some stuff or skills. Post forthcoming events or just gossip and news.

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

New Parish Clerk:

Geraldine Ward

East View Cottage

Munden Road

Dane End

Herts SG12 0LH

Tel: 01920 438145

e-mail: g.ward129@btinternet.com

Mobile: 07561507799

Beane Valley Children's Centre

Our new leaflet will be out at sometime over the Easter holidays so please keep a look out. The leaflet will be sent out automatically to those people who have completed one of our registration forms. There has been some small changes to our programme of activities for the Summer term, a few of which are listed below.

Baby Massage courses are continuing with the next one starting 26th April, please note the change of day to a Monday. The course costs £10 and is suitable for babies from birth until they can crawl. Booking is essential so please call 01920 831053 to book your place.

Stay and Play group at Bramfield on Tuesday afternoons will be changing to an art and craft group also the group at Dane End on Friday afternoons will change to a more physical activity group.

Musical Minis will be changing to Benington again on Thursday afternoons. We will return to Dane End after the Summer holidays.

There will be a Story and Rhyme time at the Children's Centre before Toy Library on Tuesdays, starting at 2.30pm. There will be two groups on Friday mornings at Watton Community Hall for parents/carers and their babies or toddlers. Both of these sessions are based on the PEEP programme which focuses on how to make the most of learning opportunities in everyday life at home. Baby and Me 9.30 – 11am then Toddler and Me 10.30 – 12 noon.

We are introducing a new session on Saturdays for those who cannot make our week day groups - Saturday Stay and Play. This will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Watton at Stone School Hall 10 – 12 noon starting 8th May.

The MUNDENS and SACOMBE VILLAGE APPRAISAL QUESTIONNAIRE
Circulated with this edition of the Parish Newsletter is the questionnaire which is part of a national programme of village appraisals - ways of identifying what the people who live in a community think are the priorities for their villages. This is the first time you have been asked for your views in this way. Please complete this questionnaire. Discuss the questions with other members of your household so that you give a 'household view'. A special set of questions is enclosed for young people aged 11 to 17 years. THIS IS IMPORTANT; the experience of other villages is that their surveys have led to much useful action, particularly as an aide to obtaining grant funding for local projects.

Sponsored Ride & Barbecue
Sunday 16th May

In aid of the
Herts & Essex Border Group of
Riding for the Disabled Association
At Woodhall Park, Watton at Stone.
Rides of 3, 6 and 9 miles
For more information :
www.horsedates.co.uk
or contact Alex Cater : 01763 289808
alex.cater@btopenworld.com

Playdays Toddler Group (Dane End)

Contacts: Jo Willis and Isabel Teare

Phone: 01920 438633

email: jo.willishome@googlemail.com

isabel.teare@virgin.net

Venue: Little Munden Memorial Hall, Dane End

Times: Mondays during term time from 9.45 to 11.45am.

Cost: £2 for an adult and first child, plus 50p for each subsequent child.

Playdays provides a friendly and stimulating environment for babies and pre-schoolers and an opportunity for carers to meet and chat. There is a range of toys and activities for free play, often including an art or craft option. Drinks and biscuits are provided for the children, with tea and coffee for the adults. Music and singing usually rounds off each session. The hall has an outside play area for use in fine weather. All are welcome: parents, grandparents, nannies and other carers.

POLICE OFFICER COMMENTS

'You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket!'

'If you run, you'll only go to jail tired.'

**12HR SPONSORED DARTS MARATHON
IN AID OF THE HERTS AIR AMBULANCE
SUNDAY 4TH APRIL 11am TILL 11pm
AT THE REST & WELCOME HAULTWICK**

If anyone would like to sponsor us or donate to this appeal please contact
Rob at The Rest and Welcome 01920 438323
or Tracey Albrecht 01920 438432
Please come along and support us on the day.

LITTLE MUNDEN CRICKET CLUB

It will soon be time for cricket again at Green End. After relegation last season we will be playing in Division 7 of the Herts & Essex Cricket League where it should be an interesting season with teams evenly matched. Spectators are always welcome - we play on Saturdays at 1.30pm and home/away dates will be published in this newsletter throughout the season.

FORTHCOMING DATES

Wednesday 21st April and every Wednesday until September - practice evening – come along from 6pm onwards.

Sunday 25th April - Pre-season friendly practice and 20/20 game - 1.30pm.

Saturday 1st May - league season starts with home game against Takeley II - 1.30pm.

PLAYERS WANTED

Come and play for your local team - home games are at Green End and away games along the Herts/Essex border. If you are interested in playing contact Dan Ward for details on 01920 413288 or come along on a Wednesday evening, or on Sunday 25th April.

LITTLE MUNDEN SCHOOL

It seems amazing that we are literally days away from Easter already. There has been so much happening over the past weeks and as always the children have truly inspired us with their learning.

It was lovely to see mums and grannies in Classes 1 and 2 on the Friday before Mothering Sunday and only this morning Class 1 did an assembly for the school, friends and relatives showing just how much they have achieved. A Chinese dragon danced across the hall floor; we had demonstrations of measuring, growing, songs, painting, writing, report of a visit to the farm to see lambs being born and so much more and it was wonderful to hear the children, who are 4 and 5 years old, speaking clearly and loudly in front of an audience of nearly 100. The visitors then had the chance to visit the classroom to see all the other wonderful work the children have done.

We are lucky to have our two students from the University of Hertfordshire back with us for the majority of the summer term; Mr Montague is working with Class 2 and Miss Codd is with Class 1.

One of the key events of this term has been participation in the Hertford and Ware Schools' dance Festival at Castle Hall. The children from Class 4 performed a Marx Brothers Dance and their routine was highly praised by the Secondary Sports Officer. They have also been to the Royal Albert Hall to take part in the Hertfordshire Sing Up concert along with

other primary schools from the area. It was a fabulous event and how many children are able to say, 'I have performed at the Royal Albert Hall' by the time they are 11? Many thanks go to Miss Spiers, Miss Steed and Mrs Brown for all their hard work in getting the children ready to perform so confidently.

Our School Council is now up and running at full speed again. The children have discussed topics such as mirrors in the toilets, pencil cases, lunch routines, bike racks, buddies and fire procedures, to name but a few. We have ordered some mirrors, had a vote on the use of pencil cases, a bike rack is being installed over the Easter holidays.....and the list goes on. The Class representatives are highly motivated and have worked hard to make sure every child has the opportunity to be involved in the development of our school. Another thing the School Council organised was a fund raising event in aid of the victims of the Haiti earthquake. We had a bring and buy sale, non-uniform day, disco and donations all amounting to nearly £300.

We are ending the term with an exciting French Café on Tuesday when all the children from Reception to Year 6 will spend the day practising French and sampling French foods. Parents are invited to attend from 2.30pm. And then of course we are holding our end of term Easter service in the church on Wednesday at 1.30pm

Since February ½ term we have welcomed two new governors on to our Governing Body, Mr Jonathan Poole and Mrs Jane Mulcahy and we look forward to working with them both. Many of our governors have come to visit the school while in session this term and we have enjoyed the opportunity of sharing with them the daily life of Little Munden Primary School.

I am sure many of you will also have heard by now that we will be losing two very valued members of staff at the end of the summer term. After 24 years of dedicated service to Little Munden School, Mrs Warman has finally decided to retire. I am indebted to Ruth for all the help and support she has given to me over the past year and a half and I am extremely grateful that she has stayed to help me settle in. We are of course sad that she will be leaving, but wish her every happiness as she embarks on new ventures, following some of her own personal interests and passions. Beekeeping, walking and travelling are all on the agenda.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Wells after 10 years working at Little Munden as she too would like to follow some of her own personal interests. Mrs Wells has stayed longer than she intended due to her loyalty and to the school and Mrs Warman and is now taking this opportunity to spend more time with her family and to follow new goals.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter and if you would like to learn more about the school or come and visit us, do contact the school office or visit our website www.littlemunden.herts.sch.uk

Mrs J. Balado - Head Teacher



Class 1 and their Chinese Dragon

**AND FINALLY
A WORD FROM THE EDITOR!**

Emily conquered the mighty Cook Strait!

Emily was due to take on the swim on February 23rd but had to postpone it due to adverse weather conditions, she completed the challenge on March 9th in just under 10 hours. The first hour was a pleasant swim with a calm sea but then conditions turned for the worse with winds of 17 knots blowing up and the sea becoming a seething cauldron. For one hour she swam getting nowhere with the strong currents pulling her back but with terrific endurance and prayer she finally managed to swim through becoming the 67th person to cross the Strait since the challenge began in 1962 and the first British woman; earning herself a place in the record books!

Poor Pete, who had 'enjoyed' bobbing along in the dinghy, passing Emily her feeds for the hour of calm waters then became very sick when the weather turned. He had to take refuge on the main support boat swapping places with Aidan, Emily's boyfriend who had been sick in the confines of the cabin. With relief they swapped places however, due to their indisposed conditions, there is very little video footage or photographs of the epic occasion!

We would all like to thank those of you who have supported her through prayers, messages, and sponsorship; we are so very grateful to you all. Emily aimed to raise £5,000 for the purchase and installation of a chair hoist for the disabled at Hampton Pool, donations have now exceeded this with money still coming in!

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Please take your news to Barbara Springate at
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May Deadline
23rd April

