



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



Sunday March 7th

* 8.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Standon
10.30am	United Morning Worship	All Saints, Little Munden
6.00pm	Taizé Service	Little Munden

Mothering Sunday March 14th

10.30am	All-Age Worship	Standon
10.30am	All-Age Worship	Little Munden
* 3.00pm	Holy Communion	St Catherine's, Sacombe

Sunday March 21st

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

Palm Sunday March 28th

10.30am	All-Age Worship	Standon
10.30am	All-Age Worship	Little Munden
6.00pm	Healing Service	Sacombe

Monday March 29th

8.00pm	Easter Devotions	Little Munden
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Tuesday March 30th

8.00pm	Easter Devotions	Little Munden
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Wednesday March 31st

8.00pm	Easter Devotions	Little Munden
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Maundy Thursday April 1st

*8.00pm	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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Good Friday April 2nd

10.30am	Service by the Cross	Little Munden
2.00pm	Service of Reflection	Standon

Easter Day April 4th

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

*service from Book of Common Prayer

Midweek Communion & Prayers at Sacombe

Our Tuesday Communion (9.30am) and Thursday prayers (9.15am) will be held at St. Catherine's until further notice. Regular and new attenders are all welcome.

Rector: Revd David Payne, The Vicarage, Standon. Tel 01920 821390
Curate: Rev Lindsey Moss. Tel 01920 822077

Churchwardens:

The Mundens

Barbara Springate 438277
Jenny MacIntosh 438286

Sacombe

Diane Gale 438493
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Websites:

www.achurchnearyou.com/littlemundens

www.achurchnearyou.com/sacombe

Bible Readings for March

March 7 th	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 55: 1-9, Luke 13: 1-9
March 14 th	Mothering Sunday	(Sacombe) Joshua 5: 9-12, Luke 15: 1-10
March 21 st	5 th Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 43: 16-21, John 12: 1-8
March 28 th	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50: 4-9, Luke 19: 28-40
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

Shelf Awareness

Just occasionally I find myself in the supermarket. It's the least I can do, and helps dispel the jet-set celebrity image of Vicars who don't touch base with ordinary people as I mingle over the broccoli and baked beans. However, the sporadic nature of my appearances there often means that I am left baffled where certain things are.

In the old days, you would have asked an assistant who would have issued a complicated series of lefts and rights. Now, in the era when supermarkets vie to offer you more ("Can I carry those two tubs of Flora to your car?"), the routine is to regally escort you to the Corn Flakes.

It's the sat-nav approach to shopping, but it also reveals an important truth – that a good guide beats a list of instructions any day of the week. I first learnt this when a Tranmere Rovers fan ran with me through the streets of Birkenhead just to ensure that I caught the only bus that would get me home that day. Greater love hath no football fan than that, as they say, and I will always remember and bless him for it.

And, it seems to me, there is a similar pattern to living as a Christian. When Jesus says 'I am the way, the truth and the life' he is not offering to describe or show us the way to live, he is promising a relationship in which life unfolds and makes sense as we live it out with him.

It is this that makes all the difference between the way that so many people view Christianity, as a set of sterile rules and restrictions, and the richness of a living relationship in which we find the love and direction promised in the way, the truth and the life. Whether in the life of faith, or in the supermarket in particular, the words of St. Augustine ring true for me: 'I do not know what lies ahead, but well do I know my guide.'

David Payne

From the Registers

We offer love and sympathy to those who mourn for:
Stephen Bridges and Diana Kirk

Let Everything that has Breath Praise God!

Is the title of this year's Women's World Day of Prayer service, prepared by women from Cameroon. The service will be on Friday 5th March at a church near you! If you'd like to know which one (unknown at time of going to press), or to find out about this popular occasion, please ring Jo Payne on 01920 821390.

Mothering Sunday – 14th March

This year we have made our Mothering Sunday service at All Saints as family-friendly as possible, so why not treat Mum by bringing her to the service at 10.30am? We intend to be distributing flowers and cards and reflecting on some of the many aspects of being a mother. For those who prefer something a bit more formal and structured, we will be holding a communion service at St. Catherine's, Sacombe at 3.00pm

Trying Taizé

Based on the form of worship used in the religious community at Taizé, we are holding our first such service on Sunday March 7th at 6.00pm in All Saints, Little Munden. The format is simple - prayers interspersed with the simple, melodic chants that have become known and recognised the world over. Please join us if you would like to try this way of worshipping.

Holiday Club

It's time to book spaces for your kids if you want them to enjoy 'Circus Fantastica,' this year's benefice holiday club, for children of reception age to Year 6. The dates are from 12th - 15th April, and the venue is St. Mary's in Standon. Application forms will soon be sent out to all eligible Little Munden and Ralph Sadleir pupils. If your children attend another school or live outside the area please ring David or Jo Payne on 821390 to book them in.

Coffee Night at St Nick's

Don't forget, all you folks from Great Munden, Nasty, Rush Green and all those distant settlements in the north of our benefice. Come along to St Nicholas' Church on Friday 12th March, from 7.30pm till closing time, to enjoy a drink, a nibble or a cuppa. This a good opportunity for people who are fairly new to the area to get to meet some of their neighbours in an informal and friendly gathering.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT CARBON FOOTPRINTING?

DO YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO CONTROL YOUR FOOTPRINT?

Then come along to 'YOUR CARBON COUNTS'

At: **The Corn Exchange, Fore Street, Hertford.**
17th March 6pm – 8pm.

Environmental subjects presented by the University of Hertfordshire. Entrance: £5 per person to include a buffet supper. Bookings: 01438 317722

1st LITTLE MUNDEN BROWNIES

Will be holding their annual flower and plant sale outside the shop on Mothering Sunday 14th March from 9am.

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

POSTCARDS

Last year **£13, 600** was raised for the Sudan Church Association for work in the Sudan. Please save your postcards and take them to: Barbara Springate, Little Munden School, All Saints Church, St. Catherines Church or give them to me: Jackie Morris. Thank you, keep them coming in!

DAME ENDERS

LADIES MEETING:

Please contact Barbara for details:
438277



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.

HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

HARECOURSERS AND POACHERS

We are starting to see an increase in hare coursing and poaching incidents mainly on the East Side, Anstey through to Braughing, but also around Dane End.

Sunday afternoons is peak time for hare coursing, particularly if it is not raining. Men in 4x4's or vans course the dogs, betting lots of money in fields. If you see 3 or 4 men with several lurcher type dogs in a field, **phone it in**. It will more than likely be a coursing event of some sort.

Poaching at night with rifles and night scopes, sometimes known as lamping, involves 4x4's loaded with men in camouflage clothing. They drive around farmers fields and tracks, shooting deer. Again, they generally come out in the fine weather but the tell tale tyre tracks in the morning betrays their presence. Rare encounters with gamekeepers often result in threats of violence. **Do not tackle them.**

If you see what you believe to be either of these activities taking place, day or night, dial **999** if its in progress or **0845 33 00 222** if they've gone. Your Rural Policing Team will respond and it is our Local Priority. Please be prepared to have some evidence for us so we can act on it!!

PC 446 Paul Scott

Little Munden Gardening Club
8th March at 7.45 p.m.
in the Memorial Hall
Gerald Greenaway from
Priorswood Clematis, Widford Hill
Everything you need to know
to grow clematis successfully
Visitors welcome


Immobilise

Help us reduce Thefts of Valuable items

Start the New Year by doing something positive. Protect all your new gifts by registering them FREE on the 'Immobilise' website.

This website is working in conjunction with Hertfordshire Constabulary to try to combat burglaries, thefts and robberies. By registering your valuables with immobilise you can guarantee that if we do find your valuables we will be able to return them to you.

We currently assist local schools and their students by registering their property at 'Immobilise' events which are held within the schools and the locality.

Immobilise can be used by members of the public and businesses to register their valued possessions or company assets, and exclusive to Immobilise all account holders registered items and ownership details are viewable on the Police national property database the NMPR (www.thenmpr.com .

This online checking service is used by all UK Police forces to trace owners of lost and stolen property. In addition, Immobilise is checked daily by a huge range of recovery agencies and lost property offices including the Transport For London Lost Property Office.

As a direct result of Immobilise, there are over 250 cases a week where property is returned or information collected that assists the Police in investigating criminal activity involving stolen goods. Immobilise currently have over 22 million members.

Immobilise is also the only ownership registration service supported by all UK Police forces, the Greater London Authority, Transport for London and the Mobile Phone Industry.

Please do feel free to speak to myself or my colleagues if you have any questions about Immobilise or visit the website www.immobilise.co.uk This is a provision which is provided free of charge.

PCSO Fiona Ashdown

THE WHIRLWIND OF APRIL 1877

In last month's newsletter, we read how the *Hertfordshire Mercury* reported the effects of storms over this area at various times in the 18th and 19th centuries. The paper recorded in great detail what damage was done in the "Star-lane" and Musley areas of Ware.

Later the storm passed "through Sacombe Park, the residence of S G Smith Esq., M.P. uprooting a large number of fine old trees and dismembering others. At Sacombe Green, however, on a farm occupied by Mr Thomas Mardell, and owned by Abel Smith Esq., M.P., the full force of this terrific storm seems to have been felt, for there the whirlwind, rushing with an indescribable sound, levelled every tree and building with which it came in contact. 'I

thought,' said one witness to the effects of the gale, 'that the end of the world had come! I could see from where I stood the bending of the trees as the storm came towards us, and could hear the awful rushing noise, and then almost immediately, with a dreadful sound it had passed over us, leaving the wreck you see!' Another individual, who was in the storm at this place, on being asked from what part of the heavens this thunderstorm appeared to come, replied that 'it seemed that the thunder and lightning were all over the heavens, and as if the very earth was breaking up!' It was here, too, that the only fatal accident in connexion with the storm occurred. During the height of gale, a servant on the farm named William Luck and a boy named John Bradley were engaged in one of the stables in which were four horses. A noise was heard – a sudden rush of wind – 'the stable shook and cracked, and then it was blown right over, and I,' the boy says, 'was buried underneath and found myself lying on the ground with the beams and rafters over me.'" Luck was buried under the ruins, and when his body was discovered it was found that a heavy beam of timber had caught him between his shoulders and neck, and he had been choked and suffocated by the *débris* of the ruined stable.

"Having completed the work of destruction at Sacombe Green, the storm, still continuing a north-westerly direction, passed over to Dane End leaving, as in its previous progress, a well-defined mark of the injury it was inflicting, and coming from behind the house formerly occupied by H E Surtees Esq., it here uprooted or blew over a great many large trees and upwards of one hundred yards of a heavy garden wall. A horse and cart belonging to Mr Armstrong, baker, Bennington, which were standing at the door of the public-house, were caught by the wind, and were momentarily lifted off the ground by its force. Passing along by the turnpike road, a number of fine trees and a large area of fencing were thrown down and destroyed, and going round by the King's Wood, where about 150 fine fir trees and four or five oaks were destroyed, it passed on to the late residence of Edwin Progers Esq., at Little Munden, where it partially stripped the roof off two of the wings of the house, damaged a large cedar tree, blew over a large elm, destroyed a quantity of garden glass, uprooted some trees near the school, and inflicted other injury.

"The last trace of the storm was at Muchers Green, Ardley, where it stripped off the roof of a cottage and did other damage. Such is an outline of the damage inflicted by this terrible storm, which future historians of this county may well class amongst the events of the period which are worthy of being recorded in their pages." And, indeed, in the pages of this illustrious parish newsletter.

POTHOLES!

Check out this website...makes for interesting reading! <http://potholes.co.uk/>

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

March

Sat 6th 14:30 - 16:30

Jumble Sale - Thundridge

Time: 2.30pm.

Thundridge Village Hall.

Details 01920 462992

Fri 19th

Murder Mystery: A Tribute to Fawltw Towers

19:30 - 23:00

The Manor of Groves Golf and Country Club, Sawbridgeworth,

Tickets cost £50: Lisa Seccombe 01707 382500

April

Sat 17th

Jumble Sale – Thundridge

14:30 - 16:30

Sun 25th

Open Gardens at Great Munden House

14:00 - 17:00

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

Five Star Swing

The best of jazz, swing and blues from Glen Miller to Jules Holland.

Saturday 20th March 7.30pm

St. Marys Church, Braughing

Tickets: 01763 289073



St NICHOLAS's CHURCH, GREAT MUNDEN

Thursday 8th April 7.15pm for 8pm

The Hermitage Ensemble will appear at St. Nicholas Church, Great Munden on Thursday April 8th, 7.15 for 8pm. Don't miss this wonderful performance by five distinguished Russian singers. The five professional Russian singers range from high counter-tenor to very low bass profundo. During the first part of the programme they will sing traditional hymns of the Russian Orthodox Church (including Rachmaninov "Vespers"). In the second, they will sing traditional Russian folk songs. Tickets at £20 each to include refreshments, available from Christopher Melliush at Thundridge Hill House, Ware, SG12 0UE. Cheques please in favour of St. Nicholas Church, Great Munden. Please enclose an SAE. If you are unable to be there, please consider a donation instead.

FRIENDS OF ST. MARYS

Auction of Promises,

Saturday 13th March in the Village Hall, Standon

at 8pm. A bar will be available. Entry by catalogue on the door or in advance (£1), but bring your cheque books!

Tickets: Caroline Franks 01920 822723

GREAT MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting: Wednesday 17th March

In Great Munden Church at 7.30pm

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!

THE MUNDENS WEBSITES

www.themundenssource.myfreeforum.org

www.mundens.net

Beane Valley Children's Centre

We found the following advertisement in the Community Development Agency for Herts newsletter which may be useful.

"The Arthur Rank Centre is committed to supporting the rural community, and has set up the "Computers for Rural People" scheme to provide computers at very low cost to encourage people to take the first step. So if you think a computer might be useful, but can't afford several hundred pounds just to try, we can help you. At a really low price we can provide a computer of your own, pre-loaded with Microsoft software, and delivered to your door with 3 months warranty, to get you started. A fully functioning computer costs as little as £99.

Community Projects – if you need more than one computer (e.g. for a Drop-in centre, School etc) the prices are even lower!" How to order – call 024 7685 3066,

email: info@arthurrankcentre.org.uk or write to:

Computers for Rural People

The Arthur Rank Centre

Stoneleigh Park

Warwickshire, CV8 2LZ.

Our **Baby Massage** courses are proving popular. These courses last 5 weeks and are for parent and baby only before they are able to crawl. Our next course starts Tuesday 27th April and costs £10. Please call us on 01920 831053 to book.

Understanding Teens. There will be two free workshops running for parents who want to know more about what to expect. It is also suitable for parents of children in years 5 & 6 to prepare you for the teenage years.

Understanding Girl Teens on Tuesday 9th March in Datchworth School, 7pm – 9pm

Understanding Boy Teens on Wednesday 24th March in Watton School, 7pm – 9pm

Please call us on 01920 831053 to book.

We have another **Family First Aid** course starting on Wednesday 3 March for two weeks in Watton School, 7pm – 9pm. The course covers emergency first aid for babies and children, a certificate and booklet is provided for a £10 course fee.

Please call us on 01920 831053 to book.

Please look on our website for details of our activities and courses: www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/centre

The MUNDENS and SACOMBE VILLAGE APPRAISAL QUESTIONNAIRE

It is proposed to circulate with the April edition of the Parish Newsletter a questionnaire which is to be part of a national programme of village appraisals - ways of identifying what the people who live or work in a community think are the priorities for their villages. This is the first time that the parishioners of Little Munden (comprising the communities of Dane End, Little Munden, Green End, Haultwick, Whitehill and Potters Green), Great Munden, Nasty, Sacombe and Sacombe Green have been asked for their views in this way. It is hoped all parishioners will complete this questionnaire; 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.

The intention is that you will discuss the questions with other members of your household so that you give a 'household view'. A special set of questions will be attached for young people aged 11 to 17 years.

A public meeting will be held in due course to discuss the results of the survey and it will be used to form the basis of an action plan to be agreed by your Parish Council.

MOBILE PHONE RECEPTION

I have been told that by purchasing from Orange an **LG GT 505** a mobile phone reception can be obtained. It apparently works through a wireless router using the broadband signal. This info has come from a resident of Dane End who has in the past had **no** mobile signal.

Being non-technical I am unable to tell you any more than that!

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.

AND FINALLY A WORD FROM THE EDITOR!

The Cook Straits have at the moment been unconquerable for Emily. The weather when she arrived in New Zealand was perfect and she spent a very successful couple of weeks training; swimming in the sea, lakes and even a lake at the top of a dormant volcano! Interspersed with her training she has kayaked and trekked many miles.

It was all very idyllic.....

And then Pete arrived a week before the 'big swim'.... and the weather changed! The wind and rain battered the coast and stirred up the Cook Straits into a turbulent cauldron. Emilys five day swimming 'slot' between tides was spent in a great state of nervous tension as the Straits were ravaged with gales of 30 knots.

And so, her week came and went and the weather came and stayed. It seems the whole worlds weather is at the moment in a state of turbulence but with a favourable tide again from March 7th to March 13th she is staying on in New Zealand and hopes for the sea to calm enough to attempt the illusive crossing.

Thank you for your phone calls, text messages and emails of support, they have been greatly appreciated. If you would like to catch up on the details of her adventure, visit her blogsite:

www.emilyswimsnewzealand.blogspot.com

If you have difficulty accessing it, copy and paste it into the Google search engine.

Training in Wellington Harbour: spot her arm!



Any views or opinions presented are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of the Editor.

Please take your news to Barbara Springate at Horseshoe Villa, Munden Road or Give me a ring, or drop me a line Jackie Morris, Chauffeurs Cottage, Green End, Dane End. Phone: 438551 Email : Jackiemorris@tesco.net

April Deadline
26th March

