



The Mundens with Sacombe Church and Parish Newsletter



OCTOBER 2011

Sunday 2nd October

*8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's, Standon
10.30am United Morning Worship for Harvest All Saints', Little Mundens

Sunday 9th October

10.30am Harvest Festival Service Standon
10.30am Holy Communion Little Mundens
6.00pm Harvest Praise St Catherine's, Sacombe

Sunday 16th October

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

Sunday 23rd October

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

Sunday 30th October

10.30am United Holy Communion Little Mundens
3.00pm Service of Memories 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 Mundens. You would be warmly welcomed at any of these services.

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Curate: Revd Lindsey Moss.

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Churchwardens:

The Mundens		Sacombe	
Jenny Macintosh	438286	Diane Gale	438493
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Websites:

www.achurchnearyou.com/littlemundens www.achurchnearyou.com/sacombe

Bible Readings for October

2 nd October	15 th Sunday after Trinity	1 Peter 2: 1-6, Matthew 21: 33-46
9 th October	16 th Sunday after Trinity	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18, Luke 12: 16-30
16 th October	17 th Sunday after Trinity	1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10, Matthew 22: 15-22
23 rd October	Bible Sunday <i>(Readings from King James Bible)</i>	Colossians 3: 12-17, Matthew 24: 30-35
30 th October	All Saints Day	1 John 3: 1-3, Matthew 5: 1-12

Ripe for Redevelopment?

Autumn and harvest festival. Time of mists and mellow fruitfulness, redolent with sentiment and nostalgia. My mind returns to a harvest festival in 1985 at the church of my future father-in-law. Half way through his sermon, two maggots appeared from a colossal Bramley and proceeded to race across the communion rail. I can't remember which one won, but it certainly distracted me from my contemplation of the Vicar's daughter's legs (I had, at that point, embraced his daughter if not his faith, if you see what I mean).

Maybe my inattention was because I couldn't see what the service stood for. Even then, the harvest was gathered long before the service that was supposed to accompany it, and the separation of consumers from the source of their food in this country was pretty much complete. People brought gifts of stuff they didn't want for local people, who didn't really need it or want it either. And yet the church continued with a harvest festival, because the church had always had a harvest festival... Except it probably hadn't. For the harvest festival, such as it was and often still is, was invented by a pot-smoking Cornish Vicar in 1843. In fact I once nearly caused a riot at a pensioners' lunch by telling them that frozen food was invented long before harvest festivals ever were.

There is, of course, a case for tracing the roots of harvest festival back to the Old Testament feasts in Deuteronomy, where themes of thanksgiving to God for his provision, care for creation and feeding the vulnerable were all rendered memorable by the fact that everybody grew their own food and the consequences of a failed harvest were obvious to all.

*Perhaps a renewed emphasis on justice and respect for creation explains why so many churches choose to season their harvest services with environmental concerns and feeding the world's hungry. It's a step welcomed by some but not by all! To see how we manage it this year, why not join us at one of our services? We can't promise maggots or even shapely legs, but there may be the odd marrow, a bit of tradition, a few new ideas and worship of the God of all creation. **David Payne***

The annual TEARCRAFT (now renamed Created) coffee morning takes place in All Saints Church Little Munden on Saturday, 12th November from 10am to 2pm. All proceeds are for Christian relief work in needy and underprivileged parts of the world. An impressive range of attractive and useful products will be on sale, including handicrafts, Christmas cards, fine metal work, toys, all ideal for your home or as presents. You are assured a warm welcome with refreshments in the newly redeveloped church building. Hope to see many of you there.

Peter and Sally Aknai - 01920 830 614

Lunchtime concerts at St Mary's, Standon

There will be a series of three concerts on Saturdays in October. Each will begin at 12.30pm, and will last about 45 minutes.

- 1st October "A Musical Miscellany"
Marion and Michael Smith
(Piano and Organ)
- 8th October "Wichvoice"
A vocal quartet from Trinity College
of Music
- 15th October "Choirs United"
The United Benefice Choirs of
Standon & The Mundens with Sacombe

Lunch (soup, bread and cheese @ £3) and hot drinks
will be available from 12pm

Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection
in aid of the Friends of St Mary's.

Little Munden Cafe

open Thursdays until 20th October

3 - 4.30pm

in the church

Fresh tea, coffee, delicious homemade
cakes & a warm welcome

Fairly traded products served
whenever possible

Children's play area

The cafe is not for profit; donations
welcomed to cover costs

For information / transport please
contact:

Gaby 01920 438379

Marion 01920 821281

Hope to see you there!

Did you know: If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth. If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth.

ISABEL HOSPICE

OCTOBER

Sun 2nd - Manuden Fun Run

11:00 - 13:00

10k and 5k fun run with 1k children's run.

Info: <http://www.manuden.org.uk>

Sat 22 Oct

Grim Duathlon - 10:30

Take on the trails, hills, mud, water, cammo nets, moguls and the sand dune on the Army's vehicle testing circuit. All the elements are there to be mastered, but all you'll have will be your trainers and the bike – will you survive?

Details: 01707 382500

NOVEMBER

Sun 6th

Hanbury Manor Christmas Fair

10:30 - 16:30

Garden Court, Hanbury Manor

Sat 12th

Jumble Sale - Thundridge

14:30 - 16:30

Sat 5th & 6th

Albury Art & Craft Show

11:00 - 16:00

Home made cakes and teas and coffees. Albury Village Hall, Albury,

Information: 01279 771999

Sat 12th

Jumble Sale - Thundridge

14:30 - 16:30

Venue: Thundridge Village Hall. Time: 2.30pm.

Details 01920 462992

QC Chamber Choir: Victoria - Requiem Mass and Croft - Burial Sentences with Camerata Antica Consort, Director Matthew Manchester St Mary's Church, Welwyn Saturday 8th October at 7:30pm Tickets (including programme and interval refreshments) £10, under 18s free Available from 01992 464808 or on the door.

BRIGHT SPARKS PARTY

Sunday 30th October 2011

4pm to 6pm

Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre, Station Road, Puckeridge

A Christian alternative to 'trick-or-treating' for children

up to 13 years old

Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult

Bible stories, games, craft, quizzes, snack time

No fancy dress please, bright colours encouraged!

If you would like your child to attend please contact Marion Smith on 01920 821281 or email

marionsmith1456@btinternet.com

Did you know: It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Playdays Toddler Group (Dane End)

Contacts: Jo Willis and Isabel Teare

Phone: 01920 438633

email: jo.willishome@goolemail.com,

isabel.teare@gmail.com

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 snacks 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.

Interest in heating oil buying groups

(<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/oilclubs>)

is on the rise. Customers and communities are increasingly aware of the cost of energy and the need to buy and use energy as efficiently as possible.

The publication "Best Practice for Oil Buying Groups" (<http://www.acre.org.uk/Resources/ACRE/Documents/Climate%20Change/FINAL%20WEB%20VERSION%20Best%20Practice%20for%20Oil%20Buying%20Groups%2008%20Sept%2011.pdf>)

explains how heating oil is traded, what you need to consider before setting up, or becoming involved in, a buying group (also known as oil clubs, oil syndicates or oil co-operatives) and ideas on how to run and manage your group once established. It will also highlight some pitfalls to avoid and help you assess what is the best option for you and your community.

Did you know: Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros.

MUSIC AT ST. NICHOLAS

On Saturday October 15th at 7.30pm there will be a performance by the Philharmonia Voices: "Visions of Heaven"

Tickets price £25 are available from:

Christopher Melliush, Thundridge House, Ware SG12 0UE
Please make cheques payable to St Nicholas Church and enclose a stamped addressed envelope

On Thursday November 3rd at 7.15 for 8pm. There will be performance of: "My Darling Clemmie",

Tickets price £15 also from Christopher Melliush, address as above.

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**

Did you know: The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

THE MUNDENS WEBSITES

www.mundens.net

If you have any updates, comments or suggestions for the website please contact Carol Bartels

webmaster@munden.net.

www.themundenssource.myfreeforum.org

www.hertsmemories.org.uk

Take a look at this most interesting website.

Walking in Herts www.walkinginherts.co.uk

Did you know? In ancient times, strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed

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!

**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 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.



**Thursday 6th October 7.30 pm
Come along and make your
Christmas Pudding**

This is a great evening of fun, It gets that job done that you keep putting off, and if you have never done it before we will give you a lot of encouragement.

Give me a ring and I can let you have a recipe, also things you need to bring,
Barbara Springate 438277.

Also that evening we are making Guys ready for the Bonfire.

**POLICE CONTACT DETAILS
EMERGENCY/CRIME OCCURRING NOW 999
Non-emergency number 101**

Inspector 1274 Chris HUNT
Sergeant 1714 Duncan WALLACE
PC 334 Nicola HUNT
PC 553 Les BRIDGER
PC 1017 Sarah LIDDARD
PCSO 6135 Steve BLANKS

Your neighbourhood team can be contacted on:
01992 533329 or 101

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

Call anonymously with information about crime.



DEAF, HARD OF HEARING?

Please text **07786 207 091** including who is needed: Police, Fire or Ambulance, where they are needed and what the problem is.

POLICE SURGERY

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

HARVEST SUPPER

Once again there is a chance to join in the fun of the **Harvest Supper**. There will be a home cooked meal and wonderful puds and tickets are only **£5** per head.

All this happens on **Sunday, Oct 2nd** at the **Community Centre**, Puckeridge; starting at **6pm**, food served at 6.30pm.

Please bring your own drink.

For tickets please contact Marilyn Overall on **01920 821848** or email

marilyn.overall@btinternet.com.

BRAUGHING MUSIC SOCIETY

**An Evening of Cool Jazz
Saturday 8th October 7.30pm
St. Marys Church Braughing**

GREAT MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Next meeting: Tuesday 15th November
7.30pm Great Munden Church**

Come horse riding in beautiful Hertfordshire countryside
Lovely sensible & steady horses
Hats/boots provided - £25/hour hack
Some riding experience necessary - adults preferred
Located in Dane End - Please call 07761 534470

Little Munden Parish Council Precis of the Meeting Held on 15th September

There was an excellent turn out for the meeting and discussion took place on Planning, Finance, Correspondence and the Village Plan. It was noted that the Plans for planning applications on the new electronic format from East Herts Council were extremely difficult to download which will have to be rectified as a matter of urgency.

It was agreed at the meeting that the Council should carry out a Risk Assessment to be in place by the end of the financial year and that this should be ready for approval by the February 2012 meeting. This would include a Major Incident Emergency Plan, which would be reviewed annually. All documents concerning this will be available to peruse on www.mundens.net.

The Village Plan was also discussed and in particular, the possibility of the formation of a Youth Club.

David Metcalf reported on the Youth Projects Meeting, which had taken place on the previous Tuesday. He reported that there had been an extremely poor attendance. The Council agreed that the lack of interest by parents would be extremely detrimental to any youth activities that could be generated in the future. It was agreed that unless parents show their support in the formation of a

Youth Club, the plans would not be able to proceed. Will parents and children please come and show your support at the next meeting so we can get the facilities the young people of the village have requested.

**THE NEXT YOUTH PROJECT
MEETING**

**WILL BE HELD
ON TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER
IN THE
MEMORIAL HALL, DANE END
AT 7.30 PM
PLEASE COME AND SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT**

Please note Minutes of the Parish Council meetings can be found on line at www.mundens.net.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH
COUNCIL**

**WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER
AT LITTLE MUNDEN SCHOOL
AT 8 PM**

All Parishioners are welcome.

Geraldine Ward
Clerk to the Parish Council
Tel: 01920 438145
g.ward129@btinternet.com

WHY MEN ARE NEVER DEPRESSED:

Men Are Just Happier People....

Your last name stays put.

The garage is all yours.

Wedding plans take care of themselves.

Chocolate is just another snack.

You can never be pregnant.

Car mechanics tell you the truth.

The world is your urinal.

You never have to drive to another petrol station restroom because this one is just too icky.

You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.

Same work, more pay.

Wrinkles add character.

People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.

New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.

One mood all the time.

Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.

You know stuff about tanks and engines.

A ten-day vacation requires only one suitcase.

You can open all your own jars.

You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.

Your underwear is £8.95 for a three-pack.

Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.

You never have strap problems in public.

You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.

Everything on your face stays its original colour.

*The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
You only have to shave your face and neck.*

You can play with toys all your life.

One wallet and one pair of shoes: one colour for all seasons.

You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife.

You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache.

You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.

No wonder men are happier.

LITTLE MUNDEN SCHOOL

Well here we are at the start of another academic year!

The holidays have flown by and all of the children have moved up to their next year groups. We have said good bye to a number of children in July and think of them often and how they are getting on at their new schools. We also said goodbye to Miss Easton who has moved to a school in Hitchin to take up a promotion. Mr Woolhouse has retired from full-time teaching for health reasons and Mrs Penney is well into her maternity leave after the birth of her daughter Eva in July.

So we welcome Mrs Sarah Kirley to Class 2 (Marathon Class throughout this Olympic year!) who is covering Mrs Penney's maternity leave and also to Mrs Karen Dunn to Class 1 (Olympia). Just to complete the list, we also have Sparta Class for years 4, 5 and 6!

We also have a new group of pupils who have joined our Reception class as well as pupils in Year 6 and Year 2. Welcome to you all.

Again, over the summer holidays, further improvements have been made to our school. Class 1 has been completely refurbished and is a bright and colourful learning environment. Class 4 has been decorated and reorganised; many thanks to Tony Willis for his electrical skills which enabled us to reorganise the computers in Class 4 as well. The music room has been decorated. The playground markings have been redone. We have had a fence put in around the church boundary. The Millennium Garden has had a picket fence installed around it and a hand built pergola erected thanks to the hard work of Paul Gentry and Linda Sinfield.

I must also take this opportunity to mention my trusted caretaker Martin Scales who has worked tirelessly over the summer to make sure all of the above could happen, doing much of the donkey work and preparation himself.

So we are now 3 weeks in to the Autumn term and already Harvest has crept up on us, before we know it Christmas will be here!

As you will no doubt be aware, government funding for schools has been seriously reduced during the current financial climate. This means that many of the plans we had been hoping to work towards have had to be put on hold as we will not be receiving central funding. We have a number of projects that we are really keen to complete but for which we will need to do a serious amount of fundraising. Chief among these are the redesign of the Foundation outside area and the updating of our IT network along with the purchase of some laptops to replace those now out of date.

The combined cost of these projects is likely to be in the region of £30,000!

We have a superb group of Friends of Little Munden School (FOLMS) who have made it their mission to raise the money for the children to benefit from. If you consider yourself a friend of Little Munden School please do contact the school office and we will put you in touch with the Chairman. We are always looking for willing volunteers who would like to spend some time working with groups of children doing reading, cooking, art activities or generally helping in class as well as being there at fund raising events or helping with running stalls etc!

As always, at the beginning of the school year, we re-elect our school council. The new team is full of ideas about things we can do to improve our school and they will all be putting forward ideas for fundraising and making improvements over the year ahead.

We continue to work with Benington and Graveley schools on our creative curriculum and we hope to organise more days for the children to work together either by technology or in person!

As always we have a number of activities planned for the weeks ahead, starting with a visit to St Albans cathedral where our older pupils will be joining in a service to celebrate 200 years of Church Schools.

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 (currently being refurbished)

Mrs J. Balado - Head Teacher

DANE END UNITED

Fixtures

2.10.11. DE Utd v The White Bear L away
9.10.11. DE Utd v New Riverside LC cup away
16.10.11. DE Utd v Railway Arms J cup home
23.10.11.
30.10.11.

Results

28.8.11. DE Utd 6 v Old Boy 4
Scorers: T.Davey 3, L.Chater, L.Oakman, J.Groves
4.9.11. DE Utd 5 v Rifle Volunteer 3
Scorers: L.Chater, J.Groves, T.Caruso 2, B.Margett
18.9.11 DE Utd 0 v Allenbury 3

ZUMBA WITH SARKA

LATIN INSPIRED DANCE FITNESS
EVERY CLASS FEELS LIKE A PARTY
COME AND JOIN THE FUN

AT
LITTLE MUNDEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL
EVERY MONDAY 7.00 – 8.00 pm

NO BOOKING NECESSARY
£5/CLASS

AND FINALLY A WORD FROM THE EDITOR!

Keeping pets all my life, I never stop being amazed at their loyalty, devotion and extreme intelligence and at times have been left wondering.....

A few years ago, we were getting ready to go to Wales, we were taking our horse trailer - to transport furniture, not horses I hasten to add.

As regular readers would remember, we always take our cats and dogs away with us and at that time, we had six cats and two dogs!

Hobson who our friends would remember as being a most extraordinary cat, loved car journeys and knew, when we were loading the car we would be going to Wales, he would climb in and sit in the drivers seat waiting to go!

This particular evening he didn't get in the car but sat at a distance watching what was going on.

We were packed up and ready to go and gathered all our other cats and dogs and got them on board.... but not Hobson, he kept his distance and would not allow us to catch him. We were puzzled, we had **never** had to catch him before now. He kept himself just out of reach by hiding inaccessibly under vehicles and bushes. I spent an hour and a half trying to coax him out but to no avail. We even tried driving off as though we were finally on our way. We parked round the corner and I crept back on foot to try and catch him out expecting to find him sitting at the front door. But no, he was still sitting watching from the safety of a shrub. By now it was very late, we were tired and with a long journey ahead decided to go on our way and leave Hobson behind.

As Pete hadn't been very well that day, I drove, towing the horse trailer.

With the Severn Bridge a little way ahead, I felt an extreme tiredness come over me and told Pete he would need to take over the driving when we stopped at the toll booths.....and that's the last I remembered until I heard Pete shouting trying to wake me up. This first thing I saw was the back bumper of an articulated lorry.....

The rest is history and a frightening lesson....

Fortunately no other vehicle was involved but the horse trailer was written off as it overturned, scattering the contents along the M4 and the car was very badly damaged however, being a heavy four wheeled drive vehicle, it saved us from a worse fate.

In the impact, our cats and dogs, all in cages, were tumbled over and over but thankfully, although somewhat bemused, were ok.

Incredibly the vehicle behind us was a police car and in no time at all recovery was organised and the debris along the road was cleared.

Please, take it from me, when you see the signs on the motorway saying '**Tiredness Can Kill**'.....

It can and it does.

I was completely unaware of falling asleep...

The police told us the accidents at that point on the Severn Bridge were **always** fatal and that we had been extremely lucky to walk away with only bruises.....

What did Hobson know?

He never again refused to come in the car and continued to enjoy his trips to Wales until he died last year.....

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

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Green End,

Dane End. Phone: 438551
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November Deadline
28th October

