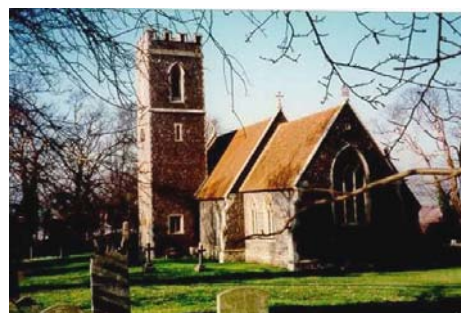




**The Mundens with Sacombe
Church and Parish
Newsletter
APRIL 2016**



Thursday 5th May (Ascension Day)

7.30pm Holy Communion Sacombe

Sunday 8th May

9.15am Family Worship Little Munden

10.45am Holy Communion Standon

Tuesday 10th May

*9.30am Holy Communion Sacombe

Sunday 15th May

*8.00am Holy Communion Little Munden

10.45am United Worship Standon

Tuesday 17th May

*9.30am Holy Communion Sacombe

Sunday 22nd May

9.15am Holy Communion Little Munden

10.45am Family Worship Standon

Tuesday 24th May

*9.30am Holy Communion Sacombe

Sunday 29th May

*8.00am Holy Communion Standon

10.45am United Holy Communion Sacombe

Tuesday 31st May

*9.30am Holy Communion Sacombe

Sunday 5th June

*8.00am Holy Communion Standon

10.45am United Worship Little Munden

*6.30pm Choral Evensong Standon

* service from Book of Common Prayer

Prayers will be said on Thursday mornings at 9.15am in the upper room at Little Munden.

Rector: Revd Alan Comfort, The Vicarage, Standon 01920 318864

Churchwardens:

Little Munden Colin Jenkinson 438379 Jeremy White 438575

Sacombe Peter Hudson 438379 Derek Wheeler 438875

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Bible Readings for May

5 th May	Ascension Day
8 th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter
15 th May Pentecost	Acts 2: 1-21, John 14: 8-17, 25-27
22 nd May	Trinity Sunday
29 th May 1 st after Trinity	Genesis 27: 1-8, 15-25, 30-35, Matthew 21: 12-13
5 th June	2 nd after Trinity

Acts 1: 1-11, Luke 24: 44-end
2 Samuel 15: 1-12, John 19: 25-27

Amos 8: 1-10, Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6
Genesis 4: 1-16, Matthew 5: 21-26

Letter from the Rector

The writing of my newsletter piece landed beautifully on a very special day: Thursday 21st April 2016, the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II. I realise not everyone feels exactly the same about our Royal Family, but it's surely difficult to find fault with the longest serving British Monarch, now in the 64th year of her reign. Personally, I feel privileged and proud to say that she is our Queen as well as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

Perhaps you will permit me a few moments to talk of her faith in God, which I believe is both unexpected and inspiring. Unexpected because many blessed people who have everything they could ever want in this life often live as if they don't need anything else, but our Queen has, throughout her long life, honoured and depended upon God. On the occasion of her 21st birthday in 1947 she openly declared her need for 'God to help me to make good my vow.' We have also grown used to her inspirational Christmas Day speeches, when she speaks openly of her trust in God and the Lord Jesus. In 2015, she said this: 'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness.' As we give thanks for her reign amongst us, our churches will be holding a special Choral Evensong on Sunday 5th June 6.30pm at St. Mary's, Standon, to celebrate her life and faith. Please come and join us.

That word 'anchor' is very important and central to what a faith in God can bring. To anchor something is to hold it secure and steady when the storms come. We know that a ship not anchored during a storm will be swept far away at best, and more likely destroyed on the rocks at worst. The tests and storms of this life are no less threatening and powerful, as the sad deaths of Victoria Wood and the singer Prince confirmed in this past week. A faith in God not only offers an answer to these storms, as I believe it does, but is a tangible strength holding firm during such storms. As we invite God to 'help' us in our lives and to 'forgive' our failures through Jesus, God instils a strength in you and me that anchors to everything that is good and of God. The bible calls this the Holy Spirit, that comes to live on the inside of our lives. It comes upon our invitation, but is of God's creation. Why

not ask God to give you this 'strength? If you want to find out more, why not ask?

Messy Church with Sports

For the next few weeks this will carry on meeting in **Dane End Memorial Hall**, on Saturday mornings from 10am to 11am in term-time. We start with hot chocolate and biscuits, and follow this with crafts, football or rugby. Mums and Dads are welcome to join in the fun, and the oldest boys are aged 14.

Please make a note that, from June 18th, we will move back to **All Saints' Church**.

Sacombe Summer Party

Make a note in your diary that St Catherine's will be holding its Summer Party on Saturday 2nd July, from 2pm to 5 pm. (This was previously advertised as happening on 25th June.)

VILLAGE LUNCH

for Dane End and around

Hosted by All Saints' Church

Come and celebrate the Queen's Birthday on

Thursday 19th May

12 noon

Memorial Hall

Sumptuous main course,
delicious pudding and coffee

Great fun and friendship

A short thought from the Vicar
who promises to make you laugh...

Again!

Small donation (£5)

Lifts can be arranged

Call Deborah on 01920 438436

Next Village Lunch will be held on

Thursday 16th June

ISABEL HOSPICE

Jumble Sale

Saturday 14th May from 2pm - Thunbridge Hall

NGS Teas in Garden

Wednesday 25th May and Monday 30th May

Mill House, Welwyn, AL6 9EU. 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Come along for a lovely afternoon tea in the garden, with all proceeds of teas to Isabel Hospice.

SACOMBE PARISH MEETING AGM

At St Catherine's Church on Thursday 26th May.
Refreshments at 7.30pm and meeting at 8pm.
All Sacombe parish residents welcome.

THE BARN DANCE 2016

The place to be on Saturday 18th of June

Lordship Farm, Dane End, Nr Ware, SG12 0NS
7pm until midnight

After another great Barn Dance last year and the success of the night where we were raising money in aid of Cancer Research UK and Herts Air Ambulance, we are putting on another Barn Dance this year. Thank you to all who came and made it such a great night last year. Over 200 people filled the barn young and old on a lovely summers evening, creating a great party atmosphere, a good time had by all.

The total amount raised through tickets sales, donations, raffle, auction of promises and our generous sponsors at the end of the evening was £9,218.48 a fantastic amount for a fantastic evening.

This is our 10th year of putting on the Barn Dance, so a special year. Hope you are all ready to Party??

This year we are raising money for Cancer Research UK, Herts Air Ambulance and Brain Tumour Research Campaign(BTRC). As usual this is a ticketed event, which includes a live band with caller, licensed bar, hog roast, auction of promises and a raffle.

Tickets are £17 payable in advance

To buy tickets, please ring

Chris Campbell 07989331396

Margaret Stanley 01920830641

Dave Stanley 07790624109

Tickets are also on sale at Dane End Stores

News from the Gardens of Easton Lodge May Rocks at the Gardens

The Dunmow Rock Choir will provide the entertainment at May's open day at the Gardens of Easton Lodge.

The choir will perform two half-hour sets at **1.30pm and 3pm on Sunday May 22nd.**

The Italian and Walled gardens will be open to visitors. For younger visitors, there will be plenty of craft and nature activities for children – and for only £1 they can do one of our ever popular quiz trails, with a yummy reward at the end! Bacon baps and cheese rolls will be on sale until 2.15pm; hot and cold drinks, crisps and delicious homemade cakes will be available until 4.30pm. Entrance fees are £4 for adults. **Gates are open from 11.30am until 5pm with last entry at 4pm.**

There will **guided tours (£1.50 per head) at 12.30pm and 2.30pm**; as always dogs are welcome on leads.

Information <http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk/>.

Phone: 01371 876979 (leave a message and we will get back to you) email: enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk.

St Mary's Church Hatfield Broad Oak Flower Festival – 'Myths and Legends' 28th, 29th and 30th May 10am-5pm

AN old favourite returns to this year's village flower festival, whose theme for the wonderful floral displays in our historic 12th century church will be 'Myths and Legends'. After a gap of a few years, our popular dog show is back – a fun event where the judges will be presenting prizes to dogs ranging from the cutest to the most mastiff-ful. To kick it all off, a local town crier will perform the opening ceremony at the doors of the church on Saturday May 28th at 10am. Over the course of the weekend there will also be a multitude of stalls and activities in the churchyard to entertain all the family, and on the Monday runners from far and wide will descend on the village for the annual 10k road race and children's one-mile fun run.

Free entry, free parking. For details, visit

www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchFlowerFestival

Little Munden Cafe

The Café is back, on Wednesdays
3pm-4.30pm in Little Munden Church
during term time

(not on 1st June – half-term)

All are very welcome, to enjoy fresh coffee, tea,
home-made cakes and squash.

The Café is free, but donations are welcome.

We serve fairly traded products wherever possible.

Hertford and Villages Children's Centre Group

Our first year as Hertford and Villages Children's Centre group has flown by and we hope all of our families are enjoying the groups that we are running.

Our current programme of events will run until the start of the school summer holidays in July. Some of our courses such as Baby Massage and Baking Beans prove to be very popular so please try and book as early as possible.

Don't forget we still run **Music and Physical Fun** in Benington Village Hall on Tuesday mornings, 9.15 until 10.45 am and then in Duncombe Hall, Bengo on Friday afternoons, 1.30pm until 3 pm.

We have **Childminder Group** twice a week: Monday morning at Beane Valley Children's Centre 9am until 11.30 am and Thursday mornings at Hertford Selections 9am until 11.30 am.

Please have a look at: www.hertfordandvillagescc.org.uk to see what is happening in the area. Also like us on our Facebook page: Hertford & Villages Children's Centres

Our telephone number is 01920 831053 should you have any queries.

GREAT MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting: Monday, 16th May (Annual meetings)
7.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Great Munden

LOCAL CONSTABULARY

Buntingford Rural West includes: Dane End, Green End, Haultwick, Little Munden, Great Munden, Levens Green, Nasty and are covered by PC 553 Les Bridger and PCSO 6135 Steve Blanks Contact: 01992 533329 or 101

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

DEAF, HARD OF HEARING?

Please text [07786 207 091](tel:07786207091) including who is needed: Police, Fire or Ambulance, where they are needed and what the problem is.

EMERGENCY/CRIME OCCURRING NOW 999

Non-emergency number 101

Or 01707 354000

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

Call anonymously with information about crime.



THE DAME ENDERS womens group meet on the first Thursday of each month for details: Sharon Johnson 438468, Josie Barnard 438700
As we have a flexible programme please contact Sharon or Josie for details of what is happening each month.

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.

THE MUNDENS WEBSITES

www.mundens.net

webmaster@mundens.net

www.themundenssource.myfreeforum.org

www.hertsmemories.org.uk

Walking in Herts www.walkinginherts.co.uk

www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults

LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

Children's parties : £10 per hour (up to 6.30pm)

Other functions : £15 per hour

For further information: Jo Wheeler 438875

email: dane-endhallbookings@outlook.com

KATS PRESENT

Tonight at 8: A Noel Coward Double Bill

Fri 13th and Sat 14th May 8pm

Knebworth Village Hall

Brief Encounter must surely be one of the best-loved romantic movies in film history. Did you know it began life as a One Act Play, *Still Life*, by Noel Coward as part of his Tonight at 8.30 series? This is your opportunity to get out the tissue box and revisit the the steamy railway buffet of the 1930s where our very own Trevor Howard (Terry Grimwood) and Celia Johnson (Lynsey Gammage) revisit the doomed love affair of Alec and Laura.

To make sure your evening isn't too heart-rending, we will also be performing *Ways and Means*, a light comedy from the same series about a feckless, but charming couple who have made house-guesting in aristocratic houses a way of life. They fund their passage between other people's homes by gambling. But their luck appears to be running out.

Tickets £8 (£7 concessions) include home-made cake in the interval. Box office Village News, Station Road, Knebworth. OR: Jo Simson 01438 814166, 07952 199183, jo.simson@ntlworld.com

FoLM QUIZ NIGHT

(adults only)

Saturday 21st May

at Little Munden School

7-10.30



Get your thinking caps and prepare to have a great laugh at FoLM's first quiz night! There will be a variety of questions to suit everyone's area of expertise! Prizes will be awarded to the

winning team.

Come as a team of 6, or we will help you help form one on the night.

Entry is £10 per person, this includes your first drink, a bap with either pulled pork or brisket and side salad. Don't forget the Ketchup!

Tickets are available from Little Munden School, alternatively:

Email FoLM@littlemunden.herts.sch.uk

All monies raised will be used to improve resources for the children of Little Munden School.

AND FINALLY A WORD FROM THE EDITOR!



Here is our Henry, 7 weeks old having his weekly swimming lesson with Emily and his daddy Aidan.

Whilst visiting friends in the area, she took the opportunity to go to Hampton open air lido where she worked many years ago.

Emily was quite determined to get him used to water and swimming early, his first 'lesson' was at three weeks old!

Channel swim, Cook Strait New Zealand.....

Here we come!

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:

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or email jackiemorris@tesco.net

June Deadline
May 27th

