



The Mundens with Sacombe
Church and Parish
Newsletter
MARCH 2026



Every Tuesday (except 7th April)

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
and Bible Study Sacombe

Every Wednesday (except 8th April)

9.30am Worship & Bible Study Standon

Sunday 1st March (Lent 2)

8.00am Holy Communion Standon
10.30am Morning Worship Lt Munden

Sunday 8th March (Lent 3)

10.30am Holy Communion Standon

Sunday 15th March (Mothering Sunday)

8.00am Holy Communion Standon
10.30am Holy Communion Lt Munden

Sunday 22nd March (Lent 5)

10.30 am Morning Worship Standon
6.00pm Stainer's "Crucifixion" Standon

Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday)

10.30am Morning Worship Sacombe

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm Holy Communion Sacombe

Good Friday 3rd April

10.30am Service Round the Cross Lt Munden
2.00pm Meditation Standon

Easter Day 5th April

10.30am Holy Communion Standon

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A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

This Lenten season is one which provides us with an opportunity to reflect, to do something different by giving up or taking up something and to ready ourselves to join Jesus's final journey as he enters into Jerusalem.

The journey of the final week of Lent, of Holy Week, as we remember the final week of Jesus' life on earth, is a roller coaster of emotions. We remember the excited crowds coming out onto the streets as the word

goes around that Jesus is coming down the road and into Jerusalem. His reputation preceded him as people pulled down branches to lay on the road as a welcoming carpet and shouted 'Hosanna, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!, Hosanna in the Highest' at the tops of their voices.

But how quickly things then change as the tide of popular opinion turns against Jesus and he knows his time is short. He meets for a final time with his closest friends and shares the bread and the wine of the Passover with them one last time. He gives added meaning to the meal as he uses the bread and wine to symbolise his own body and blood. And then it is time to walk the lonely and solitary path all the way to the cross.

The joyful shouts of the crowds are replaced by shouts of condemnation, the soft power that Jesus has enjoyed as people have clung to his every word is overtaken by the power of force and violence, and plots and threats win the day as Jesus is crucified.

How quickly things can change and how frightening and dark the world can suddenly feel.

As we look towards our Holy Week remembrance this year, we do so with the backdrop of worrying and frightening change and uncertainty in our world, where force and violence, plots and threats, so often seem to be present. It would be easy to join with the disciples in their despair and hopelessness as they watched Jesus crucified and all their hopes for a positive and joyful future disappeared.

But we have the advantage of hindsight as we remember the disciples' despair. We know that only three days later what felt like the end of the world turned into the greatest joy as Jesus is raised from the dead and the disciples could live with hope again.

As we journey through our own troubled times may we hold the joy and hope of the resurrection firmly in our gaze, so that when force and violence, threats and plots, seek to overtake the positive and good in life, we may remember that our hope is to be found in the resurrected and ascended Christ who not even death could defeat.

The Bishop of Hertford

(Bishop Jane will lead our services throughout Holy Week,)

Join us for
Midweek Music at St Mary's, Standon

Wednesday 25th March

11.30am refreshments

12.30pm concert

**A Programme of Songs
with David Ranford (tenor)
and Michael Smith (piano)**

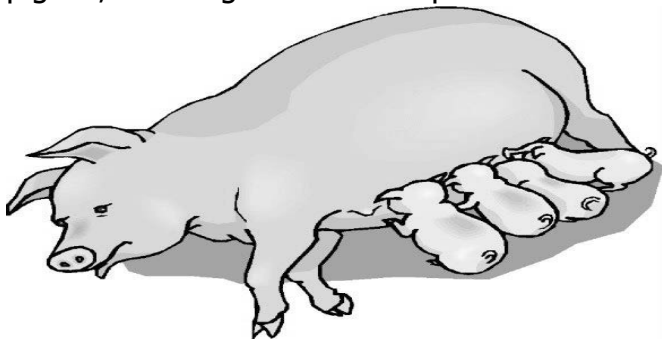
Concerts take place monthly
on the 4th Wednesday of the month
(except for August and December).

Retiring collection
for our three benefice churches.

COUNTRY MATTERS (9th February)

Meeting an old livestock farmer (mainly pigs) some time ago and asking him how things were going for him, his reply was "well you know how it is, you come out in the morning and for a couple of weeks everything is fine, but every now and again when you look around something has got its toes up." His words were brought home to us recently when we found our bull dead. He had rolled over into a hollow in his bedding, struggled, but could not right himself. This position causes the stomach to become blown up, leading to suffocation.

Better luck on the pig front, with our oldest sow having her 13th litter with 14 lovely piglets, all doing well and all spoken for.



Feb 7th saw the start of lambing, with two lots of twins so far.

I think it's amazing, after all the bad weather, that we are experiencing that the Snowdrops, Crocus and some of the early Daffodils are in flower.

BIRD OF THE MONTH: CORN BUNTING

The Corn Bunting has nothing of note in its plumage, and differs from our other Buntings in being larger. It likes open tree-less areas to breed, having its nest on the ground in grass or arable fields, and not until June. The song is unique, a rattling jingle sounding rather like broken glass.



Tony Spackman

From the Archives – April 1941

Through the kindness of Mrs Chancellor and Mrs Hanbury, Miss Lawrence has again been allowed to pick flowers – snowdrops – which have been sold by a partner in Hull, the proceeds going to the Church Missionary Society for a Hospital in Persia.

Household Tips

An inexpensive stove can be made as follows: Take two flower-pots, one 6" in diameter, the other an inch smaller. Stand the larger pot on a tin tray, put a night-light inside it, light it, and then place the smaller pot upside-down over it. Do this an hour before going to bed, and you will find the room beautifully warm for scarcely any cost at all.

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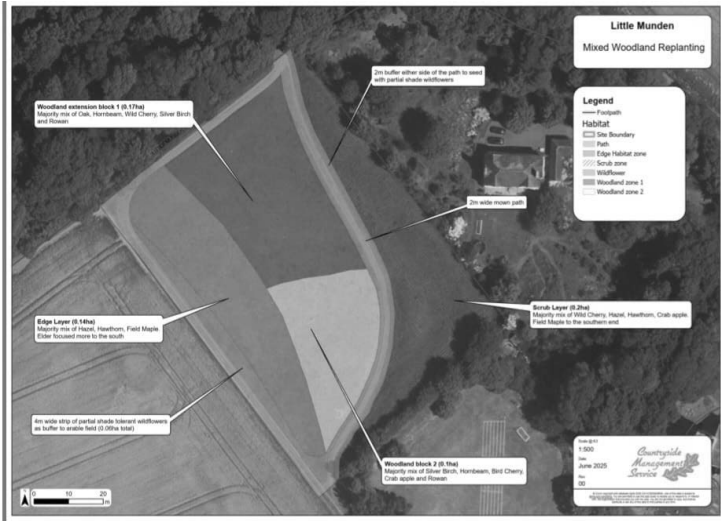
DANE END DEFIBRILLATOR & VETS NUMBER

Please be aware there is a Public Access Defibrillator situated in the telephone box in a locked cabinet next to Dane End Stores. **The code for the cabinet can be obtained by ringing 999.** However there is also Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) that enables up to 10 "good neighbours" to assist pending the arrival of the emergency services. VETS uses a simple memorable number unique to the village (**01920 282999**). This system can also be used for any emergency where additional help is required from neighbours, whether Cardiac Arrest or not. VETS volunteers are also aware of the code to access the cabinet if it is required. VETS does not replace 999 calls. **Always ring 999 first in an emergency.**

**LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL
A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
Will be held on
TUESDAY 17th MARCH
IN LITTLE MUNDEN VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30pm
Clerk@littlemundenpc.org.uk
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

NEW BEGININGS

We have some exciting news! A few years ago some lovely parishioners came up and helped plant some trees in the area behind the school. We then had extreme heat during the summer and extreme cold periods in the winter following the planting. I have been working with Kallum Wright – Land Management Project Officer at Hertfordshire County Council and we have managed to secure some funding for new trees, guards and wildflowers, please see the picture below:



The trees will be arriving on the week of the 9th of March and **weather permitting we will be looking to plant them on the weekend of the 14th or 15th March.** It would be great to have as many helpers as possible, please bring children along as this will be great for them to help create this lovely woodland area and make memories with their parents for future years. More updates will follow on Love Dane End and Surrounding Villages.

The Umbrella Big Band is back – Saturday 6th June

The Umbrella Big Band is back at the Christmas Tree Barn for another night of 40's – 50's fun. So, dust off your swing shoes for another night of nostalgia and transport yourself back in time, please dress for the era if possible. Tickets will be priced at £12.00 for adults, children under 16's free. Pre-book your tickets.



Cocktails: A Vera Lynn, Bite the Bullet or a Side Car and then finish off the

evening with a Pie and Liquor or Gravy to warm you or a loaded Nacho plate. We will be sourcing some vintage vehicles for the evening and much more.

Tickets, cocktails and food can be pre ordered via Ticket Source the link will be in next month's Newsletter and on Love Dane End and the Surrounding Villages.

Horses Meadow

Work to repair the fence around the car park and other works will start once the ground dries out a bit. If you would like to get involved, please check our website or look on Love Dane End & Surrounding Village for more information.

We are still chasing the solicitors for the final hurdle to get the purchase complete all monies have been paid, we will keep you all updated.

Community Allotment

Planting and preparation season has begun down the allotment, why not bring your children down and come along to get involved in this great project, last year we made a great start but need more helpers, even if you can only spare 30 minutes here and there it would be great. Just wander down a warm welcome will be awaiting you.



DAME ENDERS

**On Thursday, March 5th
At 8pm in the Memorial Hall**

Lorna will be holding a
Fused Glass Workshop for us
Looking forward to seeing you there
New members always welcome

LOCAL CONSTABULARY Buntingford Rural West includes: Dane End, Green End, Haultwick, Little Munden, Great Munden, Levens Green, Nasty and are covered by: The local PC is PC 926 Ryan Willis and the local PCSO 6161 is Sally Brooks.

Contact: 01992 533329 - non emergency or 101 Emergency always call 999

DEAF, HARD OF HEARING?

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MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

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PIZZA MENU

Sourdough Pizza

Flatbread	£4.00
Topped with Garlic & Parsley	
Margherita	£8.00
Tomato-Mozzarella-Oregano	
Florentine	£9.00
Mushroom-Spinach-Roasted Garlic-Black Pepper	
Spicy Salami	£9.00
Salami Piccante-Pepperoni-Chilli Rosso	
Ham & Mushroom	£9.00
Ham-Pancetta-Mushroom-Mascarpone	

Drinks

Bottled Beers from	£3.00
Stout-Ale-Lagers-Cider	
Red-White-Rose-Sparkling Wine	
Glass 175ml	£6.00
Bottle	£18.00



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Matthew 7, verse 24

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February 2026

As we approach half term, we've been busy with various topics for each class and the whole school designed to engage the children and make their learning interactive and fun.

9th to 15th February - Children's Mental Health Week

This week we had various activities for Children's Mental Health Week and on Wednesday we dressed to express our true selves, donating to support a charity called Place2Be.



If you would like to donate to this worthwhile charity, please feel free to use our link to a Just Giving page https://www.justgiving.com/page/jane-often-7?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

This charity is campaigning to help us all move closer to a future where every child has easy access to the mental health support they need. One in five children and young people now have a probable mental health condition. By taking part in Children's Mental Health Week 2026, we are helping to ensure that children and young people across the UK feel listened to, and know that they're not alone. The theme this year was 'this is my place' and we had lots of discussions around where we feel we belong and what it feels like to belong to different communities. The children explored ideas such as feeling a sense of belonging with their families, with their friends, at school in their class, being part of a club/team etc. They did a range of different activities around this - including drawing their own island with different things they'd have to feel a sense of safety



and security.

This 'my place' theme also tied in nicely with Hazel Class topic where they're learning all about water. They finished off the unit by making some water filters.

"We used various materials to filter and clean the muddy water - it didn't come out perfectly clear, but it was definitely cleaner than when it started! We had good discussions about how fortunate we are in this country to have clean water come out of a tap whenever we need it, and we looked at some charities which are working in parts of the world where this is not the case."

Acorn class, to support their topic Animals and their Habitats, had a visit from Performing Pets who brought in a variety of animals for the children to handle and learn about, including parakeets, ducks, bunnies, a tortoise and even a piglet.

We're now looking forward to a relaxing half term break and just hope the weather is not quite as wet as predicted.



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