



The Mundens with Sacombe Church and Parish Newsletter APRIL 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 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 Mundens
2.00pm Meditation Standon

Easter Day 5th April

10.30am Holy Communion Standon

Sunday 12th April (Easter 1)

10.30am Morning Worship Standon

Sunday 19th April (Easter 2)

8.00am Holy Communion Standon
10.30am Holy Communion Lt Mundens

Sunday 26th April (Easter 3)

10.30am Morning Worship Standon
6.00pm Choral Evensong Standon

Sunday 3rd May (Easter 4)

8.00am Holy Communion Standon
10.30am Morning Worship Lt Mundens

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He is risen!...So what?

At this time of the year Christians around the world celebrate the joyful time of Easter resurrection. On Easter Sunday morning we proclaim

'Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'

But what is all the fuss about?

At Christmas we celebrated the birth of the baby Jesus but we mustn't leave him there in the manger. The baby grew up. He came to live amongst his people as a friend, teacher, healer and guide. He demonstrated how we must show love and compassion for one

another. He gave us a model for how to live our lives. But, his ministry on earth ultimately led to suspicion and fear from the leaders of the time, and to his death on the cross on that first Good Friday.

What's good about that, you might ask?

Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice of death, but he went through that agony for you and for me. His death paid the price for all of our sins and gave us a fresh start and new hope.

How can we respond to that?

We all make mistakes; we take wrong turnings in life and make poor choices. The love of Jesus, seen through his death on a cross, offers forgiveness for all of this and encouragement to live our lives as he would want us to.

As we journey through Holy Week and into Easter we recall the various events but, more than that, we commit to living our lives in the new resurrection light and love of Easter.

Do join us at any of our services as we explore what this means for us all, today and into the future.

Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!

Michael Smith

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If you are planning your summer garden, now is the perfect time to visit Westmill Garden Centre. By the end of April, their own-grown bedding plants will be ready for sale weather permitting – fresh, locally nurtured and perfectly suited to thrive in your gardens. Choosing our plants not only means stronger, healthier displays but also supports local horticulture and sustainable growing practices.

It's also the ideal moment to place your orders for hanging baskets. Pre-ordering ensures you will get beautifully prepared, professionally planted baskets bursting with colour just as the season gets underway – without the last minute rush.

Whether you are refreshing borders, filling patio pots or creating eye catching displays, Westmill Garden Centre's team can help you prepare a beautiful summer garden.

COUNTRY MATTERS (*March 10th*)

Two cows have calved, with one having twins; sadly one was born dead, but all is well with the other one, also the other cow and her calf. We have had to purchase a new bull; he came from Norfolk and his pedigree name is Wildfell Erasmus.

Lambing has just finished with average results, and plenty of grass for the ewes, as it has proved to be a "green winter".

Our second sow farrowed a couple of weeks ago; not such a large litter this time, but seven good pigs and all is well. The other sow has just been weaned; her fourteen are now eight weeks old, and will soon be going to new homes. She is back with the boar.

A pair of Robins have a nest in the stables. Is this, like so many flowers showing early, just an early spring or global warming?

BIRD OF THE MONTH: REED WARBLER

As its name implies, the Reed Warbler is only found in reed beds. They have to be well grown before they can make the journey from Africa, where they have wintered. Their nest is supported by several reed stems, so they have to wait until early June, by which time reeds are mature enough to support the nest; otherwise the nest would get distorted. The usual four eggs are safe from most predators, but they are one of the species whose nests are used by Cuckoos.

Tony Spackman



From the Archives (*February 1938*)

"Now that the Northmet has decided to speed up the bringing of electricity to the Mundens (the grid will serve both parishes) we must get busy with our plans for wiring (All Saints) church. To raise funds for this and for the Memorial Hall there will be a Grand Fete at Green End House on Thursday 2nd June. The committee will be after many of you to lend a hand, but in the meantime book the date and tell everybody.

In making up the accounts for the Magazine I find that a few of the subscribers have not yet paid for 1937. I shall be grateful if outstanding subscriptions will be handed to the distributors as soon as possible. I want to settle with the printer."

Wartime Hints & Economies: (*May 1941*)

"It is perhaps significant that many girls now working machines with their feet are not allowed to wear shoes, but wrap their feet in oily rags and, as a result, never suffer from corns."

Join us for

Midweek Music at St Mary's, Standon

Wednesday 22nd April

**Pupils from
HEATH MOUNT SCHOOL**

11.30am refreshments

12.30pm concert

Retiring collection
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Dane End Memorial Hall Is Taking Bookings

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**If you want to arrange a birthday party,
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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.**

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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Sourdough Pizza

Flatbread	£4.00
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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

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness our dad Anthony (Tony) Brown passed away on 7th March ages 93. The funeral will take place at All Saints Church Little Munden Thurs 26th March at 3pm. Everyone who knew him are welcome to attend.

Great Munden Parish Council invite you to take part in a litter picking weekend on Saturday or Sunday 25th & 26th April.

All rubbish bags and litter picking equipment will be provided and will be available for collection from under the notice board at Great Munden (closest to St Nicholas Church). We request that all filled rubbish bags are securely tied and left under the same notice board where EHDC will collect. Please also return any equipment borrowed to the same point.

Should you require further details please contact the Clerk clerk@greatmundenparishcouncil.gov.uk

Also dates for your diary:

Great Munden Parish Council Meetings to take place on the following dates at St Nicholas Church:

- Annual Parish Meeting 5th May at 7.30pm
- Annual Council Meeting 5th May at 7.45pm
- GMPC Meeting 5th May at 8pm
- GMPC Meeting 7th July at 7.30pm
- GMPC Meeting 8th September at 7.30pm (TBC)

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL
A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Will be held on
TUESDAY 21st APRIL at 7.30 PM
in LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL
FOLLOWED BY
THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT 8pm
Clerk@littlemundenplc.org.uk
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

I am Here to Help!

If you need assistance, feel free to reach out via email at:
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Cllr Aubrey Holt
District Councillor for The Mundens

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Matthew 7, verse 24

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March 2026

In Acorn class we have been learning about the season Spring. We were very lucky to have Farmer Dave come and visit us with some of his new born lambs.



Hazel class have been having fun making bread. During our DT sessions we have tasted different varieties of bread and then designed our own bread recipes choosing our own ingredients.

We had an interesting selection of ingredients with our bread containing combinations such as banana and ginger, cheese and cinnamon and lemon and fruit.



The children were very impressed with their results so hopefully we have encouraged some baking at home!

During science week we have been investigating kitchen science – we have investigated food miles to see how far our food travels, created our own sherbet recipes by tasting and combining ingredients and finally investigated what happens when we change the ingredients in bread. We have tried leaving out the yeast, halving the amount of flour, using cold water rather than warm and also leaving out salt and sugar. We await the results of our investigations as this is written so please ask any member of Hazel class what we found out!





Little Munden Cricket Club – 2026 Fixtures

Herts Essex Border League – Division 2

All matches are Saturday at 1:00 PM • 40 overs per side (finish around 6:30pm)

Home Ground: Green End

Date	Opponent	Home/Away
2 nd of May	Matching Green CC – 2nd XI	Away
9 th of May	Sawbridgeworth CC – 3rd XI	Home
16 th of May	Bishop's Stortford CC – 4th XI	Away
23 rd of May	Ardeley Walkern CC – 1st XI	Home
30 th of May	Harlow Town CC – 1st XI	Away
6 th of June	High Roding CC – 3rd XI	Home
13 th of June	Nazeing Common CC – 2nd XI	Away
20 th of June	Takeley CC – 2nd XI	Home
27 th of June	Albury CC, Herts – 1st XI	Away
4 th of July	Matching Green CC – 2nd XI	Home
11 th of July	Sawbridgeworth CC – 3rd XI	Away
18 th of July	Bishop's Stortford CC – 4th XI	Home
25 th of July	Ardeley Walkern CC – 1st XI	Away
1 st of August	Harlow Town CC – 1st XI	Home
8 th of August	High Roding CC – 3rd XI	Away
15 th of August	Nazeing Common CC – 2nd XI	Home
22 nd of August	Takeley CC – 2nd XI	Away
29 th of August	Albury CC, Herts – 1st XI	Home

DANE END COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT HORSES MEADOW, DANE END



Dane End Community Allotment is a place for all our residents to enjoy the great outdoors, growing and sharing our own vegetables and produce, it's also a great way to meet people socially. So come and join us! Look for us on Facebook
Dane End Community Allotments (DECA)

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL Horses Meadow

We have finally completed on the purchase of Horses Meadow, it's been a long process but it now belongs to our community and is safeguarded for future generations. Thanks to Derrick Bridges & Co. for their fantastic work at sealing the deal!

AND FINALLY A WORD FROM THE EDITOR!


I want to thank all our loyal advertisers who have agreed to advertise in our Church and Parish Newsletter for another year and with a special welcome to **Peter and Jess of The Golden Fleece, Braughing** who are new to our magazine. I can 100% endorse their wonderful pub, the atmosphere and food are the best!

I must add, all the services advertised are trusted local businesses and most of them I can personally endorse, especially as they are my friends! Their help enables us to bring the Parish Newsletter to your door with minimum expense to our Church and Parish Council.

Thank you once again for your loyalty!

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