



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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18th July - 7th Sunday after Trinity

This Sunday our 10:00 service will be hosted from Tunstall and as usual the service will also be accessible online. Having gathered for the first time in well over a year, Sunday School is taking a rest for the summer.

4 of our buildings are currently open from 10.00am until 5.00pm on particular days and subject to safety precautions:

Tunstall on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays

Bredgar on Wednesdays

Milstead on Fridays (except for 3rd Friday of the month)

Frinstead by arrangement with the Church Warden

All these opening times are subject to change in line with government regulations and local circumstances, so please keep an eye on this newsletter for updates

We do our best to keep in contact with people but inevitably some will fall through the cracks. Please let us know if you are aware of anyone who is lonely or fearful and who would appreciate a call - we encourage people to keep in touch with each other and we in the ministry team are very happy to contact people by phone, whether they are church members or not.

The church continues to pray for and to be active in our communities; in addition to our Sunday morning services, we have Morning Prayer online every weekday at 9:30am. Wednesday evening services will continue online at 7:00pm each week - these vary in style from week to week and if you would like to join us, please let the Vicar or the Administrator know and we'll send you the link.

Services around the Benefice this Sunday

09:00am at Frinsted: Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10:00am at Tunstall: Holy Communion (also accessible online)

10:00am at Wormshill: Family Service

06:00pm at Milstead: Evensong

Thought for the Day

Every Sunday morning a local minister offers their 'Thought for the Day' at 8:30 on SFM 106.9

Online Services

Morning Prayer is said online every week day at 9:30am.

Sunday mornings at 10:00am - Sunday School when available takes place online

Tuesday evenings at 9:00pm - Night Prayer (Compline)

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm

If you would like to join us for any of these, please email Alan Pinnegar or Brian Evans and we will send you the link.

Friday afternoons at 3:00pm - 'Tea at 3'. There is now a common recurring link for both this and Compline, so it can be used for all future sessions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86817223068?pwd=bWlITEFmdkFoVm4wazBON2dQaHE4UT09> Meeting ID: 868 1722 3068 Passcode: Church

The **Church of England Daily Office** for different times of the day can be accessed online at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

A Prayer for all those affected by Coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick and lift up all who are brought low, that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Readings

Psalm 23	
Jeremiah 23: 1-6	
Ephesians 2: 11-end	
Mark 6: 30-34, 53 -end	

The readings can be accessed via www.biblegateway.com: enter the passage in the following format: [e.g.] John 14: 1-6; from the drop-down box to the right select “New Revised Standard Version”, then click <Search>.

Collect: “Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; though Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever”.

Notices

Peter Bedelle: The celebration of Peter’s life has now been rescheduled to Saturday, 9th October at 2:00pm at Tunstall Church, followed by refreshments at the Village Hall. It looks as though there will be no restriction on numbers unless things change again - please contact Peter and Shirley’s daughter Claire on 07751 480419 if you would like to attend.

Torry Hill Jazz Concert The date for the Torry Hill Jazz Concert with the NatWest Jazz Band has now been changed and will take place on **Saturday 7th August**. All arrangements remain as stated on the original posters and ticket holder should retain their tickets which will be accepted. If any ticket holders are unable to attend due to the change of date and would like a refund, please apply to Jazz in the afternoon, Torry Hill, Frinstead, Sittingbourne, Kent or telephone 01795 830258

Milstead Open Gardens

Our thanks to everyone involved in this highly successful and well-organised event - it was lovely to see so many people from Milstead and the surrounding villages gather together and enjoy each others’ company while walking the beautiful gardens.

Fundraising - offers of help

The following offers are made by church members in the Benefice with all funds raised going to the Benefice Church of your choice:

- Help with tracing family history, up to 2hours at £10.00 per hour
- Help with decorating. Up to 2 hours, £10.00 per hour.

- A drive in an electric car for up to 2 people to a scenic spot of choice where you can stay for up to an hour. Total £15.00.
- Meet and Greet the Alpacas at the Old Vicarage, Bredgar. £20.00 for a family of 4. Additional £5.00 per person up to a maximum 6 overall.
- A lift to Bluewater and back with 2 hours shopping time: £20.00 (must leave Bluewater by 3:00p.m.)
- A cake, decorated to your requirements. £10.00 p.h/ up to 2 hours.

If you would like to take up any of these offers, please contact Brian Evans at beneficetunstallandbredgar@gmail.com or mobile: 07783 662057 with details of the offer you wish to take up and he will put you in touch with the person making the offer.

If you would like to offer to do something free for somebody else who then pays the church for it, please let Brian know.

Thanks to: Paul Charman who provided Microsoft guidance and assistance for a member of the congregation and in so doing earned £30.00 for church funds. Subsequently he provided DIY assistance for another member who has made a generous donation of £20.00

Helen Allinson provided house history for a member and this has raised £20.00. So far the total raised is therefore £70.00.

Food Bank - please help if you can!

Many families are going through very difficult times, particularly as a result of the pandemic. We are extremely grateful for the donations of cash, food and household items - we couldn't offer this increasingly vital service to local people without your help.

There are collection bins for food, etc at Tunstall and Bredgar churches and also at The Red Lion, Milstead and outside the Coffee Shop at Rodmersham. Cash may be donated either via Alan & Kerry (Tunstall Rectory) or direct to Swale Food Bank: [Donate money | Swale Foodbank](#)

United Benefice Weekend Away

Ashburnham Place, 28th - 30th October 2022

“Getting into Shape”

Rev Gordon Oliver will lead the weekend for us and provide some interesting and thoughtful sessions. By then we will hopefully be clear of any Covid issues and be able to go away together, share fellowship and just enjoy each other's company. If anyone requires more information and/or a booking form please ring me on 01795 428300. Tricia Longbottom

Midwinter Room Bookings - an update

In the hope that current restrictions have been lifted sufficiently, we hope that it will be possible for the Midwinter Room at Tunstall Church to be reopened for use from July. We have already accepted provisional bookings from one organisation and of course the regular bookings for the Sewing Group and Mothers' Union will restart. In order to avoid double booking with resultant problems can you please start to let Brian Evans know any other dates you would like to provisionally reserve. Thank you.

Church Finances

The church relies solely on donations and occasional fees in order to keep going and we are very grateful to all those who make donations to each of the churches in our benefice. While many in our congregations give by Standing Order, we know that some like to make cash donations via the collection bag during a service.

During these times when our buildings are closed, we are losing some of our regular income through cash collections, wedding fees, etc.

We understand that the current situation is causing all kinds of difficulties for many people and we do not want to put pressure on anyone who has concerns over their finances during the lockdown, or indeed at any other time.

However, if you would like to and are in a position to make a donation, whatever the amount and whether regular or as a one-off, 4 of our parishes now have an online donation facility:-

Tunstall: [Tunstall Church - Give A Little](#)

Bredgar with Bicknor: [Bredgar Church - Give A Little](#)

Milstead: [Milstead Church - Give A Little](#)

Wormshill: [St Giles Church Wormshill - Give A Little](#)

If you wish to make a donation to Frinsted or Rodmersham churches, please contact the Treasurer as follows:-

Frinsted: Maurice Sherreard 01622 884333

Rodmersham: Tony Pardoe rividell.tonge@googlemail.com; 01795 472575

General Information

Scammers: a number of clergy and others have had their email addresses hacked and used to send out requests for money and assistance. If you receive an unusual

email from any account, please do not respond - instead, contact the individual concerned directly using contact information that you know to be accurate.

There is also a scam where a caller purports to be from BT and asks you to log into a website so they can monitor your internet speed. What it actually does is enable them to take control of your computer remotely.

There are an increasing number of new scams - many coming through on mobile phones. Take extra care not to be caught out!!

Baptisms and Weddings are by arrangement. Please contact Rev Alan Pinnegar on 01795 471483 email: aepinnegar@gmail.com

Tunstall Midwinter Room Bookings should be made through the Church Administrator - Brian Evans - 07783 662057

Benefice website: beneficeoftunstallandbredgar.org.uk

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Parish Councils: Seven Parishes Website www.sevenparishes.co.uk

Vicar's day off: Alan's day is Friday. Paula is normally available on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays