



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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10th October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

Our 10:00 service this week will take place at Bredgar on 10th October - this will be a Family Harvest service and will also be live streamed via Zoom.

The link follows:-

Time: Oct 10, 2021 10:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85615564664?pwd=YzZhNnpKQ1pRMUVZbWZUYUtZeURXZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 1556 4664

Passcode: Church

We will also be holding our first 8:00am Communion at Tunstall since March, 2020!

Full list of services in the Benefice this Sunday:

8:00 at Tunstall: Holy Communion (Traditional language)

10:00am at Bredgar: Family Harvest

11:15am at Rodmersham: Communion (Contemporary language)

6:00pm at Tunstall: Evensong

Covid precautions

Out of consideration for those who still feel vulnerable, we request that people attending church services in person continue to observe the following precautions:

- **Use hand sanitiser on arrival**
- **Refrain from handshaking during the Peace, other than with members of the same household or 'bubble'**
- **If you're experiencing any Covid symptoms, or have recently been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid, please stay at home**

We will continue to offer Holy Communion in one kind only, at least for the time being: the presider will consume the wine on behalf of the congregation

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

Frinted 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.

Thought for the Day

Every Sunday morning a local minister offers their 'Thought for the Day' at 8:30 on SFM 106.9. This coming Sunday it is the turn of Rev Paula!

Online Services

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

Sunday mornings at 10:00am

Tuesday evenings at 9:00pm - Night Prayer (Compline) from 14th September

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm

Friday afternoons at 3:00pm - 'Tea at 3'

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>

Regular online events

Tea at Three Every Friday 3pm, is a chance to get together online, as a group or in breakout groups to discuss a topic in fellowship during this new phase of lockdown – so grab a cuppa, and spend some time together. Any queries contact Paula - curatepaulajr@gmail.com.

Compline Every Tuesday at 9:00pm - a short service of night prayer. Sit back and let the words of prayer still you and comfort you for the night.

PLEASE NOTE: There is now a common recurring link for **both** the above so it can be used for all future sessions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86817223068?pwd=bWlITEFmdkFoVm4wazBON2dOaHE4UT09> Meeting ID: 868 1722 3068 Passcode: Church

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

Amos 5: 6-15	
Hebrews 4: 12-16	
Mark 10: 17-31	

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: “O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through 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

Help Please Kerry West is a young woman who masterminds support for an Orphanage Project in Uganda - a school for Aids orphans and those whose parents can't afford to keep them. At the moment she has an issue with storage for clothes and other knitted goods and I am wondering if anyone has spare garage or shed space where donations could be stored until she is in a position to send another shipment. Kerry can be contacted on: kworphans@gmail.com or via me. Thank you, Helen Allinson

Bredgar Community Choir welcomes back members old and new. We meet every Monday between 7:30pm and 8:30pm in Bredgar Church. Do you love to sing or want to learn to sing? Then find your voice and join us! No joining fee, no subscription - we just want you! **Details from Evelyn on 07706 890986**

Bredgar Church Harvest Lunch - Sunday 10th October 12:30pm
Come and join us for a ploughman's lunch and desert. Contact Sally on 07963239740. Donations welcome on the day. **Please bring your own drinks.**

Tunstall Harvest Festival

If anyone has any fruit and vegetables for our Harvest Festival these can be left in the Church on Thursday 14th October or early on Friday 15th as we will be arranging them from 9:00am onwards. If you need someone to collect any produce please phone me on 01795 427816 or if out then leave a message on our answerphone. Thank you, Margaret Philpott

Tunstall Church Harvest Festival Lunch

We will celebrate the Harvest Festival with a Harvest Lunch at 1:00 for 1:30 pm on **Sunday 17th October in Tunstall Village Hall.**

The menu will be Shepherd's Pie (with meat free option for vegetarians) followed by glazed apple tart and cream. Tickets, which will be available from early September, will be £15.00 for 16 and over, £5.00 for those aged 10-15 and under 10s will be free. You will be invited to bring your own drinks and glasses.

We hope to see you then. John Slate

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Tunstall and Rodmersham Magazine incorrectly refers to the lunch taking place on Sunday 27th October.

Tunstall Harvest Lunch Raffle Prizes

We plan to hold a raffle at the Harvest Lunch on Sunday 17th October and are seeking some raffle prizes. If you have any unwanted gifts that you think would be suitable, we would be very grateful if you could give them to a member of the

Committee (Tricia Longbottom, Valerie and Alan Fowler, Olwyn and Phil Norris, Jo Andrews and Georgie Dent) Many thanks John Slate

St Giles Wormshill, Harvest Festival Service and Lunch - Sunday 17th October The service will take place at 11:30 am followed by lunch in the Village Hall at 12:30. There will be a produce and Church collection for Homeless Care, Maidstone. Please contact Mel Shilling 01622 884462 for further information email melanie.shilling@yahoo.co.uk Lunch Tickets £8.00 adults, £4.00 children, free for under 6's. Thank you. William Hobday

Tunstall Christmas Fayre on 27th November in the Village Hall. Two books of raffle tickets will be distributed with the magazines but raffle tickets are also available to purchase if anyone would like some. Two boxes will be placed at the back of Tunstall Church for donations to the tombola or raffle. Details of items required for the hamper will be given out at the end of October. Martin Thomas

Tunstall School Community Lunch

Tunstall School is pleased to announce they will be holding community lunches again starting on Wednesday 10th November. Please contact the school office if you'd like to come along – 01795 472895. Lunch is served at 1pm, arrival from 12:45. The cost £5 per person payable in cash on the day.

Shoebox Appeal Tunstall church usually takes part in the Christmas shoe box appeal. I have details of this years appeal and will put some leaflets at the back of the church. If you would like to take part please take a leaflet, fill your shoebox and return it to me by the end of October. Thank you. Sue Thomas

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

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 the times when our buildings were closed, we lost some of our regular income through cash collections, wedding fees, etc.

We understand that the current situation has caused all kinds of difficulties for many people and we do not want to put pressure on anyone who has concerns over their finances as a result of the pandemic, 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 rivendell.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

Facebook: Benefice Tunstall & Bredgar: Bicknor Frinsted Milstead Rodmersham Wormshill.

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