



## Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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## Services during the week

### Tuesday, 10th May:

**Compline** - 9:00pm online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86817223068?pwd=bWlITEFmdkFoVm4wazBON2dQaHE4UT09>

Meeting ID: 868 1722 3068; Passcode: Church

### Wednesday 11th May:

**Evening Prayer** - 7:00pm online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86997690696?pwd=Q3BJTHhNZkhOQVNWZjdkYnhPMnprZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 9769 0696; Passcode: Church

## Services 5th Sunday of Easter 15th May

Frinsted 9:00am Communion (BCP)

Tunstall 10:00am Communion\* With Sunday School

Wormshill 10:00am Family Service

Milstead 6:00pm Evensong

\*This service will also be live streamed: The link is as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86903600642?pwd=VStPUmtSa2dtL3hIL0o5RnZvYTQxUT09> Meeting ID: 869 0360 0642; Passcode: Church

### Lectionary readings for 15th May

Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4
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Acts 11.1-18
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John 13.31-35
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**The readings** can be accessed via [www.biblegateway.com](http://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 for 15th May:** "Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever."

*On occasion, the readings and/or Collect used may vary from those shown.*

## Other online Services

**Morning Prayer** is said online every weekday at 9:30am and on **Fridays at Bredgar Church (also accessible via Zoom):**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87809800088?pwd=eWxzbnpmUFpRcFM4dEFRTzB1Z\\_GpSUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87809800088?pwd=eWxzbnpmUFpRcFM4dEFRTzB1Z_GpSUT09) M  
Meeting ID: 878 0980 0088; Passcode: Church

**Friday afternoons** at 3:00pm - 'Tea at 3' - the link is as follows:-

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86817223068?pwd=bWlITEFmdkFoVm4wazBON2dQa\\_HE4UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86817223068?pwd=bWlITEFmdkFoVm4wazBON2dQa_HE4UT09) M  
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## Covid precautions

While legal measures such as social distancing, numbers of people gathering together, wearing of face coverings and test and trace contact details are no longer required, we encourage everyone to observe the following precautions:-

- Use hand sanitiser on arrival and when leaving
- Be sensitive when sharing the Peace during a service - please don't be offended if someone politely declines to shake hands!
- If you're experiencing 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.

## Prayer For Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine and for their relatives who live in other countries.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.

## Church opening times

Following the removal of Covid restrictions and particularly in the light of the current situation in Ukraine, we will be opening our church buildings on the following days, from approximately 10:00am until 5:00pm:-

**Tunstall:** every day

**Bredgar:** Wednesdays and Fridays

**Milstead:** Fridays

**In addition, the Vicar or Curate will be based at Bredgar for much of the time on Fridays** - please free to drop in but if you specifically want to speak to one of us, it would be advisable to call first to make sure we're there at the time you come in. Morning Prayer also takes place at Bredgar on Fridays at 9:30.

### **Thought for the Day - SFM 106.9**

Every Sunday a local minister offers a 'Thought for the Day' at 8:30am

## **Notices**

**Job opportunity:** The Family Trust is looking to recruit a new schools' worker. They are looking for a dynamic, self-motivated individual who can join their excellent team. The mission at The Family Trust is to inspire the next generation to explore Christianity and this is an exciting opportunity to help children and young people understand more about Jesus Christ.

More information can be found at <https://www.familytrust.org.uk/join-our-team>

**Christian Aid Week 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May:** Christian Aid at the moment are working with partner organisations in the ACT Alliance. This is a global faith based coalition. They are offering assistance to Ukraine refugees fleeing deadly violence. They have already distributed food supplies and other life saving essentials to people on the Ukrainian borders.

Please take an envelope if you are able to donate to this worthwhile cause. Envelopes should be returned to either Paul Fosbraey or myself. If you would like your donation collected please telephone 01795 422810. Sue Thomas

**Confirmation:** When an infant is baptised, or christened, the parents and godparents make promises on their behalf. As the child grows older, they may feel ready to make those promises for themselves and commit their life to following Jesus Christ at a confirmation service. Friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to offer prayer and support.

The Bishop will lay hands on each candidate's head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give them strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of their life.

It's never too late - Confirmation is available to anyone of any age!

The next confirmation service in Sittingbourne Deanery is planned for Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July in the evening. Confirmation classes over 6 sessions will be arranged within the Benefice.

If you're interested in confirmation, either for yourself or for your child, please contact a member of the ministry team

**Barbecue at Tunstall Rectory, Sunday, 22nd May from 12:00** All are welcome, please let me know if you're coming, together with any dietary requirements. Donations will go toward Christian Aid. Alan Pinnegar, contact details at the top of the newsletter.

**"Faith chat over lunch"** 12.00 - 1.00pm on Thursdays at the Bredgar and Wormshill Light Railway Tea Room. All are welcome!

**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](#)

**Tunstall - Refreshments in church:** sharing fellowship over a cup of coffee after a service is an important part of church life but since the start of the pandemic we haven't got this going again. We are pleased to say that Megan Banting has offered to organise the rota, so now all we need are more volunteers to take a turn serving refreshments! If you'd be happy to be included in the rota, please contact Megan directly: [meganbanting@hotmail.com](mailto:meganbanting@hotmail.com). Thank you.

### **Tunstall School Community Lunch**

Tunstall School will be holding community lunches on the second Wednesday of each month. **Please contact the school office if you would like to come along: 01795 472895.** Lunch is served at 1pm, arrival from 12.45pm. The cost is £5 per person, payable in cash on the day.

### **Bredgar Jubilee Village Party**

As part of Bredgar's Jubilee Celebrations there will be an art competition and the theme is 'JUBILEE' and is open **TO ALL AGES** in six age categories. Please submit your art to Bredgar School by **Thursday 26th May**. Remember to name your entry and include your age. All artwork will be displayed in the church during the Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 5th June and judged by local artist Emily Cooper. There will be further information to follow regarding the Jubilee celebrations and a cake competition nearer the time, so watch this space!

### **Benefice Vision Day, 2nd July**

These last 2 years have been a very difficult time for all of us but hopefully we can start to look ahead now with a degree of confidence.

As we've gradually eased back into normal church life, inevitably we've had to make adjustments and plug gaps here and there to try and accommodate everyone. Now seems a good time to take stock of where we are, to look at things afresh and to visualise how church might 'look' in the future.

Back in 2016 we held a couple of meetings for the whole benefice to discuss various aspects of church life and we plan to do a similar thing on **Saturday, 2nd July at Wormshill Village Hall**. The hall itself is a good size and there's plenty of room outside, including a verandah and a children's play area. The day will start at 10:00am with a short act of worship, then we can go into small groups until around 12:30 when we'll break for a 'bring & share' lunch before gathering for a plenary session for an hour or so in the afternoon.

There will be an opportunity to follow up any discussion points at our Benefice Weekend at the end of October (see below).

Sign-up sheets are available at the back of each of our churches. Alan

### **United Benefice Weekend Away**

**Ashburnham Place, 28<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rivendell.tonge@googlemail.com); 01795 472575

## General Information

**Baptisms and Weddings** are by arrangement. Please contact Rev Alan Pinnegar on 01795 471483 email: [aepinnegar@gmail.com](mailto:aepinnegar@gmail.com)

**Tunstall Midwinter Room Bookings** should be made through Brian Evans - 07783 662057

**Benefice website:** [beneficeoftunstallandbredgar.org.uk](http://beneficeoftunstallandbredgar.org.uk)

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

**Parish Councils: Seven Parishes Website** [www.sevenparishes.co.uk](http://www.sevenparishes.co.uk) **Ministers' availability:**

Alan is available every day except Thursday

Paula is normally available on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays