



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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Services during the week

Tuesday, 14th June:

Compline - 9:00pm online

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

Meeting ID: 868 1722 3068; Passcode: Church

Wednesday 15th June:

Evening Prayer - 7:00pm online

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

Meeting ID: 869 9769 0696; Passcode: Church

Services 1st Sunday After Trinity 19th June

Frinsted	9:00am	Communion (BCP)
Tunstall	10:00am	Communion* With Sunday School
Wormshill	10.00am	Family Service
Milstead	6:00pm	Evensong

*Please note this service will be recorded and not live streamed.

Lectionary readings for 19th June

Isaiah 65:1-9
Galatians 3:23-end
Luke 8:26-39

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 for 19th June: “O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 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=eWxzbnpmUFpRcFM4dEFRTzB1ZGpSUT09> 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=bWlITEFmdkFoVm4wazBON2dQaHE4UT09> Meeting ID: 868 1722 3068; Passcode: Church

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

Mothers Union

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 15th June at 10.30am in the Midwinter Room. Our speaker for June will be from Coop Estate Planning. All are welcome!

Please note the funeral of Marilyn Austen will take place on Friday 24th June at 2pm in Tunstall Church.

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, outside the Coffee Shop at Rodmersham and can be left at the Coop at Northwood Drive . Cash may be donated either via Alan & Kerry (Tunstall Rectory) or direct to Swale Food Bank: [Donate money | Swale Foodbank](#)

Bring-your-own picnic for the whole Benefice: Sunday 26th June after the Patronal festival services at Tunstall and Bredgar.

All are welcome! Guests are welcome to arrive from 12 noon

Dogs are welcome too but must be kept on a leash

Relax, Chat, Eat! And meet the Old Vicarage animals!

The Old Vicarage, Parsonage Lane, Bredgar. We hope to see you there!

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.

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, 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

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 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

Ministers' availability:

Alan is available every day except Thursday

Paula is normally available on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays

