



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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Tuesday 30th January:

Compline - 9:00pm online

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

Wednesday 31st January:

Evening Prayer - 7:00pm online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86997690696?pwd=Q3BJTHhNZkhOQVNWZjdkYnhPMnprZz09> Meeting ID: 869 9769 0696; Passcode: Church

Service Amendment: Please note our Ash Wednesday service is at Tunstall Church on 14th February at 7pm, not Taize.

Services on 4th February (2nd Sunday before Lent)

Tunstall	8:00am	Communion (Traditional)
Tunstall	10:00am	All-Age service (Education Sunday)*
<i>*Note: there is no Sunday School, children are welcome in the church</i>		
Wormshill	10:00am	Family Service
Tunstall	4:00pm	Café Tunstall
Frinted	5:00pm	Evensong

Friday Celebration Worship at Tunstall School: Church members are invited to attend, either at 9.10am or 10am during **term time**.

Readings for Sunday

Proverbs 8:1,22-31
Colossians 1:15-20
John 1:1-14

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 Sunday: “Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, 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

Compline (Night Prayer) runs on **Tuesday evenings, online, at 9:00pm**

Friday afternoons at 3:00pm - ‘Tea at 3’ - the link is as follows:-

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Covid precautions

We encourage people to use hand sanitiser when entering and leaving church.

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.

Prayer for the people of Israel and Palestine

God of justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for the hostages and their families and for all people of all faiths across the land.

We pray for a cessation of violence and for the international community to renew its commitment and all its efforts to work for peace and justice.

Guide us into your kingdom where all are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us, you are our heavenly father. Amen

Church opening times

Our church buildings are normally open on the following days, from approximately 10:00am until 5:00pm:-

Tunstall: Weekends only at the present time

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 9:30am.

Thought for the Day - SFM 106.9

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

Notices

Chris Evans - sadly passed away at home on 14th January after a long illness and our condolences go to Brian. Her funeral will take place at the Garden of England Crematorium, Bobbing on Wednesday 14th February at 3pm. There will be light refreshments served after the service in the Midwinter room at Tunstall Church.

Thank you! - Many thanks to everyone who came along last Saturday and gave up their time to help make Christingles, it was definitely a team effort! Regards, *Tammy Rose*

Bredgar Church - Can you spare 30mins every couple of months? We are looking for volunteers to join our merry church cleaning squad! We are currently a gang of 10 who pair up in a rota, but more hands make light work! Contact **Siân** on **07595 333 686**

Mothers Union – Our next meeting will be held on **21st February** at 10.15am in the Midwinter room, Tunstall Church. Our speaker was to be Liz Willmett but unfortunately due to illness she has had to cancel. Her friend Elizabeth Hadley will be speaking instead. We hope to rebook Liz later in the year. All are welcome, *Sue Thomas*

Shrove Tuesday & Coffee morning - It's not long to wait for the first BIG event of 2024. Come along to enjoy the company of friends, neighbours & so much more. There will be coffee, tea, soft drinks, delicious homemade cakes & simply the best PANCAKES!! If you are feeling lucky, bring cash for the raffle where there will be a selection of top prizes. All are welcome on **Tuesday 13th February** at Wormshill Village Hall, 10am - 12noon.

Bredgar Community Choir - Will resume on Monday 19th February 7.30-8.30pm, **term time only**.

Food Bank

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 by clicking on the link below:

<https://swale.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

Tunstall School Community Lunch

Tunstall School is pleased to announce that they 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.

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.

However, if you would like to and are in a position to make a donation, whether regular or as a one-off, 4 of our parishes now have an online donation facility, you can click on any link below:-

Tunstall:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/1f52bc3b-03b8-4a87-be9b-a4dc14b84939>

Bredgar with Bicknor:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/3409e6a9-73c7-4015-8d89-2eb851773478>

Milstead:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/e4cba7ed-7e38-4e53-96f4-2bace2c7582e>

Wormshill:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/957a8e56-db6d-4df6-9167-6b72584473ea>

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

Frinsted: Maurice Sherreard 01622 884333

Rodmersham: Graham Haggar graham.haggar@gmail.com

Community

Macmillan Cancer Support is one of the largest [British charities](#)^[2] and provides specialist [health care](#), information and financial support to people affected by [cancer](#). It also looks at the social, emotional and practical impact cancer can have, and campaigns for better [cancer care](#). Macmillan Cancer Support's goal is to reach and improve the lives of everyone affected by cancer in the UK <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/>

Volunteer Transport Scheme - Swale Volunteer Centre runs a Volunteer Transport Scheme for local residents who would otherwise be unable to attend essential medical appointments. For users of the service there is a small annual admin fee and a charge, payable directly to the driver, for each journey to help with petrol and vehicle running costs. There may be a number of reasons why you may not be able to use public transport such as age, disability, accessibility, times, mobility and costs. <http://www.swalecvs.org.uk/transport/transport-service/> or tel: **01795 473828** and press option 1 for Transport, to see if you are eligible to join the scheme or if you would like more information about becoming a volunteer driver.

Scammers

Every now and again it seems people are getting emails that purport to be from me or another member of the ministry team, with a link to photos, etc. An example is as follows: 'Just a few photos (from last Friday) - I'm sharing them cause I believe you know most of those guys'.

If it looks unusual, it almost certainly isn't from me! If in doubt, don't click on anything! *Alan*

BEWARE! We've been notified of people having their emails hacked. Emails are often titled **Catch up** and say: *Hello, How are you? I need a favour from you. I'm unavailable on phone, kindly let me know when you are online.* Please **do not** reply or click on any links - delete the email immediately!

Remember never respond to cold callers whether at the door or on the telephone, including fraudulent companies calling to inspect your Solar panels at no extra cost on behalf of the council, this is a scam. If your garden needs a tidy or your driveway looks a bit shabby use a safe trader, get one from <https://tschecked.kent.gov.uk/>

Doorstep scams - We are asking Kent residents to be alert to Doorstep Criminals knocking on your door following storms Isha and Jocelyn. They might tell you a tile has blown off your roof or that tree branches are overhanging a footpath and must be cut back immediately. Just say no and close the door on the cold caller. Never agree to work on your house or garden by someone who knocks at your door. Reputable builders, roofers and gardeners do not cold call. If you need storm damage work done visit the [Trading Standards Checked website](#)

Car scam - Resident bought a car online and paid in full. The following week their car had not been delivered and was now being advertised online but in a different location. They are no longer able to contact the seller.

[Watch our video on how to protect yourself against used car scams.](#)

For further advice and to report scams you can contact Citizens Advice Consumer helpline on: **0808 223 1133** or report to Action Fraud on: **0300 123 2040**. For more info on the latest scams please click on this link: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/consumer-protection/scams>

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 Tammy Rose on 07917 773097 or email: beneficetunstallandbredgar@gmail.com

Benefice website: beneficeoftunstallandbredgar.org.uk

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

Ministers' availability:

Alan is available every day except Thursday

Paula is normally available on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays

