



## Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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### Services on 28th April (5th Sunday of Easter)

Milstead	9:00am	Communion (Traditional)
Tunstall	10:00am	Communion and Sunday School
Bredgar	10:00am	All-Age Family Service
Rodmersham	11:15am	Morning Worship
Tunstall	6:00pm	Evensong
Wormshill	6:00pm	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

Genesis 22: 1-18
<b>Acts 8.26-40</b>
John 15.1-8

**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 Sunday:** "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.***

## **Online services**

### **Wednesday Evening Prayer - 7:00pm**

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

**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

## **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:** Every day

**Bredgar:** Wednesdays and Fridays

**Milstead:** Fridays

**In addition, I am based at Bredgar for much of the time on Fridays** - please free to drop in but if you specifically want to speak to me, it would be advisable to call first to make sure I'm there at the time you come in. Morning Prayer also takes place at Bredgar on Fridays at 9:30am **Rev Alan**

**We encourage members of our local communities to drop in to our church buildings from time to time when they are open!**

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

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

## **Notices**

**Heart of the Matter - Saturday 1st June at 7pm at St Michael's Hartlip:**

Rev Dr Jonathan Arnold of the Diocese's Social Justice Network along with Domenica Pecoraro, Diocesan Refugee Officer, will be speaking about their work, especially with displaced people. All are welcome

**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**

**Spring Coffee Morning** - St Nicholas Church, Rodmersham, will be holding their Spring Coffee Morning in the churchyard. On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 10am – 12 midday. Tea/Coffee/Cake Stall + Plants/Bric-a-brac and plants. Please come along and support us! **John Fisher (01795 424952)**

**Flowers in Tunstall Church** - If you feel you would like to come and join the group of people who regularly prepare the flowers in church or would like to offer your help on special occasions such as Easter/Harvest etc, please see Rosemary. You do not have to be a qualified florist! Many people have learned 'on the job' and are now enjoying doing their own arrangements. There is always someone to help and advise and it's a lot of fun working together. With many thanks - *Rosemary Horwood*

**Bredgar Community Choir** - Join Bredgar Community Choir every Monday 7.30pm to 8.30pm at Bredgar Church (**term time only**). We believe that everyone has a voice and our mission is to share our love of singing with others. If you love to sing or want to learn to sing, find your voice, and join us! For more information call Evelyn on **01622 884121**

**Christian Aid Week** - This will take place between 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May. Envelopes and posters will be available at the back of Tunstall Church at the end of April. Regards, *Sue Thomas*

## **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 and outside the Coffee Shop at Rodmersham. 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. **This is during term time only.**

## **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: Tony Brown [tintinhaddock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tintinhaddock@yahoo.co.uk)

Rodmersham: Graham Haggar [graham.haggar@gmail.com](mailto:graham.haggar@gmail.com)

## Community

**Toilet Twinning** is an initiative which invites people to "twin" their own toilet with latrines in poor communities. This is a way of raising funds to enable people in the poorest nations to have clean water and a proper toilet, and to [learn about hygiene](#). Toilet Twinners receive a certificate, containing a photo of the twinned latrine, its location and GPS coordinates. Toilet Twinning used to be a partnership between two international charities, [Christian Outreach for Relief & Development](#) (Cord) and [Tearfund](#), but now is solely a charity under Tearfund. It was formed in 2010, in response to the global [sanitation](#) crisis.

**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**

**Spoof email** - Please be wary of any odd-looking emails purporting to be from me, or possibly anyone whose name is in the public domain through the church. If the wording looks a bit strange i.e. *'Hello, Can I have a quick moment? Please drop an email when you are available. Thanks.'* It's best to check the email address before responding. *Alan*

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/>

**Cash machine scam** - Kent Police have received multiple reports of shoulder surfing at ATM cash machines in Kent. Criminals watch you input your PIN into the ATM machine and then follow you in attempts to steal your bank card. Always shield your hand when typing in your PIN number, even if you are using a cash machine inside the branch. [More information](#)

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](mailto:aepinnegar@gmail.com)

**Tunstall Midwinter Room Bookings** should be made through Tammy Rose on 07917 773097 or email: [beneficetunstallandbredgar@gmail.com](mailto:beneficetunstallandbredgar@gmail.com)

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

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

**Ministers' availability:**

Alan is available every day except Thursday

## **Safeguarding**

Each parish within the benefice has adopted the safeguarding policies of the Church of England.

In particular we are committed to:

The safeguarding of all children, young people and vulnerable adults

Carefully selecting and training paid and voluntary staff who might come into contact with children and vulnerable adults, using the Disclosure and Barring Service, among other tools, to check their suitability

Responding without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed

Cooperating fully with the Police, local authority and any other appropriate statutory body in any investigation

Ministering appropriately to anyone, child or adult, who has experience abuse

Extending pastoral care to those known to have offended against children or vulnerable adults while ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected from them.

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers - contact details are in our website:

<http://beneficeoftunstallandbredgar.org.uk/>, or the Diocesan Safeguarding team via the following link:-

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding/>