



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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Services on 28th July: 9th Sunday after Trinity

Milstead	9:00am	Communion
Tunstall	10:00am	Communion*
Bicknor	10:00am	All-Age Service
Rodmersham	11:15am	Morning Worship
Tunstall	6:00pm	Evensong
Wormshill	6:00pm	Evensong

*Please note: Sunday School will not run during the summer holidays

Readings for Sunday

Jeremiah 45:1-5
Acts 11:27-12:2
Matthew 20:20-28

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: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

Online services

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:

<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 churches are normally open on the following days, from 10:00 - 5:00:

Tunstall: Every day

Bredgar: Wednesdays and Fridays (I am normally based in Bredgar from 10:00 till mid-afternoon. Please feel free to drop in but if you specifically want to speak to me, please call first to make sure I'm there!) *Rev Alan*

Milstead: Fridays

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

Do you have a calling? Would you like to explore a role in ministry? The Diocese is running a number of lay ministry courses in the Autumn:

Deepening Discipleship (Online)

An eight-session exploration of how to follow Jesus together with other disciples, with an opportunity to:

- Explore your journey of discipleship and unique calling and gifts
- Identify key gospel discipleship practices as a basis of service
- Reflect on the growth and development of Christian communities

Anna Chaplaincy

A six-session online (Zoom) course for those called to ministry (lay or ordained) with older people.

Lay Funeral Ministry

Lay Pastoral Care Ministry

If you are interested in exploring any of these areas, please let Alan Pinnegar or Pat Tatchell know.

Tunstall Church Big Clean! - We plan to have a 'spring' clean in the church and a tidy up in the churchyard on **Saturday 27th July** from **9.30 am**. You are very welcome to join us, even for an hour or two – please bring a duster and polish for the church or for the churchyard, perhaps secateurs etc. There will be 'posh' biscuits, tea or coffee provided. Thank you *Patricia*

Welsh Male Voice Choir: Cor Meibion Morlais, who visited us to perform in 2017, will be performing once again at **Tunstall Church** on Friday, 30th August, 7:00 for 7:30pm. Tickets are £15 each (half price for under 16s), proceeds to be shared between the choir and Tunstall Church. The price includes a glass of wine/ non-alcoholic drink and a light finger buffet. *Please contact John Slate 07717 295376 or Brian Evans 07783 662057 for details.*

Confirmation - Bishop Rose is planning to come to Sittingbourne in September to preside at a Confirmation service. **If you are interested in being confirmed this year, please speak to Alan or another member of the ministry team**

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**

Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride - This will take place on Saturday 14th September. It is a special year as it is the 75th Anniversary of the Friends of Kent Churches. The Nightingale Trust has made a very generous offer for the first 25 visitors to sign in at Saint Giles Church Wormshill and Murston Old Church, they will add £20 to each of these churches to your sponsorship. Please try and support this event! I now have sponsorship forms. I will also be asking for volunteers to welcome visitors to our church during the day. Regards, *Sue Thomas*

Tunstall Bells - while scaffolding was erected for repair work on the bell tower, we were advised to cease bellringing. We are pleased to say that now the scaffolding has been completed, we have received clearance from the contractor and structural engineer to resume ringing!

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 are holding community lunches on the second Wednesday of each month **during term time only**. 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: Tony Brown tintinhaddock@yahoo.co.uk

Rodmersham: Graham Haggar graham.haggar@gmail.com

Community

Refugee Council works with thousands of refugees and people seeking asylum each year. We provide [crisis advice](#) and practical support, to help refugees integrate into their new communities and offer [mental health counselling](#) to help them come to terms with the trauma so many of them have experienced. We are the only organisation providing a national service in support of refugee [children and young people](#) who arrive in the UK alone.

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 e.g. one recently received: *'Do you have a moment? I have a request I need you to handle discreetly. I am currently busy in prayer session, so just reply to my email.'* If in doubt, please do not reply but email me separately. *Alan*

Cold callers - 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. One fake company was taking deposits for roofing work but not completing the job and ended up causing more damage! 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/>

WhatsApp scam - Kent Resident received messages from a 'hacker' saying their phone was bugged. Thankfully the resident ignored the message but this was an attempt at fraud or identity theft. Be cautious and messages from unknown contacts!

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

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/>