



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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Services on 12th October 2025 ****The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity****

Tunstall - 08:00am - Communion (Traditional)

Tunstall - 09:45am - Communion & Sunday School

Bredgar - 10:00am - Harvest Communion

St Michaels - 5:00pm - Choral Evensong

Readings for Sunday

2Kings 5:1-3,7-15c
2Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Collect: Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Online services

Wednesday 8th October - 7pm - Taize

<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

Church opening times

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

- **Tunstall:** Every day from 10:00am until 5:00pm
'Open Office' will take place on Mondays from 1:30- 2.30pm from 23rd June onwards. Please feel free to call in!
- **Bredgar:** Wednesdays and Fridays
Rev Alan is normally based at Bredgar church from 10:30 until 1:30 on Fridays. Please feel free to drop in but if you need to speak to Alan it's worth calling first: 07402 717325
- **Bicknor:** from 10:00am until 3:00pm on Saturdays and Sundays
- **Milstead:** Fridays from around 10am - 4pm in the winter months!

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

Tunstall Harvest Flowers -Rosemary Horwood would like to thank the ladies who decorated the church last Friday ready for our Harvest Services. This time was not without some hiccups, but we got there thanks to the flexibility and skills of the team. I'm sure all will agree the arrangements looked perfect in our beautiful church. As you know, we rely solely on donations from the congregation towards the cost of the flowers so if you felt you would like to contribute, I would be very grateful as, like everything else, the

cost has risen over the years. I choose to purchase them from our local florist, Flowers by Beatrice in East Street, as I know they will last and provide colour for at least two if not three weeks in church.

The Rodmersham Society Harvest Supper will be on Friday 10th October in the Rodmersham Village Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm. There will be a two course supper, a licensed bar plus the usual fun and entertainment. Tickets £20 are available from Barbara Fisher (424952 and 07495 973218)

Tunstall Bereavement Cafe - Saturday 11th October - 10:30-12:30pm in the midwinter room of St John The Baptist Church. The cafe is a drop in centre offering support to those who have been bereaved. The focus is on helping through a difficult and lonely period in their lives with a chance to engage over a cup of tea/coffee and meet others who have been through similar experiences. Come and join us, everyone is welcome!

Bredgar Harvest Lunch 12th October at 12:30pm - Harvest lunch in Bredgar church, Ploughmans followed by Apple Pie and coffee, soft drink included - No charge but donations welcomed. There will be also be a raffle. Booking at Bredgar post office or Alice Quarry 01622 884815. All welcome to join us!

Mothers Union - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th October. Our speaker will be Helen Allinson. We meet at 10.15 in the Midwinter room of Tunstall Church.

Tunstall Christmas Fair - 22nd November between 11:00-1:30pm- Raffle tickets are now available at the back of the Tunstall church and please note that the raffle will be drawn on the day at 1pm. Boxes are now at the back of the church also for donations please. There will also be Tombola, Food, Toys, Crafts, Cakes and more! Everyone is welcome to join us!!

The St Nicholas Christmas Fair will, this year, be on Saturday 29th November in Rodmersham Village Hall from 2pm until 4pm. Admission is free and there will be the usual attractions and refreshments.

Tunstall Christmas Tree Festival this year is between - *Thursday 4th December - Sunday 7th December 2025.*

Opening times are below:

- Thursday 4th December and Friday 5th December - 10am - 8pm
- Saturday 6th December - 10am - 5pm
- Sunday 7th December - 10am - 4pm

Free Admission, Seasonal refreshments are all available and all donations go to Church Funds and KSS Air Ambulance. Come and enjoy a wonderful festive event!

Courses

Deepening Discipleship Course Autumn 2025 – Online with initial face-to-face session

An 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

Saturday 20 September 2025 12.00pm-2.30pm (with light lunch) in person at Diocesan House, Canterbury and then Wednesdays 24 September - 19 November 2025, 7pm-8.30pm online. Deadline for applications is **3 September 2025**. For more information including course dates and an application form visit the [Deepening Discipleship](#) webpage.

Lay Worship Leading Course - Autumn 2025

Hybrid Delivery: 3 x Saturday face-to-face sessions (Canterbury) 6 x online Thursday evening sessions (zoom)

Facilitated by Stephen Hardy, Sarah Emmanuel and Nigel Collins

A course to equip lay people to prepare and lead worship in church and less formal settings. Suited to those new to this ministry and also as a refresher for those with some experience. For more information visit the Diocesan

[Lay Worship Ministry](#) Webpage

Lay Funeral Ministry

Information on the autumn 2025-spring 2026 Lay Funeral Ministry Course will be available in early July. To register an interest contact Sarah Lucas slucas@diocant.org

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 following link: <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. We understand that the current economic 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

Scammers - for advice on identifying and dealing with scammers and spoof emails, please consult our website

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 via email: beneficetunstallandbredgar@gmail.com

Benefice website: beneficeoftunstallandbredgar.org.uk

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

Ministers' availability: Alan's day off is normally Thursday

Safeguarding

Each parish in the benefice has adopted the safeguarding policies of the Church of England. 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/>