



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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Services on 11th January 2026 ****Baptism of Christ****

Tunstall - 8:00am - Communion (Traditional)

Tunstall - 9:45am - Communion

Bredgar - 10:00am - Communion

Tunstall - 5:00pm - **Christingle**

Readings for Sunday

Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-end

Collect: Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

Online services

Online - Wednesday 7th January 2026 - Evening Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83372536038?pwd=ICN5dU9FXgDIVjCkAPQhPQR68sCFE>

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Password: Church / Meeting ID: 833 7253 6038

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' has now moved - Tuesdays from 6:00 until 7:00pm
- **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

Confirmation in 2026 - we have had a few people express interest in being confirmed this year. If you are interested in confirmation, please let me or another member of the ministry team know. **Rev Alan.**

Tunstall Christmas flowers - Once again, may I offer my sincere thanks to all those people in the congregation who donated money towards the flowers to decorate the church for Christmas. Without your generous donations we would not have had the

lovely display that so many of you commented on. Thank You. I would also like to publicly thank the team who prepared the arrangements. There were fewer of them this time so a special thank you for the time they spent achieving so much. I had a little money left over so I will purchase a box of the BIO Oasis which we use now as it is biodegradable. The blocks will keep us going for the remainder of this year as we cut each block in half to save costs and landfill. Once again, if you would like to offer your help either by doing a one-off pedestal arrangement during the year and adding your name to the rota or by helping with the Easter flowers in some way. The small placements on the window ledges are relatively easy and working with others, it's easy to copy and learn. A cup of coffee is always very welcome too, so you don't need to be proficient in flower arranging! Please speak to Rosemary if you would like to help in any way. Best wishes and Happy New Year. Rosemary Horwood

Bredgar Community Choir - we are now on our winter break and will next meet again on Monday 23rd February.

Friends of Bredgar Church — Winter Warmer - Join us on 8 February for the next fundraiser in support of our lovely church, St. John the Baptist. Enjoy a delicious two-course meal at Bredgar Village Hall with friends and neighbours.

Tickets:

- £16 per adult
- £5 for children aged 6–11
- Children under 6: Free

Doors open at 12:30pm **To book your tickets or reserve a table, please contact Paul Charman:** 07832 168789 or paulcharman99@hotmail.com

And here's another date for your diary: **Maytime Lunch - Sunday, 10 May.**

Courses

Come and See (Exploring Reader Ministry)

Saturday 7th February 2026, 10.45am-1pm

Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury CT1 1NQ

A session for anyone wanting to find out about the ministry of Readers as licensed lay ministers:

What is Reader ministry? (a brief presentation)

What does Reader ministry look like? (hearing from some Readers)

What does the training look like?

Question Time! (ask any question you like)

To book a place, please email Nigel Collins, Diocesan Lay

Ministries Advisor - ncollins@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-a4dc14b84>

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/>