



# **Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar**

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## ***Services on 1st February 2026*** ***\*Candlemas\****

**Tunstall** - 8:00am - Communion (Traditional)

**Tunstall** - 09:45am - All-age service for Education Sunday

*Sunday School will run as normal*

**Wormshill** - 10:00am - Family Service

**Rodmersham** - 11:15am- Communion

**Frinsted** - 5:00pm - Evensong

## **Readings for Sunday**

Malachi 3:1-5
Hebrews 2:14-end
Luke 2:22-40*

\*For the 9:45 service at Tunstall the Gospel is taken from John 4

**Collect:** Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean

hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*(On occasion, the readings and/or Collect used may vary from those shown).*

## Online services

### **Online - Wednesday 28th January 2026 - Evening Prayer**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83372536038?pwd=ICN5dU9FXgDViJcAPQhPQr68sCfED.1>

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'** - 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 some 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.**

## Dates for the diary - Upcoming events below:

- 25th April - lunchtime event at the Torry Hill railway, in conjunction with Frinsted Church
- 6th May - Afternoon event at Milstead Manor Farm

Details of timings and tickets will be announced on the members' WhatsApp group, in Parish News and available from Tracey Gooding nearer the time.

**Bredgar Community Choir** - we are now on our winter break and will next meet again on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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-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:-

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

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

**Tunstall Midwinter Room Bookings** should be made through via 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'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/>