



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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Services on Sunday 29th March 2026 **Palm Sunday**

Tunstall:-

09:30am: Meet at top of Park Drive to begin procession

09:45am: Communion and Sunday School in church

Readings for Sunday

Psalm 118:19-24
Matthew 21:1-11

Collect: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. *On occasion, the readings and/or Collect used may vary from those shown).*

Online services

Wednesday 25th March - Evening Prayer - 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83372536038?pwd=ICN5dU9FXgDIViJcAPQhPQR68sCFE>

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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

Notices

Lent Course: an exploration of the **Gospel According to Matthew**, led over 5 weekly sessions by Aleksey Kolesnikov, who is currently in training for ordination and is on placement with us. **The final session is on** Wednesday 25th March at 4:00pm in the Midwinter Room, Tunstall. All are welcome, teatime refreshments provided!

Good Friday Walk of Witness, 3rd April, meeting in 5 of our churches along the way through 5 villages in our benefice: approximate timings as follows:-

9:30am	Milstead
10.45am	Bredgar
12:00	Bicknor: lunch [please bring food & drink]
2:00pm	Wormshill
2.45pm	Frinsted, followed by tea & HCBs in the village hall

Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of the walk.

Rodmersham Church Spring Coffee Morning and Plant Sale - Thursday April 30th 2026, 10.30 — 12.30 in the Churchyard Plant Sale, Teas and Coffees, Raffle, Cake Stall, Bric-a-brac, Books, Local Honey. Please come along and support us.

Friends of Bredgar Church — A UNIQUE WALKING PILGRIMAGE – TALK & PRESENTATION - Sunday 29 March. 2pm, Wesley Cottage, Silver Street. Free admission. FOBC is hosting a fascinating talk on the Augustine Camino Pilgrimage, presented by its Director, Andrew Kelly.

Hot drinks and nibbles will be available, and all parishioners are very welcome. Find out more about the pilgrimage see:

<http://www.augustinecamino.co.uk>

- Spaces are limited, so please secure yours by contacting: Siân - sian_davies36@yahoo.com or 07595 333 686

Maytime - Friends of Bredgar Church Lunch - Our next fundraising social will be the Maytime Lunch, taking place at 1pm on Sunday 10 May in Bredgar Village Hall. More details to come.

Tunstall Church Rock Choir Concert - Saturday 16th May at 7pm - An evening of musical voices performed by a local Rock Choir, back by popular demand after their performance at Tunstall Church Tree Festival Light refreshments and a glass of wine included in the ticket price. Raffle tickets will be available on the night. Tickets available from Liz Stevens 01795 474242 07979 250625 John Slate 47717295376. All money raised will be for the restoration of the lime plaster and lime wash painting to the interior of the church walls. Any further information and notification of any food allergies to Liz Stevens.

Confirmation in 2026 - this year's confirmation service for our deanery will take place at Minster Abbey on Saturday evening, 5th September. 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 June - 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.

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
- **Tunstall Open Office - Tuesdays from 6:00pm until 7:00**
- **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.

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/>