



# *Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar*

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## *Sunday 26th April 2026* *\*The 4th Sunday of Easter\**

**Tunstall** - 9:45am - Communion & Sunday School

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

**Milstead** - 10:30am - Communion

### *Readings for Sunday*

Genesis 7
Acts 2.42-47
John 10.1-10

**Collect:** Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. ***(The readings and/or Collect used may vary from those shown).***

## *Online services*

### **Wednesday 22nd April - Celtic 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=eWxzbnpmUFpRcFM4dEF>

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## *Notices*

**Tunstall Easter flowers** - Thank you to all the ladies and children who prepared the beautiful arrangements that are decorating Tunstall church this Easter. They look so fresh and Springlike and the Easter garden, which the children prepared by themselves, is a beautiful focal point for the services and will remain in place for several weeks, so plenty of time to admire it. I know some of you have been asking about paying for the flowers, especially the lilies. If you would like to make a small donation towards the cost of the flowers which, you can imagine, has soared in price this Easter, please can you see Rosemary. Thank you. Happy Easter.  
Rosemary X

### **Rodmersham Church Spring Coffee Morning and Plant Sale -**

*Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Tunstall Safeguarding meeting** - We will be running Basic safeguarding training at Tunstall Church on Saturday 23rd May from 10:00am - 11:30am.

**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.**

### **The Friends of Milstead Church:**

- 25th April - lunchtime event at the Torry Hill railway, in conjunction with Frinsted Church (see details attached)
- 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](mailto:tintinhaddock@yahoo.co.uk)

Rodmersham: Graham Hagggar [graham.hagggar@gmail.com](mailto:graham.hagggar@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/>