



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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Sunday 10th May 2026 **The 6th Sunday of Easter**

Tunstall - 08:00am - Communion (Traditional)

Tunstall - 09:45 - Communion & Sunday School

Bredgar - 10:00am - Communion

Readings for Sunday

Genesis 8:20-9:17
Acts 17:22-31
John 14:15-21

Collect: Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. ***(The readings and/or Collect used may vary from those shown).***

Online services

Wednesday 6th May - 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=eWxzbnpmUFpRcFM4dEF>

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Notices

Tunstall Bereavement Cafe - Sat 9th May 10:30am-12:30pm -

Midwinter Room - St John 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 and with the 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!

Tunstall Churchyard: We plan to gather from 10:00am on Saturday 9th May to work in the churchyard. Andrew and Cathy Elliott have done great work as usual in keeping the grass looking neat and it would be good to have a general tidy-up. If you're free to spend any time at all to help, it will be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be available!

Benefice Christian Aid Week - This starts on 10th May. Envelopes and posters have been delivered to all the churches in the benefice. Would each church kindly collect their money and give it to either myself or Paul Fosbraey. I am happy to collect money. Contact details: 01795 422810.

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 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.**

Introduction to Anna Chaplaincy - Diocesan House, Canterbury CT1 1NQ - Saturday 9th May between 1pm-3pm. A session for anyone (lay or ordained) wanting to find out more about Anna Chaplaincy to older people. Anna Chaplaincy is a ministry offering person centered spiritual care to older people. Anna Chaplaincy maybe lay or ordained in paid voluntary roles; come from a range of ministry backgrounds.

👉 [Find out more about Anna Chaplaincy in the Diocese of Canterbury.](#)

👉 [Book a place for the session.](#)

The Friends of Milstead 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. This Sunday it is the turn of Rev Alan to offer words of wisdom!

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/>