



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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Sunday 21st June 2026

The Third Sunday after Trinity

** John The Baptist **

Frinsted - 08:45am - Communion (BCP)

Tunstall - 09:45am - Communion & Sunday School

Rodmersham - 11:15am - Morning Service

Milstead - 6:00pm - Evensong (BCP)

Readings for Sunday

Isaiah 40:1-11
Galatians 3:23-end
Luke 1:57-66,80

Collect: God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

(The readings and/or Collect used may vary from those shown).

Online services

Online Services - Wednesday 17th June - Celtic Evening Prayer - 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83372536038?pwd=ICN5dU9FXgDIVjCAPQhPQR68sCfE>

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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

Tunstall Mothers Union -The Mothers Union will meet on 17th June at 10.15 and the speaker will be from Cooks. All are welcome.

Benefice walk Sunday 28 June 2.00 pm - we meet at Milstead Church and walk a circular route of around 3 miles, with a stop for refreshment at the Red Lion. All are welcome!

The funeral service for the recent passing of Avril Chapman - will be held at the Garden of England Crematorium at 11am on Friday 19 June 2026. Afterwards the family invite you to join them at the nearby Tudor Rose Pub for light refreshments. No flowers please, but any donations people wish to make will be split between Cancer Research and the Wisdom Hospice, Kent. Dress Code: Avril's wish was for this to be a celebratory event and as such, black is not necessary - please wear bright, uplifting colours.

Tunstall Rock Choir - We would like to say a big thank you to the Rock Choir and Paul Gosling for a fabulous evening of music and dancing on the 16th May. My thanks to everyone who helped with the food - Hot dogs were a hit and drinks were appreciated. We raised a fantastic amount for the interior clean and rewash of the church walls. The final total is £1,504.78! Thank you all - Liz Stevens Churchwarden Tunstall

Friends of Bredgar Church (FOBC) - How lovely to see so many villagers and friends at our MayTime lunch! FOBC is delighted to announce that a total £558.45 profit was made. The money has already been put towards urgent copper roof repair. Thank you! Our next social fundraiser is our annual

PIMMS garden party on Sunday Sept 6th. Picnic style lunch will be served at Wesley Cottage, Silver Street 2-5pm. Contact Paul Charman for tickets on 07832 168789.

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.**

Mary's Meals charity pilgrimage 5th -11th September - returning for a second year, the costs are kept low as the objective is to raise money for school meals in poorer countries. For further details on these pilgrimages plus self-guided and group options see the website Pilgrimages – Augustine Camino

Lay Worship Leading Course - Autumn 2026 - Hybrid Delivery: 3 x Saturday face-to-face sessions (Canterbury) 6 x online Thursday evening sessions (Zoom) Facilitated by Stephen Hardy, Sarah Emmanuel and Nigel Collins - A course to equip lay people to prepare and lead worship in church and less formal settings. Suited to those new to this ministry and also as a refresher for those with some experience. For more information visit the Diocesan [Lay Worship Ministry](#) Webpage.

Deepening Discipleship Courses (Courses exploring faith, discipleship and lay ministry)- Autumn 2026 - Explore your journey of discipleship and unique calling and gifts, identify key gospel discipleship practices as a basis of service and reflect on the growth and development of Christian communities.

Autumn Online -September-October 2026 - Wednesdays (+ Saturday face-to-face lunchtime induction) between 7-8.30pm.

Autumn Face to Face - October - December 2026 - Thursdays (Canterbury) between 7-8:30pm.

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 Haggard graham.haggard@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/>