



# *Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar*

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***Sunday 12th July 2026***  
***\*6th Sunday after Trinity\****

**Tunstall - 8:00am - Communion**

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

**Bredgar - 10:00am - Communion**

## *Readings for Sunday*

Isaiah 55:10-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

**Collect:** Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

## *Online services*

**Online Services - Wednesday 8th July - Taize - 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*

**Vacancy:** We have a vacancy for the position of Benefice Administrator. The work involves 6 hours per week: 3 hours in church and the other 3 can be worked from home. If you are interested in applying and would like a full job description, please contact me at the email address above. The deadline for applications is 12th July. *Alan Pinnegar*

**Friends of Bredgar Church (FOBC)** - 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, 5th September at 5:30pm

There will also be a confirmation service at Canterbury cathedral on Saturday 7th November at 11:00am.

**If you are interested in being confirmed this year, 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  
**Please note: Alan will not be at Bredgar this coming Friday (10th)**
- **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: Peter Barton [peterbartonfca@gmail.com](mailto:peterbartonfca@gmail.com)

## ***Community***

### **SCAM ALERTS**

#### **1) There have been reports of scam emails from individuals impersonating The Revd Bishop Rose.**

If you receive an email claiming to be from Bishop Rose that is sent from a Gmail account or any non-diocesan email address, do not respond. Mark it as spam and report it to Google.

Guidance on identifying scam messages is available from the National Cyber Security Centre

#### **2) A police scam has been targeting residents this week all across Kent.**

Residents are receiving phone calls falsely claiming their bank account has been compromised, their card needs replacing, a family member has been arrested, they must buy gold or a courier will come to collect their card, cash or gold.

These are scams. The police will never ask for your financial details over the phone or send someone to collect your card, cash, or valuables.

If this happens to you, call your bank immediately using 159 or report to Kent Police.

## ***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/>