



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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16th August 2026 - 11th Sunday after Trinity

8:45am - Frinsted - Communion

9:45am - Tunstall - Communion*

11:15am - Rodmersham - Morning Service

6:00pm - Milstead - Evensong

** Sunday School is taking a break during the school holiday.
Children are welcome at our services - we have 'busy bags' if
they need something to keep them occupied!*

Readings for Sunday

Psalm 67

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

Collect: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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

Midweek services

Wednesday 12th August - Evening Prayer

This week we will gather in the churchyard at Frinsted from 6:45 for 7:00pm, to coincide with the partial eclipse which is expected to peak at around 7:15.

If the mobile phone signal holds up, you can still join the service via the usual link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83372536038?pwd=ICN5dU9FXgDIViJcAPQhPQr68sCfE_D.1

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

Safeguarding Audit: As you may be aware INEQE Safeguarding Group have been commissioned to conduct Independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. As part of the audit process for Canterbury, INEQE hope to engage with parishioners and members of the parish community through an online survey which will act as a mechanism through which individuals can comment on any matters relevant to the Audit's focus. The survey is both anonymous and confidential (you will not be identified). We would therefore ask you to be open and honest with your responses. The survey results are received directly by INEQE's Audit Team and not by the Church of England. The survey is now live and will close at 11.30 pm on Wednesday 2nd of September 2026. To access the survey relevant to you please visit: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury/>

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

Milstead Church - Advance notice: we have booked Sittingbourne Rock Choir for Friday 9th October at 7.30 pm. More information from Phebe 07551 161217

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
- **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 be away on 24th July]
- **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: Peter Barton peterbartonfca@gmail.com

Community

SCAM ALERTS

Residents have been targeted by bank impersonation scam calls this week in Ashford, Maidstone, Cranbrook, Sevenoaks and Sittingbourne.

Scammers are calling residents pretending to be from a bank fraud department or "fraud squad", claiming there is a problem with their account. They may ask victims to transfer money to a "safe" account, hand over their bank card to a courier, or withdraw cash and send it through the post.

These are scams. **Your bank will never ask you to transfer money to a safe account, hand over your card, or send cash by post.**

If you receive a suspicious call, hang up and ensure the line is disconnected before contacting your bank directly using 159.

Never use phone numbers provided by the caller.

How to protect yourself:

 Be cautious of unexpected calls, even if the caller knows personal information about you.

 Never share passwords, PINs, one-time passcodes or other security details over the phone.

 If you're unsure, end the call and contact the company directly using a trusted number from their official website.

 Regularly check your accounts and credit report for any unauthorised activity.

 Report: National Cyber Security Centre

 Advice: Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline: 0808 223 1133

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:- <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding/>