



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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23rd August 2026 - 12th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am - Tunstall - Communion*

10:00am - Bredgar - Family Service

10:30am - Milstead - Cancelled

** 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

Isaiah 51:1-6

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Collect: God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that
our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Midweek services

Wednesday 19th August - Celtic Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83372536038?pwd=ICN5dU9FXgDIVjCkAPQhPQr68sCfE>

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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

Friends of Bredgar Church - Our next event is our annual PIMMS garden party on Sunday Sept 6th. Picnic style lunch will be served at Wesley Cottage, Silver St, 2-5pm. Contact Paul Charman for tickets: 07832 168789.

Mary's Meals charity pilgrimage 5th - 11th Sept 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

Ride 'n' Stride 12th September: raising money for the Friends of Kent Churches which offers financial support to help with the upkeep of church buildings around the country.

All the churches in our benefice are taking part as usual, please contact the local co-ordinator for further details:-

Tunstall - Sue Thomas

Milstead - Phebe Chamberlain

Rodmersham - John Fisher

Wormshill - Nigel Field

Frinted - Tony Brown

Bredgar and Bicknor - Tim Ford

Rodmersham Church - 12th September: as well as taking part in Ride 'n' Stride, we will be serving **afternoon tea** with a selection of savouries, scones, cakes etc from 2:00 until 4:00pm.

Sittingbourne Rock Choir will be performing at around 3:00.

This is the latest in our series of fund raising events to replace flaking lime plaster on the south wall and in the porch.

We look forward to seeing you!

Milstead Church, 9th October, 7:00 for 7:30pm - Sittingbourne Rock Choir Tickets £15 include glass of wine and nibbles. Under 16s £5. Parking & toilets at the Village Hall. Phebe 07551 161217

Have you considered exploring Christian faith more deeply, or even going into ministry? If so, one of the following courses run by the Diocese of Canterbury might be for you!

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. **Closing date for applications: 24th August**

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.

October - December 2026 - Thursdays (Canterbury) between 7-8:30pm. **Closing date for applications: 17th September**

Anna Chaplaincy Course (Oct – Nov): Tuesdays, 7pm-9pm.

Closing Date for applications: 24 August

A 6 session online (Zoom) course for those (lay or ordained) called to ministry with older people. Content includes:

An introduction to Anna Chaplaincy

The Spirituality of ageing

Chaplaincy skills in working with older people

For course information (including dates) and an application form visit the Diocesan Anna Chaplaincy webpage.

Lay Funeral Ministry – Closing Date for applications: 14th September

A course for Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) and experienced worship leaders on the recommendation of their incumbents and

with PCC support. Successful completion will lead to diocesan authorisation with local recognition and support. Applicants will be interviewed prior to acceptance on the course.

24 October from 10am-4pm

6th March 2027 from 10am - 4pm

8th May 2027 from 10am - 4pm

Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury, CT1 1NQ

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
- **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 week it is Rev Alan's turn to adorn the airwaves with words of wisdom...

New film coming to the UK

One of the Bible's most famous stories is coming to cinemas on 21st August: 'DAVID' brings the remarkable journey of the young shepherd who becomes king to life in a new animated feature.

Featuring the voices of Phil Wickham and Lauren Daigle, the film has already captured audiences around the world, grossing \$88 million worldwide and becoming Angel Studios' biggest-ever opening.

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

There are all kinds of scams going round: callers impersonating banks or the Police; online contractors offering services and putting pressure on householders to pay extra costs upfront; a certificate renewal scam for work carried out more than 10 years ago.

Before you agree to any home improvement work:

- ✓ check independent reviews from more than one source
- ✓ get a written quote before work starts
- ✓ be cautious if costs increase unexpectedly
- ✓ never feel pressured to pay more than originally agreed

Don't agree to appointments during an unexpected call

- Verify any claims by contacting the original installer directly using a trusted phone number
- Be wary of traders who only provide a mobile number or are difficult to contact
- Never feel pressured into allowing someone into your home

Report to Kent Police and receive advice from the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 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:-
<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding/>