



## **Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar**

**Rector:** Rev Alan Pinnegar, 01795 482367; 07402 717325 [aepinnegar@gmail.com](mailto:aepinnegar@gmail.com)

**Associate Priest:** Rev. Karen Burgess, 07394 980673 [revburgess2021@gmail.com](mailto:revburgess2021@gmail.com)

**Licensed Readers:** Pat Tatchell 01795 471956; Clive Jacobs 07951 439943

**Administrator:** Rachel Thomas [beneficetunstallandbredgar@gmail.com](mailto:beneficetunstallandbredgar@gmail.com)

### ***27th September 2026 - 17th after Trinity***

**9:45am Tunstall Communion**

**10:00am Bredgar No service**

**10:30am Milstead Communion**

**6:00pm Wormshill Evensong**

**4:00pm Bicknor Harvest**

### **Readings for Sunday**

Psalm 25:1-8

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-end

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

**Collect:** Gracious God, you call us to the fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

### **Midweek services**

#### **Wednesday 23rd September - Evening Prayer**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83372536038?pwd=ICN5dU9FXgDIViJcAPQhPQR68sCFED.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*

**An Invitation to a fundraiser for L'ARCHE Kent - Thursday 24th September Noon to 2pm.** Liz and Phil Cox's home 36 Windsor Drive ME10 1UN. Delicious refreshments available & also crafts will be available to buy. L'arche community provides learning disability support.

**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

### **Harvest celebrations in the benefice:-**

#### **Bicknor:**

**27th Sept:** 4:00pm - refreshments & cakes in church, followed by 4:30pm - Harvest Service

#### **Tunstall:**

**4th Oct:** 10:30am - Harvest Service, followed by 12:00pm - Ploughman's lunch in church. No charge, donations welcome!

#### **Wormshill:**

**4th Oct:** 11:30 - Harvest Service in church, followed by 12:30 - Lunch in the village hall. Details to follow

#### **Rodmersham:**

**16th Oct:** 7:00pm - Harvest Supper in the village hall - tickets £20 each, please contact John or Barbara Fisher 01795 424952

**18th Oct:** 11:15 - Harvest Service in church

#### **Bredgar:**

**11th Oct:** 10:00am - Harvest Communion in church

**18th Oct:** 12:00pm - Harvest lunch in church. No charge, donations welcome!

Please contact Alice Quarry [amquarry@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:amquarry@yahoo.co.uk)

## Harvest flowers 2026

Tunstall Harvest Festival services will be on **Sunday October 4th** and, as usual, the team will be decorating the church and porch to add to the celebration. I have received a very generous donation of mixed dried flowers and berries this year which will make a beautiful addition to the arrangements, but I will also be buying flowers. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the flowers that would be so helpful, please as the cost is gradually increasing like most things.

Thank you. Rosemary

**Tunstall Church Shoebox Appeal:** leaflets for this year's appeal are available at the back of the church. Filled shoeboxes are needed by the last week in October.

## ***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.

## ***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**

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