



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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4th October 2026 - 18th after Trinity

8:00am Tunstall Communion

10:30am Tunstall Harvest Festival (No Sunday School)

11:15am Rodmersham Communion

11:30am Wormshill Harvest Festival

6:00pm Frinsted Harvest Evensong

Readings for Sunday

Psalm 80:9-17

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-end

Collect: God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Midweek services

Wednesday 30th 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

L'ARCHE Kent -Thank you to all who attended the fundraiser for L'Arche Community at Liz & Phil Cox's house last Thursday. Afterwards a pair of glasses were found in the garden in a specsavers case. If they belong to you, please let Liz know.

Tunstall Church Christmas Raffle Tickets.

These are now on sale. Boxes for donations are at the back of the church. Hamper donation list will be available shortly.

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:-

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

Frinsted:

4th Oct: 6pm - Harvest Festival Service in church.

Milstead:

11th Sept: 10.30am - Harvest Service in Church. Donations collected during service for swale food bank

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

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 Quiz:

There will be a quiz night in Tunstall School hall on Saturday 14th November at 7.30pm. Tables of 6 to 8 people. £10 per head. Please bring your own food & Drink, Proceeds will go towards Tunstall Church funds. To book a table please let Peter Barton know on 01795 479816 or email peterbartonfca@gmail.com

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

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/>