Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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22nd November 2026
Sunday next before Advent

9:45am Tunstall Communion Sunday School available

10:00am Bredgar Family Service

10:30am Milstead Communion

Readings for Sunday

Psalm 95:1-7
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Collect:

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

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

Midweek services

Wednesday 18th November- Taize

https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89049303644?pwd=9dgDLSoOkZMXZ1RA2EEWkbXhUUa1XQ.1
Password: Church / Meeting ID: 890 4930 3644

Morning Prayer is said online every weekday at **9:30am:**
https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82557742335?pwd=aArEk32T8rrBVZxFEkMGlMtErw3Ueu.1
Password: Church / Meeting ID: 825 5774 2335

Notices

Ukraine - *A message from Brian Grove, who attends Holy Trinity, Dover Street: "A church group from Hampshire has asked me to drive with them on their upcoming trip taking aid to churches in Ukraine. They go to a church in south-east Poland where various Ukrainian clergy take aid onwards. However, they've asked me to drive one car loaded with aid, to Korosten, near the Belarussian border, not far from Kyiv. While it never makes the news, it is an area frequently bombed as it is a main railway centre. Earlier this year I drove there and stayed a week, visiting churches and going with the clergyman visiting the sick, delivering food to the poorest, etc. Sadly we also visited housing which had been bombed, with families still living in what's left of their homes. Some of the areas he covers are very poor, yet they welcome refugees fleeing the war further east and feed many including a lot of children orphaned by the war. After church services there is a meal, which seems to be open house to everyone in the area.I would love to take letters from churches here giving greetings and encouragement to our brothers and sisters there. We leave Friday 20th November." If you would like to send a message of support, please forward it Bev Sills at Sittingbourne Baptist Church, or Tina Wem at Holy Trinity, Dover Street.*

Mothers' Union 10am for 10:15am This Wednesday 18th November in the midwinter room Tunstall. Speaker Helen Allinson

Deanery Synod at 7:30pm on 24th November at St Laurence, Bapchild - the meeting is open to all.

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 at the back of Tunstall Church Donations Gratefully received.

Christmas Events in the benefice:-
Tunstall Christmas Fair:
Saturday 21st November Tunstall Village Hall from 11am to 1:30pm

Milstead Christmas Bazaar:
Saturday 21st November Milstead Village Hall from 10am to 12pm

St Nicholas Rodmersham Christmas Fair:
Saturday 5th December Rodmersham Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm. Admission free, Grand Christmas Draw, Plus wide range of stalls and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.
Tunstall Christmas Tree Festival:Thursday 3rd to Sunday 6th December

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/