



# **Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar**

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## ***Services on 20th July 2025*** ***\*The Fifth Sunday after Trinity\****

**Frinted** - 08:45am - Communion (BCP, Traditional)

**Tunstall** - 09:45am - Communion & Sunday School

**Wormshill** - 10:00am - Matins

**Rodmersham** - 11:15am - Morning Worship (Non-Communion)

**Milstead** - 6:00pm - Evensong

### **Readings for Sunday**

Genesis 18:1-10a
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-end

**Collect:** Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The readings** can be accessed via [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com): enter the passage in the following format: [e.g.] John 14: 1-6; from the drop-down box to the right select "New Revised Standard Version", then click <Search>.

***On occasion, the readings and/or Collect used may vary from those shown.***

## **Online services**

**Wednesday 16th July 2025 - Online at 7pm - Celtic Prayer**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86997690696?pwd=Q3BJTHhNZkhOQVNWZjdkYnhPMnprZz09> Meeting ID: 869 9769 0696; Passcode: Church

**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

## **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  
'Open Office' will take place on Mondays from 1:30- 2.30pm from 23rd June onwards. Please feel free to call in!
- **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.

## **Notices**

**Holiday Club 2025, Sittingbourne Baptist Church - From 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**  
August, 10am-12noon. Entrance is free. We suggest slightly earlier for the first morning as registration can take a few minutes! Children from the ages of 0-11 are welcome: however, a parent or carer must stay with preschool children. Age appropriate craft, songs, stories and snacks will be available each

morning. The material is produced by Scripture Union and presented by a team of volunteers. All our volunteers are DBS checked and we operate daily risk assessments of the areas the children have access to. Please let Alan or Charlotte know if you would like a registration form.

**Coffee morning at Bredgar** - the church will be open every Wednesday from 8.45am until around 10.30/11. All are welcome!

**RING OUT THOSE BELLS!** -New bell ropes have now been installed in Bredgar church. A dedication service will be arranged soon. The new ropes were funded by private donations, villagers and supporters. A donation from the Friends of Bredgar Church (FOBC) made up the balance. If you want to help support initiatives like this, do come along to FOBC fundraising socials. The next event is the PIMMS Garden Party on Sunday September 7th from 2-5pm. Cream tea and live music.

**Criterion Strummers - Saturday 9th August @ 7pm - Tunstall Church - *An evening of musical entertainment by the Criterion Strummers***, a local Ukulele band with buffet food and a glass of wine included in the ticket price (please notify us of any food allergies) Raffle tickets will be available on the night. Tickets available (£15) from Liz Stevens, Trica Longbottom, Pauline Box, Lou Fosbraey, Olwyn Norris and Sue Thomas. Any additional information please contact Liz Stevens 01795 474242 - All money raised is for Church Funds

## *Courses*

**Deepening Discipleship Course Autumn 2025 – Online with initial face-to-face session**

An exploration of how to follow Jesus together with other disciples, with an opportunity to:

- Explore your journey of discipleship and unique calling and gifts
- Identify key gospel discipleship practices as a basis of service
- Reflect on the growth and development of Christian communities

Saturday 20 September 2025 12.00pm-2.30pm (with light lunch) in person at Diocesan House, Canterbury and then Wednesdays 24 September - 19

November 2025, 7pm-8.30pm online. Deadline for applications is **3 September 2025**. For more information including course dates and an application form visit the [Deepening Discipleship](#) webpage.

### **Lay Worship Leading Course - Autumn 2025**

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

### **Lay Funeral Ministry**

Information on the autumn 2025-spring 2026 Lay Funeral Ministry Course will be available in early July. To register an interest contact Sarah Lucas [slucas@diocant.org](mailto:slucas@diocant.org)

### **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: Graham Haggard [graham.haggard@gmail.com](mailto:graham.haggard@gmail.com)

## ***Community***

**Scammers** - for advice on identifying and dealing with scammers and spoof emails, please consult our website

## ***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:- <https://www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding/>