



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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Services on 31st August 2025 ****The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity****

Tunstall - 09:45am - Communion (no Sunday School)

Tunstall - 6:00pm - Evensong

Sunday School is taking a break during the school holiday and will return on 7th September. Children are welcome in church and we have 'Busy Bags' to keep them occupied!

Readings for Sunday

Psalm 96
1Thess 4:13-end
Luke 4:16-30

Collect: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our saviour Jesus Christ.

The readings can be accessed via 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 27th August 2025 - Online at 7pm - Evening 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=eWxzbnpmUFpRcFM4dEEFTzB1ZGpSUT09> 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

Benefice Walk : Sunday 31st August @2pm - We are pleased to let everyone know we have re-arranged our walk! We plan to gather at Tunstall Churchyard at 2:00pm for a circular walk via the Maypole, Borden. The walk is roughly 3.5 miles in total. All are welcome and dogs on leads included.

Tunstall Mothers Union - Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning last week. Thank you also to Glynis for her

hard work in organising this event. A total of £570.00 was raised. This will go towards our AFIA holiday to be held at Ashburnham next year. A truly wonderful result.

PIMMS Garden Tickets now available! Catch up with neighbours and support Bredgar Church at the same time. 🍷 - Join us Sunday **7th September** for our PIMMS Garden Party @ Wesley Cottage, Silver St, Bredgar 2-5pm. Live music, raffle and lawn games. Sweet and savoury tea options available with elderflower cordial and PIMMS 🍷 Look forward to seeing you! All welcome! Contact Paul Charman on 07832 168 789

Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride . This will be held on Saturday 13th September. Sponsorship forms are now available from *Phebe Chamberlain (Milstead)*, *Sue Thomas (Tunstall)*, *Tim Ford (Bredgar & Bicknor)*, *Rodmersham (John Fisher)*, *Wormshill (Nigel Field)*, *Joyce Brown (Frinted)* - Help will be needed to church sit on the day.

Ladies Afternoon Tea, Sittingbourne Baptist Church - 20th September at 2:00pm. The speaker will be Sister Mary from the Parkwood Fellowship. Contact Julie Stride (gjushe1@gmail.com) for further details

Christmas Fair - It may be early to think of Christmas but if any parents are sorting out cuddly toys during the summer holidays I am happy to collect any clean and not damaged items. We will not be collecting bric-a-brac this year. Thanks, Sue Thomas

Young pilgrims walk the walk for Bredgar Church - A huge shout-out to two young former Bredgar residents, Lewis Cullen and his sister Rowan, who completed the challenging Pilgrim's Way walk from Winchester Cathedral to Canterbury Cathedral this August. Walking in support of Bredgar Church, they raised over £1,200 - a fantastic achievement! Despite the hardship, they said they felt truly blessed - uplifted by the kindness of strangers, the beauty of the villages and countryside they passed through, and thankfully, kind weather. Donations for Friends of Bredgar Church were raised via GoFundMe (<https://gofund.me/a06c9529>), and we extend our heartfelt

thanks to everyone who supported them. **Well done, Lewis and Rowan—and thank you!**

Sittingbourne Baptist Church - Living Single, Living Faith Saturday 6th September 7-9pm - First meeting of the Christian Singles Fellowship, Come along for a “Getting to know you” social event! Contact for further details on Office.manager@sbc-church.org.uk or Michivory4@yahoo.co.uk

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

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: Graham Haggar graham.haggar@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

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/>