



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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Services on 28th September 2025 ****The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**** ****Creationtide****

Tunstall - 9:45am - Communion with Sunday School*

Bredgar - 10:00am - Family Service

Milstead - 10:30am - Harvest Family Service

Wormshill - 6:00pm - Evensong

**We are pleased to welcome Rev Marian Bond, who will be officiating at Tunstall on Sunday - many of you will remember her from her time as priest in our benefice*

Readings for Sunday

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a; 6-15
1Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-end

Collect: *Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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

Online services

Wednesday 24th September - 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=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

Saying Goodbye, (part of Mariposa International (SG)) are coming to Canterbury next month with a very special Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of an international chain of events). The service will take place at Canterbury Cathedral at 11:00am on 4th October. Mariposa International (SG)'s core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. The service is intended for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of

pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride - I would like to thank all the riders and striders who took part in the Ride and Stride last Saturday. We all braved the weather, we all got very wet. From the information I have at the moment we have all raised a good sum. I would also like to mention little Florence from Tunstall School. She cycled to all churches in our benefice and has raised in excess of £150.00.

Friends of Milstead Church -We had 16 participants at Milstead, less than usual - no doubt because of the heavy rain first thing. And nobody from other parts of Kent - usually we welcome a few adventurous souls from many miles away. We had visitors from all our parishes, plus Borden, Bapchild and Newnham and the first three were soaked through. Phebe would like to thank Dawn Wallwork from Milstead School, who walked for us again this year and visited 10 churches. Her daughter brought a change of clothes to her at Newnham and she was accompanied for the rest of the way by Karen Brown. Phebe would also like to thank our church sitters: Janice, Joyce, Michelle and Jan. We also had visits from two Camino pilgrims from the US and their route director Andrew Kelly.

The Rodmersham Society Harvest Supper will be on Friday 10th October in the Rodmersham Village Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm. There will be a two course supper, a licensed bar plus the usual fun and entertainment. Tickets £20 are available from Barbara Fisher (424952 and 07495 973218)

The St Nicholas Christmas Fair will, this year, be on Saturday 29th November in Rodmersham Village Hall from 2pm until 4pm. Admission is free and there will be the usual attractions and refreshments.

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/>