



Benefice of Tunstall and Bredgar

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Services on 19th October 2025

****The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity****

Frinsted - 08:45am - Communion (BCP, Traditional)

***Tunstall** - 09:45am - Communion (No Sunday School)*

Wormshill - 10:00am - Communion (Traditional)

Rodmersham - 11:15am - Morning Service

Milstead - 4:00pm - Evensong

Bicknor - 6:00pm - Harvest Evening service

****Please note:- Rev Karen Burgess is to be licensed as Associate Priest in our Benefice. Archdeacon Sharon will preach and conduct the licensing during the service. All are Welcome! Although it's the school holiday and Sunday School is not running, children are very welcome - we have 'busy bags' to keep them occupied!***

Readings for Sunday

Genesis 32: 22-31
2Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

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.

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

Online services

Wednesday 15th October - 7pm - Celtic Worship

<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

Tunstall Harvest Flowers -Rosemary Horwood would like to thank the ladies who decorated the church last Friday ready for our Harvest Services. This time was not without some hiccups, but we got there thanks to the flexibility and skills of the team. I'm sure all will agree the arrangements looked perfect in our beautiful church. As you know, we rely solely on donations from the congregation towards the cost of the flowers so if you felt you would like to contribute, I would be very grateful as, like everything else, the cost has risen over the years. I choose to purchase them from our local florist, Flowers by Beatrice in East Street, as I know they will last and provide colour for at least two if not three weeks in church.

Bredgar Harvest Lunch 12th October- Bredgar celebrated our Harvest on Sunday with a lunch in the church attended by 30 people, a full house! It was enjoyed by young and not so young. We were delighted to welcome 3 young families with their children. A successful raffle raised £175 as well as generous donations. Thank you everyone who supported us.

Mothers Union - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th October. Our speaker will be Helen Allinson. We meet at 10.15am in the Midwinter room of Tunstall Church.

Benefice Walk Sunday 26th October 2pm - We are pleased to let everyone know we are arranging another walk. All are welcome, dogs on leads included. More details will be in next week's newsletter & on our Facebook page!

Tunstall Christmas Fair - 22nd November between 11:00-1:30pm
- Raffle tickets are now available at the back of Tunstall church and please note that the raffle will be drawn on the day at 1pm. Boxes are now at the back of the church also for donations please. There will also be Tombola, Food, Toys, Crafts, Cakes and more! Everyone is welcome to join us!!

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

Tunstall Christmas Tree Festival this year is between - *Thursday 4th December - Sunday 7th December 2025.*

Opening times are below:

- Thursday 4th December and Friday 5th December - 10am - 8pm
- Saturday 6th December - 10am - 5pm
- Sunday 7th December - 10am - 4pm

Free Admission, Seasonal refreshments are all available and all donations go to Church Funds and KSS Air Ambulance. Come and enjoy a wonderful festive event! For any enquires please contact John Slate on john.slate49@hotmail.com

Courses

Science and the Christian faith - are they compatible? We will be exploring the relationship between the two using material provided by the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, along with other resources. The sessions will run from 7:00 until 8:30 pm on Mondays 10th, 17th and 24th November and 1st December in the Midwinter Room at Tunstall Church.

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/>