

## **TOLL GAVEL UNITED CHURCH TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

### **Aim and Purpose**

The Trustees of Toll Gavel United Church are responsible for the whole mission of the church, pastoral, spiritual, evangelical and ecumenical. They are responsible for the maintenance of the church premises.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The church's purpose is to advance the Christian faith in Beverley and the local area in accordance with the principles and practices of the Methodist and United Reformed Churches. To achieve this, the church has engaged in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including:

- The celebration of public worship
- The teaching of the Christian faith
- Mission and Evangelism
- Pastoral work including visiting, the sick, bereaved, housebound and those in residential or nursing care
- Provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including the elderly and the young
- The support of other charities working in the UK and overseas

To facilitate much of this work it is vital to maintain the fabric of the building. This is becoming an increasingly difficult challenge because the premises are old, there is a reduction in self-help and the pressure on available finance.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The year began with the appointment of a new minister, Rev Fran Rhys and a welcome service was arranged to mark the start of her ministry in the Beverley circuit. The district support team was able to step down from their role. We have continued to provide weekly worship on Sunday mornings. In October we installed some new equipment which has enabled us to livestream this worship experience for those who cannot physically attend in person.

In September we participated in the annual Heritage weekend and the church hosted a knitted exhibition of highlights from the life of John Wesley. We also organised a few stalls and events in the church drive to help attract people in. Some of our uniformed groups took part in this. After this weekend we reopened our Coffee facility on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and our Saturday Coffee Mornings in the church hall. The customer base has changed, and the attendance and support has been variable. We reduced the booking fee for groups who wanted to organise a Saturday Coffee Morning, and this has gradually helped to widen the number of groups to organise them. Other bookings from groups wanting to use the premises on a regular basis has gradually increased and our income from them has reached about two thirds of the amount pre-pandemic.

Income from collections has fallen too and we are concerned that expenditure is exceeding income on a regular basis. We appointed a new church treasurer in February after the resignation of our previous treasurer who had served in that role for about 15 years. This is a huge concern for the treasurer and the trustees, and will continue to play a large part in our future deliberations.

We established a group named Faith Space and Place which is exploring options for the future of our premises. We have a large church hall as well as a large church building which are both energy inefficient and old and expensive to run and maintain. This group is exploring options of what changes can be made and to this end have visited several churches in Yorkshire which have already made significant changes. We have reached the stage where we are ready for professional architects to provide some ideas for us to consider.

Another group, called the Spiritual Leadership Team, which was established during covid, continue to meet regularly, and provide ideas for worship and outreach. In conjunction with our children's worker, they do a good job with providing ideas and opportunities to engage with the wider community.

During this church year we have lost 4 members through death and 2 through transfer. We have made 5 new members. Members who have not attended worship or take no active part in the life of the church have all been contacted to see if they wish to continue their membership. Some have decided to rescind their membership, and some have not responded yet. As a result, our total membership has reduced to 149. 7 of these have a URC

affiliation. Attendance at worship varies between 40 and 60. There are usually 20 hits on our You Tube channel for Sunday worship but it is impossible to quantify numbers watching in an more detail.

The church is a member of the Yorkshire North and East District of the Methodist Church. We are also a member of the Yorkshire Synod of the United Reformed Church, and of Churches Together in Beverley. The Social Responsibility Housegroup continued to meet.

Toll Gavel continues to be a Fairtrade Church and supported this dimension to our mission We are planning to reignite our mission as an eco -church and work towards achieving our silver award in the next year.

### **Pastoral work**

The church members are divided into 14 pastoral groups each with a leader called a Pastoral Visitor. Their role is to keep in contact with their group, pass on information and deliver flowers to those who experience illness or bereavement. They do an excellent job.

Christine Milburn is employed as a lay worker among the elderly, and helps to run the church Lunch Club, as well as Leisure Day which meets to support older people with a weekly programme of events. Some of the worship activities in residential and nursing homes has resumed.

### **Use of the church premises**

The premises have gradually come back into regular use since the end of lockdown in the summer of 2021. All our uniformed groups have been active. Some of the music groups only reactivated during this summer. Slimming World have met regularly throughout. Other community groups, like DVAP ad Mind, have restarted their regular programmes. We have been attempting to make greater use of the church building. We have removed the old wooden chairs which were heavy to move and did not stack and replaced them with modern lightweight chairs which stack. This has helped to create a more flexible space and will allow a wider variety of groups to use this space.

We were without a caretaker until early March, so this role had to be fulfilled with volunteers. A new caretaker was appointed but resigned after 3 months which has left us reliant on a volunteer force again. The core of active volunteers is shrinking and most of them are well beyond pensionable age. Their contribution to the life of the church and keeping the building well maintained is immense and we offer our grateful thanks to them

### **Mission**

We have been unable to resume our regular support of All We Can partner projects. We were active in Christian Aid Week distributing envelopes to church members for donations and organising events for publicity and raise funds and we raised over £1000 In addition we raised £250 for the Haiti earthquake appeal. We continue to support the Open Doors project in Hull which gives help to refugees and asylum seekers. A Community Lunch meets on our premises and the focus for this is people who are homeless or on low incomes. A weekly creative arts group and a Games group have started. Additional planters have been placed in the drive and a large, beautiful mural painted and fixed on the wall. The 2 fixed stalls on the church drive have been regularly used for selling home grown fruit and vegetable, plants and home-made preserves and Fairtrade goods

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Rules for the appointment of Trustees are set out in the Constitution of Toll Gavel United Church. Membership of Trustees consists of the Minister, six Trustees appointed by the annual congregational meeting and up to six co-opted members.

### **Administrative Information**

Toll Gavel United Church is registered with the Charity Commission (number 1140314) as a local ecumenical partnership, and is situated on Toll Gavel, Beverley, East Yorkshire, HU17 9AA Participating denominations are a) the Methodist Church and b) the United Reformed Church. They are accountable to the Yorkshire North and East District of the Methodist Church and the Yorkshire Synod of the United Reformed Church. A review of the constitution has taken place and no changes were recommended.

**Current Trustees**

Chairman: Rev Fran Rhys

Elected Trustees: Mrs C. Nursey, Mrs E. Turner, Mr J. Turner, Mr D Powell, Mrs W Pearce

Co-opted Trustees: Mr C Hogg, Mrs C. Milburn, Mrs M Chastney, Mr N.Dykes (new treasurer)

During the year Mr P Davies ad Mr T Bratley resigned

Approved by the Trustees

Signed .....

Chairman

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Toll Gavel United Church

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

<b>Beverley Methodist</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>29/8</b>
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**Treasurer:**

Mr Nigel Peter Dykes

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SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>(6,517)</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>(4,287)</b>
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c4	Transfers and adjustments		557	(557)	(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>35,814</b>	<b>27,837</b>	<b>63,651 (c8)</b>
					<b>67,938 (c6)</b>

SECTION D			
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	255	311
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Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	78	438
f2 Bank Current Account	3,200	24,785
f3 Bank Deposit Account	52,564	26,345
f4 Central Finance Board	11,592	1,640
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	504	504
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**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
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g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,685,788	5,685,788
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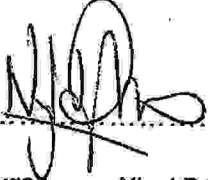
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Signature of treasurer  Date 31/3/2023

Name and address of treasurer ..... Nigel P Dykes,  
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I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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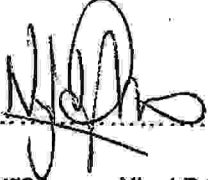
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