

## **TOLL GAVEL UNITED CHURCH TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

### **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**

Rev Fran Rhys has completed her second year as our minister. We have continued to provide Sunday morning worship using a range of ministers and local preachers. Average attendance is between 50 and 60. We also provide monthly afternoon and evening services on a Sunday with a more informal atmosphere. These have increased in popularity and attract people on the fringe of the church community. We livestream the morning service and this is watched by an average of 20 viewers. This allows people who are unwell or cannot attend the service to watch it live or at a time which is more convenient for them.

In September 2022 we participated in the National Heritage celebrations. This year we displayed a series of Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments made from a variety of art forms. This event has become an established feature on our calendar.

We provide a Lunch Club once a fortnight on a Tuesday which is flourishing. A hot meal is provided for 40 people plus the staff. Another group operate a Community Lunch Club every Wednesday. The homeless, the lonely and the destitute are encouraged to use this facility. Our coffee facility at the front of the church continues to operate 3 mornings a week. We are managing to sustain our regular Saturday Coffee Morning in the hall, but the



church volunteers are having to organise and run the event much more often than the pre-pandemic era.

Other bookings from groups wanting to use the premises on a regular basis has gradually increased but our income from them has still only reached about two thirds of the amount pre-pandemic. Our income has been boosted by several large donations and legacies. These have helped to keep finances reasonably stable.

The Faith, Space and Place group has continued its work. They are exploring options for redeveloping our premises to make them more energy efficient and less expensive to operate. We secured some funding from the local council to employ a firm of architects to draw up plans to accommodate as many of our activities and booking into a single suite of premises rather than two.

By the end of 2023 they will provide us with a 3D computer generated model which can be shown to church members and user groups. This will allow us to proceed with a survey of all user groups to see if the architect's ideas fit their requirements.

We are only spending money on essential maintenance and any emergency repairs. The work to repair flood damage which happened in October 2021 was completed in December 2022

The Spirituality and Mission group have continued to meet regularly and explore and arrange ideas for worship and outreach.

During this year we have lost six members through death and a few more through the Methodist Church's decision to allow same sex marriages. Our current membership stands at 138. We continue to publish a monthly bulletin which is sent out by e mail or by hand. This contains information and dates of planned events.

Over a period of 10 years the Beverley Methodist circuit has been exploring amalgamating with another circuit in the district. There have been many similar mergers across the country as the Methodist church shrinks and the supply of ministers has reduced. Our most recent relationship has developed over a period of two years with the Hull Central and West circuits, and we have shared a joint superintendent minister during this period. Unfortunately during this year, she has retired through ill health and this combined with no circuit treasurer and no new circuit stewards appointed meant the idea had to be abandoned. However, a new idea emerged as other circuits in our district had similar issues. The Chair of our Methodist District suggested we joined a new arrangement due to start on September 1 2023, called the Bridge Circuit. An Operations' Manager had already been appointed and 3 other circuits were signed up to this new arrangement. The purpose behind this idea is to allow some of the administration of the churches to be taken care of and thereby releasing members to engage more with mission work. Due to a shortage of volunteers for important roles in the circuit we have taken this new idea on board and look forward to seeing how this works out in practice.



## **Pastoral work.**

The church members are divided into 15 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.

We employ someone to run the Messy Monday group and also a Children and Families' worker. These are both part time posts. The Messy Monday group is well supported, and the 2 workers combine to organise special events and holiday clubs. We continue with several uniformed groups with very committed leaders.

## **Mission**

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

Approved by the Trustees

Signed Rev. Francesca T. Rhys

Chairman

Date 14.05.2024

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Mr Nigel Peter Dykes



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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	52,417		<b>52,417</b>	59,340
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	524		<b>524</b>	10
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a5	Other receipts	47,655	14,820	<b>62,475</b>	28,219
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>124,263</b>	<b>14,820</b>	<b>139,083 (a7)</b>	<b>107,160</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	49,680		<b>49,680</b>	39,942
b3	Donations	359	160	<b>519</b>	777
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	15,377	4,624	<b>20,001</b>	24,530
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b7	Other payments	21,373	18,855	<b>40,228</b>	35,213
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>102,451</b>	<b>23,639</b>	<b>126,090 (b9)</b>	<b>111,447</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	21,812	(8,819)	<b>12,993</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		25,875	27,837	<b>53,712 (c6)</b>
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>47,687</b>	<b>19,018</b>	<b>66,705</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>(c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>47,687</b>	<b>19,018</b>	<b>66,705 (c8)</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	470	255
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	3,653	3,183
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	4,088	2,968
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>470</b>

## SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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e2	99 Club		271	(271)		271	
e3	Fairtrade		72	(72)		72	
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,238	1,843	395		3,023 (e11)	3,418 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	139,083 (a7)	126,090 (b9)	12,993	(c7)	53,712 (c6)	66,705 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	141,321	127,933	13,388		56,735 (x)	70,123 (y)
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Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

## SECTION F

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

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Signature of treasurer .....



Date 12/12/23

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