

Toll Gavel United Church Trustees Annual Report 2024

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. For two years we have been exploring the possibility of big changes to our premises, so we are holding off on any extensive repairs and keeping our focus on basic maintenance issues.

Achievements and Performance

Rev Fran Rhys has completed her third year as our minister which included a three month sabbatical from the beginning of April until the start of July. We have continued to provide Sunday morning worship using a range of ministers and local preachers. Average attendance is between 40 and 50. 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 2023 we participated in the National Heritage celebrations. This year we displayed a collection of wedding dresses and memorabilia. This is now an established feature on our calendar and is well supported,

We continue to 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 have managed to sustain our regular Saturday Coffee Morning in the hall with the church running two per month and the remainder taken up by other groups.

Other bookings from groups wanting to use the premises on a regular basis has gradually increased and our income from them is now close to pre covid levels. Our income has been boosted by several large donations and legacies. These have helped to increase our income and financial stability we have not experienced for a long time.

The Beverley branch of Barclay's Bank closed in March and they looked around the town to find a suitable space to operate an advisory service. They approached our church trustees and after some consultation with the appropriate authorities we agreed a contract to house them in a ground floor accessible room on a six month renewable contract. This offer has proved beneficial for the bank as well as providing a service to the local community.

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 have received a third version of the plans for redeveloping the church from the architects. We have also received grant funding to employ a person to help raise funds for this project. He is busy consulting stakeholders and engaging in a wide community consultation which will help to collect evidence and support that our town centre church has a viable and worthwhile future.

During this year we have lost 10 members through death. Our current membership stands at 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. We started a monthly church newsletter in January which was directed at informing the wider community about our church's work and publicising regular events and also one-off events. This is produced in a booklet form with colour used throughout and given out to community users of our premises.

We have now experienced a full year of belonging to the new administrative arrangement for our group of churches, called the Beverley Mission Area. We now have an Operations Manager who can give us support and help when needed on administrative issues.

Pastoral work.

The church members are divided into 15 pastoral groups who look after 133 members and 37 adherents. We have two retired ministers. Sadly 11 of our church members and friends have died this year. We were delighted to receive 2 new members through transfer. Our pastoral visitors team do an excellent supporting and caring for people with their needs.

Christine Milburn is employed as a lay worker among the elderly and helps to run the church Lunch Club as well as a social group called Leisure Day. Both these groups cater for elderly people from the wider community, most of whom live on their own.

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

We participated in Christian Aid Week and distributed envelopes for donations and with another event we organised we raised £411. We organised a collection for an appeal to support the work of Embrace, a charity working to support communities in a wide area of the Middle East. This collection was prompted by the outbreak of war in the area. We collected £604 for the World Mission Fund.

We participated in a course principally run by Christian Aid called 'Act on Poverty.' This shared information through interviews and videos of people and groups with firsthand experience of poverty both in the UK and overseas. We also learned about groups who were supporting them. The course provided suggestions about how we as a church could offer practical help and support. We are currently working through some of these suggestions.

We held another Coffee Morning to raise funds for Beech Holme Tandem Club which has a fleet of tandems to give blind and partially sighted people the opportunity of cycle rides. They run a regular programme of rides throughout the year. We organise a service and distribute envelopes to raise funds for the World Mission Fund. We continue to support the Open Doors project in Hull which offers support and help for refugees and asylum seekers. We helped to organise worship times in local residential homes. The church is open during Beverley's annual Christmas Festival, providing refreshments and entertainment.

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.

Current Trustees

Chairman: Rev Fran Rhys

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

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

During the year Mrs M. Chastney resigned as a trustee.

Approved by the Trustees

SignedRev. Fran Rhys.....

Chairman Date.....29/10/2024.....

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

TOLL GAVEL UNITED CHURCH	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

YORKSHIRE NORTH & EAST BRIDGE CIRCUIT	Circuit	Circuit no.	29/02
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Minister:

Rev'd Fran Rhys

Church Trustees:

Mrs Karen Smith

Mr David Powell

Mrs Andrea Page

Mrs Carolyn Nursey

Mr Colin Hogg

Mrs Wendy Pearse

Treasurer:

Mr Nigel Dykes

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	42,328		42,328	52,417
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	3,227		3,227	524
a4	Lettings	55,798		55,798	23,667
a5	Other receipts	22,700	98,649	121,349	62,475
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	124,053	98,649	222,702 (a7)	139,083

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
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b3	Donations	130		130	519
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	10,528	1,881	12,409	20,001
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b7	Other payments	29,229	3,905	33,134	40,228
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	87,246	25,771	113,017 (b9)	126,090

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	36,807	72,878	109,685	12,993
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	47,687	19,018	66,705 (c6)	53,712
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	84,494	91,896	176,390	66,705
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	84,494	91,896	176,390 (c8)	66,705 (c6)

SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	35	470
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	3,210	3,653
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d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		35

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
c1 Toll Gavel Church Lunch Club	4,214	3,282	932		3,418	4,350
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e3						
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e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,214	3,282	932		3,418 (e11)	4,350 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	222,702 (a7)	113,017 (b9)	109,685	(c7)	66,705 (c6)	176,390 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	226,916	116,299	110,617		70,123 (x)	180,740 (y)
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 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	142	142
f2 Bank Current Account	10,380	10,162
f3 Bank Deposit Account	48,797	92,234
f4 Central Finance Board	1,697	67,871
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	5,689	5,981
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	66,705 (c6)	176,390 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,418 (e11)	4,350 (e12)
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g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	6,610,000	6,977,504
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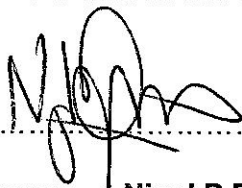
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Name of Church - **Toll Gavel United Church**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer



Date 16th December 2024

Name and address of treasurer **Nigel P Dykes**

3 The Vale, Beverley Parklands, Beverley, HU17 0RD

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 21st January 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

REVD F.T. RHYS

Date 21.01.25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Toll Gavel United Church

Charity Number 1140314

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Toll Gavel United Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of ChurchToll Gavel United Church

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

~~the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or~~
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Andrew David Broun

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Business + Finance Manager

Name of firm (where appropriate) **N/A**

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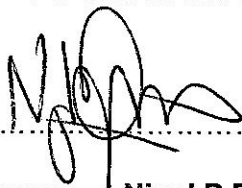
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Name of independent examiner Andrew Davis

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