

TOLL GAVEL UNITED CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



MAY 2026



Christian
Aid Week
10-16 May



Having fun at the 60's Singalong Fundraiser for Freddie's! We have raised £320 for the Puffin class at Frederick Holmes School. A big thank you to all who attended to help us raise money for this very good cause.

Toll Gavel United Church **Where faith, people and justice matter**

Everyone is welcome at all events which are in the church. Some events take place in the hall, as stated. Where an email is given, please register beforehand.

For full details, see website www.tollgavelchurch.org.uk or our Facebook page



May Highlights



- ❖ **Friday 1st May at 7pm – 8pm** Creating Space for God at Norwood Methodist Church. New Prayer Stations, led by Pioneer Pastor, Lydia
- ❖ **Wednesday 6th May at 1pm – 1.45pm** Parables of Jesus discussion and colouring, Toll Gavel United Church hall. (4 Wednesday lunchtimes in May)
- ❖ **Saturday 9th May at 10am** Sponsored Pilgrimage round churches in Beverley for Christian Aid week. Depart Toll Gavel 10am.
- ❖ **Sunday 10th May at 11.45am – 12pm** Prayer in Still Waters area for Rooted in Hope, New Places for New People
- ❖ **Monday 11th May at 6.30pm for 7pm – 9pm** Norwood Nites Community Cinema at Norwood Methodist, Mamma Mia (2008) No charge, but you're invited to buy raffle tickets.
- ❖ **Tuesday 12th – Saturday 16th May at 7.30pm** Walkington Summer Play, *Out of Focus*, Tickets £10. Buy online at wpptickets.co.uk. In the village hall, including several Methodist actors.
- ❖ **Thursday 14th – Sunday 24th May** Worship and Prayer for *Thy Kingdom Come* across churches in Beverley (see flyer for details)
- ❖ **Wednesday 20th May at 7pm for 7.30pm** Churches Together in Beverley Meeting at Cherry Burton Church Centre – All welcome
- ❖ **Thursday 21st May at 7.30pm** Bible Study online of Luke 24: 44-53 (The Ascension of Christ). Zoom link from tollgaveloffice@gmail.com
- ❖ **Sunday 31st May at 11.45 – 1pm** Ordinary Congregational Meeting. Come along and get updated.



Regular Events



Worship and Community

- ❖ **Sundays at 10.30am** Classic Methodist/United Reformed Worship (communion once a month), refreshments follow. Activity area for children – children need to be supervised by own parent/carer.
2nd Sunday of the month, child-friendly Informal Worship with the TG band, refreshments, and discussion
- ❖ **Ignite** Informal worship with the TG band in the church on the LAST Sunday of the month – 31st May
- ❖ **Messy Mondays at 9.30am – 11.00am (term time)** for babies to pre-schoolers in the hall. Find us on our Facebook page – **Toll Gavel United Church Children, Parents and Carers**, where we share information about all the children and families work going on at Toll Gavel United Church.
- ❖ **Mondays (excluding School Holidays) at 2.00pm – 3.30pm** Welcome Space/Woolly Wesleys in the church. Knitting, chatting, board games, jigsaws available. Everyone is welcome, no need to book so please feel free to drop in!
- ❖ **Alternate Tuesdays (5th May, 19th May) at 2pm – 3.30pm** Creative Ladies, now in the hall
- ❖ **Wednesdays at 10am – 11am** Still Waters – Meditation and prayer in the church
- ❖ **Thursdays at 10am – 11am** Prayer and Share in the church quiet area
- ❖ **Third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm – 8.30pm** Bible Study online (link from tollgaveloffice@gmail.com)





Food and Drink



- ❖ **Centre Community Café on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am – 11.30am (excluding Bank Holidays) come in for a hot or cold drink and perhaps a toasted teacake!**

TG Jigsaw Library also open during these times, suggested donation of £1 to borrow any jigsaw in our collection



- ❖ **Lunch Club Alternate Tuesdays (this month 5th May, 19th May) serving at 12.30pm** Are you retired, looking for company and would like to meet new people? Why not join us at Lunch Club in the church hall for a two course lunch followed by a cup of tea. Cost is £5. To book a place please contact Christine on 01482 863558 or christine@99milburn.karoo.co.uk.

- ❖ **Wednesdays at 11.30am – 12.30pm** Community Kitchen lunch (suggested donation now £2) run by Beverley Against Poverty. A shower is also available for use from 12.00pm – 1.30pm as part of Beverley Against Poverty

- ❖ **Saturday Coffee Mornings at 10am -11.30am in the church hall to raise money for good causes** (1st and 3rd Saturdays for church funds, 9th May for Trefoil, 23rd May for Foodbank, 30th May TBC **Would your charity like to hold a Coffee Morning to raise funds? Contact tollgaveloffice@gmail.com for more details.**



- ❖ **Foodbank Wednesdays 2pm – 3pm in the Welcome room** run by the East Yorkshire Foodbank (everyone who comes to the foodbank for emergency food needs to have a valid foodbank voucher)



Parables of Jesus



TOLL GAVEL UNITED CHURCH HALL
Beverley HU17 9AA

*You are warmly invited to reflect
with others about:*

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Wednesdays 1.15-2pm in May

May 6: The Unforgiving Employee
Matthew 18:21-35

May 13: House Builders, Luke 6:46-49

May 20: The Wedding Banquet
Luke 14:16-24

May 27: Weather Report, Matthew 16:1-4
Come along to one or all the sessions





Sponsored Pilgrimage



Christian Aid Week 2026

May 9-16

Sponsored Pilgrimage

visiting the churches in
Beverley

Saturday May 9

**Starting from Toll Gavel
at 10 a.m.**

Come and join us

**Contact: John Turner on 867573 or email
jetbev2@gmail.com**





A Million Acts of Hope



#MillionActsofHope

HOPE

happens
here.

Neighbours helping
neighbours.



Get involved ↘



A Million Acts of Hope is a national invitation to celebrate the everyday acts of kindness, care and connection happening across the UK. At a time when division can feel loud, A Million Acts of Hope wants to bring together all these everyday acts of hope and shine a light on the people and communities making them happen.

The A Million Acts of Hope Week of Action will take place 13-20 May.



Thy Kingdom Come



Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Meetings & Worship

Thy Kingdom Come will take place between 14 and 24 May (from Ascension Day to Pentecost) and these are opportunities to worship and pray together:

- 14 May 7.30pm Ascension Day worship at the Minster
- 17 May 7.30pm Encounter worship at Cherry Burton
- 19 May 9.15am Prayer at St Nick's, Beverley
- 20 May 7 for 7.30pm Churches Together meeting at Cherry Burton Church Hall
- 21 May 10-10.30am Toll Gavel United Church Prayer
- 21 May 7-9pm Prayer at the Armstrong Centre
- 23 May 7pm St Mary's Church or Hall, Celtic Evening Prayer
- 24 May 6.30pm Memorial Hall worship hosted by Beverley Community Church



Everyone is also warmly invited to these regular times of Morning Prayer:
Beverly Minster Morning Prayer Monday to Friday 8.15am in the Quire
St Mary's Morning Prayer Monday to Wednesday 8.30am in the Church Hall



Growing food and hope in Kenya

In a big city called Nairobi in Kenya, East Africa, families are **growing food in tiny spaces using gardens shaped like cones!** These gardens go UP like a tower and are full of tasty veggies like kale and aubergines. Parents who grow these vegetables are called 'urban farmers'.

The gardens help families who don't have much money to eat healthy food. Urban farmers also sell what they grow to help pay for their children to go to school. **They hope the future will be better for them and their families.**



'When I harvest what I've planted, it makes me happy. **Urban farming has changed my life.**'

Urban farmer Fridah, with her grandson Quillan.

Fact: Clever cone gardens can grow over **100 plants** in a space **smaller than a chair!**



Colour the pictures and design your own city garden!





Word search challenge

Can you find all the words listed below about growing food and hope?

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KENYA

NAIROBI

GARDEN

KALE

AUBERGINE

WATER

HOPE

SEEDS

FAMILY

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FARMING

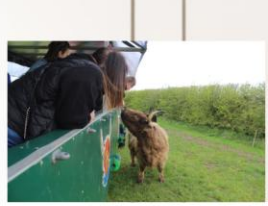


Faith on the Farm



FAITH ON THE FARM

I have been a fan of cows since I was a child. My brother ended up nicknaming me "moo" and throughout my life people have either seen cows and thought of me (in a good way!) or bought me cows they have seen. I feel that cows are a real gift of God to us, and in a similar way to dogs, can show us an element of God's unconditional love.



I have visited Dumble farm a few times through the last 3 years, and in doing so met a lifelong goal of making friends with cow farmers so that I can visit when I like. We have had conversations in the past about possibly doing a faith themed event/experience for families, and for those with additional needs, or for those who love cows! This finally came to being on Thursday last week (9th April) when we had Faith on the Farm.



We spent time feeding the cows snacks, with Spud (my favourite calf) coming out to be brushed, then went on the Dumble Bus to meet the rest of the fold (highland cow groups are known as folds, not herds). After a while, we came to a stop and did a quiet meditation on nature and how it speaks to us of the love of God. As I said nature speaks, one of the cows mooed loudly to prove the point!



It was lovely to sit there in the quiet and take in all the natural world around us. Dumble Farm is now a conservation site and is host to birds of prey, frogs, lapwings and other endangered ground nesting birds, so in amongst the moos we got to hear the birdsong, the rustle of the trees, the peace of nature at work around us. We experienced God through nature in a deep way.



We then went back to the barn to do a facilitated art session with Sarah, who was talking about seeds and growth, and how our faith and our world experience is like a seed that grows. We thought about the things we might need to help our faith grow, and also about our stories of faith.

We finished with lunch around the pond, thinking and reflecting on the things that feed and nurture us, before taking the joy and peace with us in to our every day lives. There was something about stopping our regular routine, stepping away from the stresses of life for a few hours that really gave us strength for the day ahead.



We might well be doing this again in the future, so keep an eye out for more opportunities!



Ignite



IGNITE INFORMAL WORSHIP

Miracles and Marvellous Things

MUSIC, CAKE AND CONVERSATION

ALL WELCOME!

SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026

6:30PM

TOLL GAVEL UNITED CHURCH





Upcoming dates for Rooted in Hope



Upcoming dates for Rooted in Hope Events

After the success of Faith at the Farm we are hoping to do a monthly event, somewhere in the mission area. This will be either at Dumble Farm, Frith Farm, St Pauls Tickton Church yard amongst other places. It will be called Outside Church. If you would like to be added to a newsletter for upcoming dates, please contact Lydia.

We are also starting a Home Ed Social meet up once a week on a Tuesday, alternating between Toll Gavel and Norwood churches. We are looking for a couple of people to help steward the door, and to help with refreshments for this. Contact Lydia for more information.

On the 8th of August we will be having a stall at Beverley Pride. Amongst other things, we will be handing out Knitted Rainbows. Please contact Lydia our Pioneer Pastor nnpbeverley@gmail.com for the pattern.

Also on 12th August we will be holding an event in the driveway for the Solar Eclipse - keep an eye out for more details, but you can find out more here <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/evangelism-growth/practise-evangelism/day-of-outreach/> - it would be great to have volunteers to chat to people, maybe offer refreshments alongside this. If you can help please let Lydia know



Looking Ahead



Lunchtime Song Recital

Kevin Ormond - Baritone
Matthew Stanley - Piano



Thursday 25 June 2026
12.30pm - 1.15pm
Toll Gavel United Church

Free Concert

Donations split between Toll Gavel United Church and
Beverley Minster Choral Foundation



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Monday 9.30am – 2.30pm, Tuesday 10.00am – 1.30pm,

Thursday 9.30am – 2.00pm