

TOLL GAVEL UNITED CHURCH



NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2026



A big thank you to all who came to help and support the Hymnathon in July!

We had a fantastic day and raised a good amount for our church



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



September Highlights



- ❖ **Tuesday 1st September at 7pm** National Emergency Briefing Film (50'), followed by discussion on the impacts of climate change. Just show up!
- ❖ **Saturday 12th September 10am – 3.30pm** Coffee morning in the church hall 10am – 11.30am. Heritage Open Day Musical Performances in the church between 1.30pm – 3.30pm, including hymns played on the organ, Assembly Bangers from the church's TG Band and disco recordings to dance to. Refreshments 1pm – 3.30pm.
- ❖ **Sunday 13th September at 10.30am** Heritage weekend worship led by Revd Richard Teal, former minister of Toll Gavel and President of the Methodist Conference 2020-21
- ❖ **Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm** Bible Study online of Zoom link from Matthew 21:23-32. Link from tollgaveloffice@gmail.com
- ❖ **Sunday 27th September at 6.30pm** Ignite informal worship with the TG band: This is our Story
- ❖ **Tuesday 29th September at 6.30pm** Pie and Pea Harvest Supper at the Dog and Duck pub. Let Sally K know if you are coming by contacting her on 07907 843778



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.
- ❖ **Ignite** Informal worship with the TG band in the church on the LAST Sunday of the month – 27th September
- ❖ **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 (8th September 22nd September) at 2pm – 3.30pm** Creative Ladies, now in the hall
- ❖ **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 (8th September, 22nd September)** 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** (church dates – 5th and 12th, 19th September for Fairtrade and 26th September for Foodbank) **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). These vouchers are available from Cherry Tree Centre, Citizens Advice and some GP practices.





Rooted in Hope

Wild Church



Rev'd Cate Williams says:

"Forest Church is a contemporary movement, with roots in the long Christian tradition of engagement in nature, such as the Celtic and Franciscan approaches. Those engaged in Forest Church are seeking to meet with God in and through their connection with the natural world. The hope is that Forest Churches will become a spiritual home for those outside the traditional church who relate better to outdoor spirituality than gatherings in a church building."

Wild Church at St Paul's Tickton in August was the first Beverley Mission Area expression of this approach, and it was a wonderful opportunity to explore what it might mean to worship God through creation.

It was a lovely hour, with children and adults alike slowing down and engaging with the natural world around them. We explored things that we might normally walk straight past, noticed the small details in our surroundings, played, wondered and discovered together. There was something particularly special about seeing children lead the way with their curiosity and enthusiasm. They reminded us that we don't always need to have a reason for exploring something. Sometimes it is enough simply to stop, look, wonder and enjoy.

That sense of childlike wonder is important. In our busy lives, we can become disconnected from the natural world around us. Children often have a wonderful ability to notice the tiny things that adults overlook: a fascinating insect, an unusual leaf, a bird call, a puddle, a feather or an interesting-shaped stick. When we make space for this kind of play and curiosity, we are not simply having fun. We are developing a relationship with the world around us.

Spending time in nature can help us to slow down, be present and appreciate the beauty and diversity of creation. For children in particular, opportunities to explore outdoors can nurture curiosity, creativity and a sense of belonging. It can help them to understand that they are part of something much bigger than themselves. For adults, it can be a chance to rediscover that same sense of wonder and to remember that creation is not simply a backdrop to our lives, but something we are called to value and care for.

This is particularly important at a time when we are increasingly aware of the environmental challenges facing our world. Climate change, pollution, habitat loss and declining biodiversity can sometimes feel overwhelming, especially when we encounter them as huge global issues. But caring for creation also begins with noticing it. When we know and love the places around us, we are more likely to want to protect them. Reconnecting with nature can help us move from simply being concerned about the environment to developing a deeper sense of responsibility for the world God has entrusted to us.

For Christians, this is also an important part of our calling. Creation points us towards God, and spending time within it can help us to recognise the wonder, beauty and interconnectedness of all that God has made. Outdoor worship gives us the opportunity not only to talk about creation, but to experience it, listen to it and respond to it.

Wild Church at Tickton was just the beginning. Over the coming months, we will be exploring more opportunities for **Outdoor Church across the Beverley Mission Area**, creating spaces where people of all ages can play, wonder, explore, worship and encounter God in the outdoors.

We hope that these opportunities will help us reconnect with the natural world, rediscover a sense of childlike wonder and grow together in our care for God's creation.

More Outdoor Church opportunities will be coming across the Mission Area soon – details to follow!





Heritage Saturday



Toll Gavel United Church

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Saturday 12th September 2026

COFFEE MORNING IN THE HALL



10.00am – 11.30am
Tea, Coffee & Cake

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CHURCH



1.00pm Organ Music

1.30pm Toll Gavel Band

2.00pm Piano Music



2.30pm – 3.30pm Assembly Bangers

Refreshments served in the Church

1.00pm – 3.30pm
Tea • Coffee • Cake

**ALL WELCOME
FREE ENTRY**



Heritage Sunday



Heritage Sunday

at

Toll Gavel United Church

Sunday 13th September 2026

Morning Worship at 10.30am

**Our Preacher will be
Revd Dr Richard Teal**

Previous Minister of Toll Gavel and
former President of the Methodist
Conference 2020-21

♪ ♪ **Music with the Toll Gavel Band** ♪ ♪



Fairtrade coffee morning



FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER
10AM-11.30AM • TOLL GAVEL UNITED CHURCH HALL

EVERYONE WELCOME

*Join us for Fairtrade coffee, tea, delicious
cakes and a tombola!*



Genesis 1

Creation



The Story of Creation

Genesis 1

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

He made the oceans, the green plants, the tall trees,
and every living creature that swims, flies, or walks.

God looked at everything he had made,
and saw that it was very, very good.”

📍 September Nature Challenge! 🌿

Next time you are playing in the park or walking to school,
see how many different parts of creation you can spot!

Can you find:

One unique autumn leaf 🍁

Two different kinds of birds 🐦

Three different shapes of clouds ☁️

Let's all work together to look after our beautiful planet!



Genesis 1~2

Creation



Creation

Genesis 1-2





Creation wordsearch



CREATION WORD SEARCH



BiblePuzzles.org.uk

BEGINNING

CATTLE

CREATED

CREATURES

DARKNESS

DAY

DRY

EARTH

EVENING

FIRMAMENT

FRUIT

GOD

GOOD

GRASS

HEAVEN

LAND

LIFE

LIGHT

MADE

MAN

MOON

MORNING

NIGHT

SEA

SEASONS

SIGNS

SPIRIT

STARS

SUN

TREES

VOID

WATERS



Ignite



Together at TG

IGNITE 

Informal Worship

Sunday 27 September 2026

**This is our
story**



Sing, pray and eat cake!! 

6.30pm

Toll Gavel United Church





Pie and Pea Supper



HARVEST CELEBRATION



PIE AND PEA SUPPER



You're Invited!



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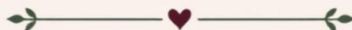
2026

6:30
PM

*Dog and
Duck Inn
Beverley*



Tickets £8 each from
Toll Gavel Church
Centre Cafe



For more info contact Sally on 07907 843778



The Design of the World

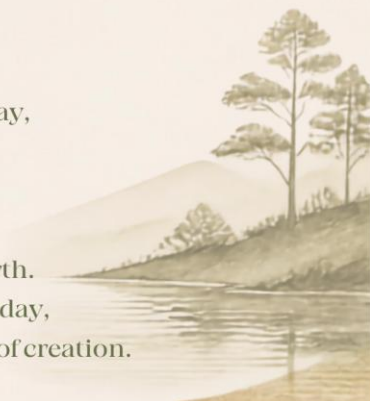
When I look up at the sky, or look down at the smallest leaf, I see a harmony and a wisdom that cannot be spoken. There is a quiet beauty in the order of nature that speaks directly to the human heart, inviting us all to rest in its stillness.

— John Wesley (1703–1791)



The Ground We Share

May we take a moment
to look at the world around us.
To remember within us the ancient clay,
holding the memory of seasons,
the passion of the wind,
the fluency of water,
and the quiet, steady growth of the earth.
May we awaken to the wonder of this day,
and find our place within the rhythm of creation.





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Church Administrator Office hours

**Monday 9.30am – 2.30pm, Tuesday 10.00am – 1.30pm,
Thursday 9.30am – 2.00pm**