**About us:** We are an Independent Congregational church. This means we are run by our members, not a denomination or bishop. We try and be faithful to God's word, the Bible, in all belief and conduct.

**Christians:** We don't believe people are born Christians; we become one by admitting our sinfulness to God and understanding that Christ's death on the cross was on our behalf. We believe He rose again from the dead as we shall one day.

**Recordings:** Most sermons are recorded and placed on our website: <u>www.MartinTop.org.uk</u>

**Refreshments:** These are available in the upper room at the close of every service.

**Toilets:** We have a toilet inside downstairs (suitable for disabled people) and two outside.

**Babies & Children:** Facilities are available downstairs for changing nappies. Young children are welcome to remain in the meeting or to be taken to the upper room into which the service is relayed via speakers.

**Fire or Evacuation:** Please make your way out through the nearest exit and assemble on the grassed area to the chapel's eastern side.

**Tithes & Offerings**: We take up no offering during morning worship. Those who wish to give financial support may use the offering boxes at the front and rear.

**Magazine:** We produce a quarterly magazine- please ask for a copy.

**Loop:** People with hearing aids may tune into the service via our Loop System

Questions? Ask one of our members about their faith or this church

# SALEM CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

# Welcome

We give you an especially warm welcome if you are visiting us today.

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### Week Beginning Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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#### This week at Martin Top:

Sunday	10.45am Alan Marsden
	6pm Alan Marsden (Communion)
Monday	6.30pm Carol Singing: Please see opposite.
Thursday	7pm Prayer Meeting
	7.30pm Bible Study

Next Lord's Day: 10.45am A. Marsden - Festive Worship

7pm A. Marsden – Carols by Candlelight

#### Happening Elsewhere:

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December: Rimington and Middop Carol Concert, Rimington Memorial Institute, 7pm start. Proceeds will be for the Rimington Memorial Institute.

#### **Dates for Diaries & Other News**

In Anticipation: When parking during icy or snowy condition, please ensure enough room for Emergency Services and 'Gritter' to drive through unimpeded.

Friday Toast and Prayer: No meetings in the Upper Room until after the new kitchen is fitted.

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December: Salem Chapel Carol Singing from 6.30pm around Martin Top, Howgill, Newby and Stopper Lane. Please meet at Chapel from 6.15pm. Proceeds will be for a Children's Charity.

Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December: Martin Top: Festive Worship, 10.45am. Carols by Candlelight, **7pm**, followed by mince pies and refreshments. Please invite family and friends to these joyful celebrations.

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Service, 10.45 – 11.30am.

Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> December: Parlour games and supper, 8pm. Watchnight Service, 11pm, committing our lives, loved ones and world to God's mercy and care.

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John Calvin

Mark 15:31-32