

**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: [www.MartinTop.org.uk](http://www.MartinTop.org.uk)

**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

MARTIN TOP

# Welcome

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

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# Week Beginning Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

2018

## This week at Martin Top:

Sunday	10.45am Alan Marsden - Festive Worship  <b>7pm</b> Alan Marsden - Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday	10.45 - 11.30am Christmas Service
Wednesday	7.30pm Prayer Meeting
Thursday	7.30pm Study on Amy Carmichael

Next Lord's Day: 10.45am A. Marsden  
6pm A. Marsden

### Happening Elsewhere:

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> December: 7.15pm, Holden Chapel Christmas Concert to be led by Mr David Cornall.

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019: 7.30pm, Joyful Noise, Christ Church, Chatburn

### 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.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> the Chapel Carol Singers raised £215.25 for Jessie's Fund, York to help children with complex needs through the therapeutic power of music in, for example, a hospice or special school.

Tonight: Carols by Candlelight, **7pm**, followed by mince pies. Please bring family and friends to this joyful celebration.

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.

Please contribute any unneeded candles for tonight's service.

**For to us a child is  
born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government  
shall be upon his  
shoulder**

**Isaiah 9:6**

If Christ had arrived with trumpets and lain in a cradle of gold, his birth would have been a splendid affair. But it would not be a comfort to me. He was rather to lie in the lap of a poor maiden and be thought of little significance in the eyes of the world. Now I can come to him.

-Martin Luther