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: https://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 downstairs room.

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



Welcome

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

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Week Beginning Sunday 13th August 2023

This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday	10.45am Alan Marsden
Services	6.00pm Alan Marsden
Monday	9.00am Word and Prayer by Zoom
	1.00pm Craft Group in the Upper Room
Wednesday	7.30pm Midweek Service and Prayer
	led by Stephen Jackson
	preacher – Bill Ashton
Thursday	12.30pm Afternoon Open Church
	7.45pm Bible Study
	led by Stephen Jackson

Next Sunday: 10.45am: David Earnshaw (Communion)

6.00pm: David Earnshaw

Tuesday August 15th 7.30pm – 9.00pm: Holden Chapel Fellowship. An evening of worship and prayer. Pete and Katrina Leigh from Sabden will be speaking. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

Please speak to Alan if you would like a home visit or if you would like to arrange a visit to his own home.

This Sunday we celebrate the 207th Chapel Anniversary 'Thus far the LORD has helped us' 1 Samuel 7:12

Weekend events:

Saturday August 12th 7.30pm Word and Praise. John Whittle and Matt Butler will lead the singing. Alan will preach. There will be refreshments afterwards. All are welcome

Sunday August 13th Chapel Photo, Picnic and Walk. After the morning service we would like to have a group photo taken, and then, for those who wish, a picnic and a walk together, up Weets Hill. Bring food and drink for a picnic and some walking shoes.

Tuesday August 15th 10.00am – 12.00pm Clitheroe Market Outreach. Join Matthew near the big arch entry. Any support and help would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday 17thth 12.30pm – 4.30pm: Afternoon Open Church. The chapel will be open. Do drop in for a drink, a chat or prayer.

Please note that there will be no Westminster Catechism or Basic Bible Study this week.

While he (Peter) was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!"

Matthew 17:5

God must speak to us before we have any liberty to speak to Him. He must disclose to us who He is before we can offer Him what we are in acceptable worship. The worship of God is always a response to the Word of God. Scripture wonderfully directs and enriches our worship.

John Stott