**About us:** We are an Independent Congregational church. 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 do not 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: <a href="https://martintop.org.uk">https://martintop.org.uk</a>

**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

**Safeguarding:** We take safeguarding seriously. Any concerns about unsafe or inappropriate behaviour can be reported to Alan, Diana, or Andy (see the blue SG poster in the upper room for contact details).

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 December 14<sup>th</sup> 2025

## This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday	10.45am Alan Marsden (Communion)
Services	3.00pm Harry Peace (Hetton Chapel)
	6.00pm Alan Marsden
Tuesday	9.00am Word and Prayer (online)
Wednesday	7.00pm Westminster Catechism
	7.30pm Midweek Service led by
	Alan Marsden
Thursday	11.00am Bible Study led by Alan Marsden
	12.00pm Afternoon Open Church
	6.30pm Basic Bible Study
	7.45pm Bible Study led by Alan Marsden

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Alan Marsden (Carol Service)

6.00pm: Alex Myers (Carols by Candlelight)

**Coffee Morning at Hetton Chapel:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10am-12 noon. All are welcome

**Yamaha Electric Piano:** Peter and Chris have a Yamaha electric digital piano available free to anyone who could make good use of it.

**Christmas Cards:** Christmas cards are available for purchase in the upper room on the black counter-top.

**Next Sunday Carol Services** at 10.45am and Carols by Candlelight at 6.00pm. There will be refreshments after the services. Do join us and invite your friends and family. If you have any candle holders or candles, we could borrow, please bring them to the chapel, marked with your name. Thank you.

**Clitheroe Market Outreach** Tuesday 16 December 10.00am - 12.00pm Join Matthew at the big arch entry. Any help is appreciated.

**Afternoon Open Church** Thursday 18 December 12.00pm – 5.00pm: Do pop in for a drink and a chat. Alan will be available.

**Christmas Fare Donations:** please bring by this Sunday 14 December. Thank you.

**Christmas Eve Social** at Alan's from **6.00pm**. All are invited, with a special welcome to people who would otherwise be on their own. It will be a Jacob's Join. Mince pies will be provided - and we will sing some carols together.

**New Year's Day 7.00pm:** If you would value some company on New Year's Day and especially if you would otherwise be on your own, please speak to Alan. If enough are interested he will host an evening of fellowship, prayer, and food.

**Chapel Magazine:** The winter edition is now available. Please take a copy from the front pew.

**Pastoral Support.** If you would like to meet with Alan or receive a phone call, please let him know

"As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you"

1 Samuel 12:23

'The measure of our love for others can largely be determined by the frequency and earnestness of our prayers for them.' A W Pink