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: 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

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 September 14th 2025

This week at Salem Chapel:

| Sunday | 10.45am Alan Marsden |
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| Services | 3.00pm Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley at |
| | Hetton Chapel |
| | 6.00pm Alan Marsden |
| 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 (Communion)

6.00pm: Alan Marsden

Joyful Noise Monday 15 September 7.30pm – 9.30pm at Chatburn Methodist Church. All are welcome.

Northern Women's Conference: 27 September at Wigan or 15 November at Leeds 10am – 4.00pm 'Ecclesiastes – An Antidote to Anxiety' Speaker: Karen Soole. Booking is now open

Keswick in East Lancashire Saturday 18 October 10.00am – 1.00pm at St Leonards Church Padiham with Matt Searles, author and song writer 'Enjoying the Psalms'

Clitheroe Outreach Tuesday 16 September 10.00am – 12.00pm. Join Matthew at the Clitheroe Market big arch entry. Any help would be appreciated

Afternoon Open Church Thursday 18 September 12.00pm – 5.00pm: Do pop in for a drink and chat or some quiet time. Alan will be available throughout the afternoon. All are welcome!

Coffee Morning at Hetton Chapel Wednesday 17 September 10.00am – 12.00pm. Join us for a drink and a chat. All are welcome.

Save the date: Salem Social Saturday 25 October from 12.30pm - lunch and fellowship at the home of Peter and Chris Midgely in Clayton-le-Moors. Please speak to them about directions and/or contributions.

Recommended Reading for Everyone: On Being a Servant of God by Warren Wiersbe price £3.00. Please see Dot Carswell if you would like a copy

Morecambe Gospel Bayfest Friday – Sunday 26 -28 September at the Platform Theatre. A celebration of Gospel music with the aim to glorify God. For further details see here.

Chapel Magazine: the new-look autumn edition is available. Please take a copy from the front pew.

Pastoral Support

Please speak to Alan if you would like to meet with him mid-week or receive a phone call.

'And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not to men.'

Colossians 3:23

'It is not the kind of work you do that makes it great or small, but the spirit in which you do it. Do it unto the Lord and it is great, do it unto yourself, and it is small.'

Charles Spurgeon