**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 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

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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday	10.45am Alan Marsden
Services	6.00pm Joe McNutt
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 Alan Marsden
Thursday	12.00pm Afternoon Open Church
	6.30pm Basic Bible Study
	7.45pm Bible Study
	led by Alan Marsden

Next Sunday: 10.45am: David Earnshaw (Communion)

6.00pm: David Earnshaw

Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-4.00pm: There will be a sorting day at the Armenian Ministries Warehouse in Harrogate HG2 8RB. If you would like to volunteer you can go for any part or all of the day. Bring your own lunch. Hot drinks are provided.

Please speak to Alan if you would like him to visit you at your own home. Arrangements can also be made to visit him at his home.

Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm Real Lives with Jamie Jones-Buchanan 'The Leeds Rhinos Superstar' Join Roger Carswell in conversation with Jamie as he talks about rugby, life, and faith. Join on Zoom <u>here</u>

Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – 12.00pm: Clitheroe Market Outreach. Join Matthew near the big arch entry. Any support and help would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> 12.00pm – 4.30pm: Afternoon Open Church. Alan will be available. Do drop in for a warm drink and a chat.

Shorter Westminster Catechism on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm: Let Alan know if you would be interested in joining.

Chapel Magazine: Please send any items for the next quarterly magazine by the end of January, to Bill Ashton, for the attention of Hilary. Thank you

At the Church AGM on Monday, Bill Ashton, Stephen Jackson, David Hollings, and Herbert Moorhouse were elected as deacons, Kathleen Scott as treasurer and Diana Laycock as secretary. The elders were not up for election this year and remain in office.

Oh, come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand

Psalm 95:6,7

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness, the nourishment of the mind with His truth, the purifying of the imagination of His beauty, the opening of the heart to His love, the surrender of the will to His purpose.

William Temple