

**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: <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



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 February 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

## This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am Richard Johnson (Communion) 3.00pm Matthew Fawcett (Hetton Chapel) 6.00pm Alan Marsden
Tuesday	9.00am Word and Prayer by Zoom 12.00pm Memorial Service (see below)
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
Saturday	12.30pm Salem Social at Bernard and Tina's

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Alan Marsden  
6.00pm: Stephen Jackson

Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 9.30pm: Joyful Noise at Chatburn Methodist Church. All are welcome

Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon: A Memorial Service and Celebration of the Life of William (Bill) Smith who was a former member of Salem Chapel and a past Chairman of the Trustees.

Clitheroe Market Outreach Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 12.00pm. Join Matthew at the big arch entry. Any help would be appreciated.

Afternoon Open Church Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> 12.00pm – 4.30pm. Alan will be available. Do pop in for a chat and a warm drink.

Salem Social at Bernard and Tina's home near Manchester Rd, Burnley on Saturday 12.30pm – 5.00pm. Please phone or text 07412 692158 by this Thursday to let them know numbers.

Craft Group March 10<sup>th</sup> 1.00 – 5.00pm: Spring wreath making workshop with Rachel Horton. If are interested please speak to Susan Bradshaw.

Big Clean: Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – 12.00pm. Volunteers are needed to give the chapel a more thorough (spring) clean. If you can help, please sign the sheet on the noticeboard in the upper room

Real Lives: Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm with Pamela Brown *From Despair to Freedom*. Pamela grew up in Northern Ireland in 'the troubles'. She started drinking alcohol at a young age. Join Roger Carswell in conversation with Pam on [YouTube](#) as she shares the change that took place in her life.

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

'There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; There is none that does good, no, not one... There is no fear of God before their eyes.'  
Romans 3:10ff

'Man's eyes are blind through sin, and he can discern no part of God's truth till the Spirit opens them. Inner illumination, leading directly as it does to a deep, inescapable conviction of sin, is thus fundamental to the Spirit's work as teacher.'  
J I Packer