

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



Welcome

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

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Week Beginning Sunday 17th December 2023

This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am Alan Marsden (Communion) 6.00pm Alan Marsden
Monday	9.00am Word and Prayer by Zoom 1.00pm Craft Group Christmas Lunch at The Calf's Head, Worston
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: Matthew 26 led by Alan Marsden

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Alan Marsden (Carol Service)
6.00pm: John Mollitt (Carols by Candlelight)

Next Sunday Christmas Eve Carol Services. Do invite your friends and family. There will be refreshments after both services

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 December 16th 8.00pm: Real Lives with Gwen, Mark and Sarah '*A Family Finds Hope*'. Join Roger Carswell in conversation with Gwen, Sarah and her husband Mark as they share their story of coming to faith. Watch on [YouTube](#)

Tuesday December 19th 10.00am – 12.00pm Clitheroe Market Outreach. Join Matthew near the big arch entry. Any support and help would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday December 21st 12.00pm – 4.30pm: Afternoon Open Church. Alan will be available. Do drop in for a warm drink and a chat.

Friday December 29th 7.15pm: Holden Chapel Christmas Concert to be led by Roy Porter. Items by the Sunday School and chapel members. All are welcome.

Saturday December 30th 7.30pm Salem Social – End of Year Party. The venue is to be decided depending on numbers. It will either be at Alan's or at the chapel in the Upper Room. Please speak to Alan by this Sunday if you intend to go.

Let Alan know if you would be interested in joining a daytime Bible Study at the chapel in January on Thursdays at 11am

Come, you blessed of
My Father, inherit the
kingdom prepared for
you from the foundation
of the world: for I was
hungry and you gave
Me food; I was thirsty
and you gave Me drink;
I was a stranger and
you took Me in.

Matthew 25^{34,35}

Let us remember, there is One
who daily records all we do for
Him, and sees more beauty in
His servants' work than His
servants do themselves... And
then shall His faithful
witnesses discover, to their
wonder and surprise, that
there never was a word
spoken on their Master's
behalf, which does not receive
a reward. JC Ryle