

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.

www.martintop.org.uk

Week Beginning Sunday January 18th 2026

This week at Salem Chapel:

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

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

The funeral service for Kathleen Scott will take place in the chapel on Monday 19 January at 11.00am followed by burial.

Coffee Morning at Hetton Chapel:
Wednesday 21 January 10.00am – 12.00pm. All are welcome.

Clitheroe Market Outreach

Tuesday 20 January 10.00am – 12.00pm. Join Matthew at the big arch entry. Any help is appreciated.

Afternoon Open Church

Thursday 22 January 12.00pm – 5.00pm; Do pop in for a warm drink. Alan will be available throughout the afternoon,

Supporting Student Outreach

Isaac, one of our regulars, is helping to raise money for the Lancaster University Christian Union's outreach programme. If you would like to find out more or consider supporting this work, further details are available [here](#)

Volunteers Needed We are looking for volunteers to serve on a rotating basis on the following Sunday teams:

Sound Desk Team – training and support provided..

Please speak to *Alan Marsden*

Outdoor Welcome Team – welcoming people as they arrive.

Please speak to *Diana Laycock*

Sunday Buffet Team – preparing food and sandwiches on the first Sunday of the month from 9.00am

Please speak to *Sue Cunliffe*.

Martin Top Lending Library will be available next Sunday

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

'But God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.'

Romans 5:8

'There is tremendous relief in knowing that His love to me is based at every point on prior knowledge of the worst about me.'

J I Packer