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 20th August 2023

This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday	10.45am	David Earnshaw (Communion)
Services	6.00pm	David Earnshaw
Monday	9.00am	Word and Prayer by Zoom
Wednesday	7.00pm	Westminster Catechism
	7.30pm	Midweek Service and Prayer
		led by Alan Marsden
Thursday	12.30pm	Afternoon Open Church
	6.30pm	Basic Bible Study
	7.45pm	Bible Study with John Graver
		from Christians Against Poverty
Friday	8.00pm	Book Club (online)

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Alan Marsden

6.00pm: Stephen Jackson

Monday August 21st 7.30pm – 9.30pm: Joyful Noise at Chatburn Methodist Church. All are welcome

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

Tuesday August 22nd 10.00am – 12.00pm Clitheroe Market Outreach. Join Matthew near the big arch entry. Any support and help would be greatly appreciated.

Wednesday August 23rd

7.00pm – 7.30pm: The Shorter Westminster Catechism. A half hour session looking at the questions and answers. 7.30pm – 8.30pm: Midweek Service and Prayer.

Thursday August 24th

12.30pm – 4.30pm: Afternoon Open Church. The chapel will be open. Alan will be available. Do drop in for a drink, a chat or prayer.

6.30pm - 7.00pm: Basic Bible Study

7.45pm – 9.00pm: Bible Study. John Graver from Christians Against Poverty (CAP) will be speaking about the work of CAP and their vision of releasing people from poverty and living with faith in Christ.

Friday August 25th 8.00pm Book Club on line. We will be discussing *The Grace of Gratitude* by Paul Mallard. Zoom ID: 316 300 9000 Password: GoodNews Books for September will soon be available. Please speak to Dot Carswell if you would like to join.

Tuesday August 29th 7.30pm Trustees' Meeting

Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18^{3,4}

The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time... I do not think more of myself or less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less.

Tim Keller