

About us: We are an Independent Congregational church. We are run by our members, not by a denomination or a bishop. We try to be faithful to God's Word, the Bible, in all belief and conduct.

Becoming a Christian: 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 and that one day we too will be raised.

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 do not take up an offering during worship. Those who wish to give financial support may use the offering boxes at the front and rear.

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.

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Week Beginning Sunday 20th September 2026

This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am Alan Marsden (Communion) 3.00pm Dave Hossack at Hetton Chapel 3.00pm Alan Marsden (Burnley) 6.00pm Alan Marsden
Wednesday	7.00pm Westminster Catechism 7.30pm Midweek Service and Prayer led by Alan Marsden
Thursday	11.00am Morning Bible Study – led by Alan Marsden 12.00pm Afternoon Open Church 6.30pm Basic Bible Study – Alan Marsden 7.45pm Bible Study – Alan Marsden
Friday	10.00am Coffee Morning in the Upper Room

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Alan Marsden (Harvest Thanksgiving)
6.00pm: Alan Marsden

Happening Elsewhere

European Creation Conference:

Friday 25th and Saturday 26th September

Bridge Conference Centre, Leeds.

Further information and booking details are available [here](#)

Clitheroe Market Outreach: Tuesday 22 September 10.00am – 12.00pm Join Matthew at the Big Arch entry. Any help, even for part of the morning would be greatly appreciated.

Afternoon Open Church: Thursday 24 September 12.00–5.00pm the chapel will be open. Do pop in for a chat and a cup of tea. Alan will be available throughout the afternoon.

Coffee Morning in the Upper Room Friday 25 September 10.00am – 12.00 noon. Join us for coffee, fellowship and a warm welcome.



Harvest Preparation and Big Clean



Saturday 26 September 10.00am – 12 noon

Please join us as we prepare the harvest display and/or clean the chapel. All help, even for part of the morning, would be much appreciated. Please sign up for the Big Clean on the sheet in the Upper Room.

Sunflowers

If you took a pot and sunflower seeds a few weeks ago and have successfully grown a sunflower, **please bring it for the harvest display.**

Food Bank Donations for Harvest Display

Donations of tinned and packaged food for the Harvest display would be appreciated. Please leave them at the chapel by Saturday 26 September

The Martin Top Lending Library will be available next Sunday

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

“Truly it is poor work to set our affections on a dying world and its short-lived comforts, and for the sake of an inch of time to lose a glorious immortality.”
J.C.Ryle

“Do not love the world or the things in the world...the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”
1 John 2 ^{15,17}