

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 21st January 2024

This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am David Earnshaw (Communion) 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	12.00pm Afternoon Open Church 6.30pm Basic Bible Study 7.45pm Bible Study led by Alan Marsden
Friday	8.00pm Book Club (online)

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

Monday January 22nd 7.30pm – 9.30pm: Joyful Noise at Chatburn Methodist Church led by Roy Porter. All are welcome

Saturday January 20th 8.00pm Real Lives with Sir Matthew Baggott the former Chief Constable of Northern Ireland. Join Roger Carswell in conversation with Sir Matthew as he talks about his life, and faith. Join on Zoom [here](#)

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.

Tuesday January 23rd 10.00am – 12.00pm: Clitheroe Market Outreach. Join Matthew near the big arch entry. Any support would be appreciated.

Thursday January 25th 12.00pm – 4.30pm: Afternoon Open Church. Alan will be available. Do drop in for a warm drink and a chat

Morning Bible Study: It is not too late to let Alan know if you would be interested in joining a Bible Study on Thursdays at 11.00am which would cover the same material as the evening one. It can only run if there are enough people interested

Chapel Magazine: Please send any contributions, news, pictures, testimonies for the next quarterly magazine, to Bill Ashton, for the attention of Hilary by the end of January. Thank you

Chapel Cleaners Needed: Can you spare 1.5 hours a month and be part of the volunteer cleaning team? Ideally, we require four more people to join the team and you would be working in a pair once every 4 or 5 weeks. Straight forward cleaning duties. Equipment, products and a 'how to' session provided. Please see David Hollings to arrange a chat with a member of the team

Then He (Jesus) came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26^{40,41}

'...let us never forget to watch and pray. We cannot walk too carefully. We cannot be too jealous over our souls. The world is very ensnaring. The devil is very busy. Let our Lord's words ring in our ears like a trumpet. Our spirits may be sometimes very weak. But our flesh is always very weak. Then let us always watch and pray.'

J C Ryle