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 24th December 2023

This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday	10.45am Alan Marsden
Services	(Carol Service)
	6.00pm John Mollitt
	(Carols by Candlelight)
Monday	10.00am Christmas Day Service
Christmas Day	(a half hour service)
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
Friday	8.00pm Book Club (online)

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Alan Marsden

6.00pm: Stephen Jackson

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

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Salem Chapel does not hold data on members' and regulars' dates of birth. Any request for that information from any individual is for their own, personal use Saturday December 23rd 8.00pm: Real Lives with Alex Robb who grew up in Northern Ireland during the troubles. Join Roger Carswell in conversation with Alex as he shares about his life and sings for us a few songs, including *The King is Coming* and *O Holy Night*. Watch on YouTube

Thursday December 28th 12.00pm – 4.30pm: Afternoon Open Church. Alan will be available. Do drop in for a warm drink and a chat.

Friday December 29th 8.00pm Book Club online. Zoom ID: 316 300 9000 Password: GoodNews. We have been reading *Comfort and Joy* by Matt Searles. If you would like to join in January, please speak to Dot Carswell.

Saturday December 30th 7.30pm Salem Social – end of year party at Alan's. If you have not already done so, let him know if you would like 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

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.

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord"

Luke 2:10,11

'There is no greater joy than knowing Christ; there is no greater comfort than His presence with us; there is no greater hope than seeing Him face to face. This is the good news we celebrate at Christmas. This is the hope that sustains us every day of our journey, until we enter the house of the Lord to dwell with Him forever!' Matt Searles