**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 don't 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: <u>https://martintop.org.uk</u>

**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 upper room into which the service is relayed via speakers.

**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

## SALEM CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Welcome

We give you an especially warm welcome if you are visiting us today.

www.martintop.org.uk

## Week Beginning Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December

## 2022

## This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am Alan Marsden 6.00pm Roger Carswell
Wednesday	<ul><li>12.00pm Afternoon Open Church</li><li>7.30pm Midweek Service and Prayer</li><li>led by Bill Ashworth</li></ul>
Saturday	9.00pm New Year's Eve Party 11.00pm Watchnight Service

Next Sunday 10.45am Alan Marsden 6.00pm Alan Marsden (Communion)

Next Sunday January  $1^{st}\,2023\,$  Do join us for the Fellowship Lunch after the morning service

Please speak to Alan if you would like him to visit you at your own home. Arrangements can also be made to see him at his home.

Real Lives: Catch up and watch episodes you have missed on YouTube The next Real Lives event will be on New Year's Eve, when Andrew Dow, a retired vicar, will be giving an illustrated talk on William Holman Hunt's famous painting 'The Light of the World'.

Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> Anyone attending the evening service would be welcome to go to Alan's house after the service for a light supper

Wednesday December  $28^{th}$  12.00pm – 4.30pm. The chapel will be open. Alan will be available. Do drop in for a warm drink, a chat or prayer

Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup> 7.15pm: There will be no Bible Study this week. Instead we are invited to Holden Chapel Christmas Concert led by Mr Chris Ellershaw. Performed by Holden Chapel's members and friends. All are welcome

Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup> 9.00pm Come and join us as we welcome in the new year. There will be party games and a Jacob's Join supper followed by a Watchnight Service. All are welcome.

'But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.'

'Infinite, and an infant. Eternal, and yet born of a woman. Almighty, and supporting a universe, and yet needing to be carried in a mother's arms. King of angels, and yet the reputed son of Joseph. Heir of all things, and yet the carpenter's despised son.'

Galatians 4:4-5

**Charles Spurgeon**