

**About us:** We are an Independent Congregational church. 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

**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



SALEM CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL  
MARTIN TOP

# Welcome

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

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# Week Beginning Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026

## This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am Alan Marsden 3.00pm Andrew Lancaster (Hetton Chapel) 6.00pm Stephen Jackson
Monday	8.00pm Book Club Online
Tuesday	9.00am Word and Prayer Online
Wednesday	7.30pm Midweek Service with Prayer led by Robert Cryer
Thursday	11.00am Bible Study led by Alan Marsden 12.00pm Afternoon Open Church 6.30pm Basic Bible Study – Alan Marsden 7.45pm Bible Study led by Alan Marsden
Friday	10.00am Coffee Morning 7.00pm Prayer Meeting for Burnley at Allen and Joan Hill's home
Saturday	11.00am Youth Fellowship at Alan's

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

**The Martin Top Lending Library** will be available this Sunday.  
Do take a look. There are a variety of books available.

**Book Club Monday 26 January at 8.00pm online.** The book we will be discussing is *Counting the Cost* by David and Shirley Donovan. Zoom ID: 316 300 9000 Password: GoodNews. If you would like to join next month, please speak to Dot Carswell

**Afternoon Open Church Thursday 29 January 12.00pm – 5.00pm;** Do pop in for a warm drink. Alan will be available throughout the afternoon.

**Coffee Morning Friday 30 January 10.00am – 12.00pm** come and enjoy a warm drink and chat in the upper room. All welcome.

**Youth Fellowship (First meeting) Saturday 31 January** at Alan's from 11.00am - 4.00pm approx. (flexible arrival/departure)

**Chapel Lunch next Sunday 1 February**

There will be a simple buffet lunch after the morning service.

### Volunteers Needed

We're looking for volunteers to serve on a rotating basis on the following Sunday teams (training provided where needed):

**Sound Desk Team** – speak to Alan Marsden.

**Outdoor Welcome Team** – speak to Diana Laycock.

**Sunday Buffet Team** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 9.00am) speak to Sue Cunliffe

**Chapel Magazine:** Please send articles, photos, items of interest for the next quarterly magazine to Dean Stevenson by Sunday 15 February.

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

'Have mercy upon me  
O God, according to  
Your lovingkindness.  
According to the  
multitude of Your  
tender mercies, blot out  
my transgression,'  
Psalm 51:1

'One of the marks of  
genuine repentance is  
that there is no attempt to  
excuse sin, no appeal to  
mitigating circumstances.  
There is simply an appeal  
for mercy.'

D A Carson