

**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



# Welcome

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

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# Week Beginning Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup> 2025

## This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am Alan Marsden 3.00pm Harry Peace (Hetton Chapel) 6.00pm Stephen Jackson
Tuesday	8.00pm Book Club (online)
Wednesday	7.30pm New Year's Eve Litany led by Roger Carswell
Saturday	8.30am Men's Breakfast

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

**Chapel Lunch:** Next Sunday January 4th, there will be a simple buffet lunch after the morning service. All are welcome

**Holden Chapel** invite us to a **Christmas Concert** on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 7.15pm. Janet and Andy Kay will lead. There will be items by the Sunday School and friends. All are welcome

**Book Club** Tuesday December 30<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm. The book we will be discussing is *Hallelujah* by Dave and Sally Gobbett. Zoom ID:316 300 9000 Password: GoodNews. If you would like to join next month please speak to Dot Carswell

**New Year's Eve 7.30pm – 8.30pm:** Do join for an hour of praise and prayer using the Litany Service which will be led by Roger Carswell. All are welcome.

**New Year's Day 7.00pm:** If you would value fellowship on the evening of New Year's Day and especially if you would otherwise be on your own please speak to Alan. The evening will go ahead only if there is sufficient interest, so please let Alan know by Monday December 29<sup>th</sup>

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday January 2<sup>nd</sup> Arrive between 8.30 and 9.00am for food, and enjoy fellowship and an short encouraging talk

**AGM and Members' Meeting:** Monday January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Please note that all reports for the AGM should be submitted before the end of December

**Sound Desk:** We are looking for volunteers to help on the sound desk. Full training will be given. Please speak to Alan or Stephen if you can help.

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

'Trust in the LORD with  
all your heart and do not  
lean on your own  
understanding. In all  
your ways acknowledge  
Him and He will direct  
your paths.'  
Proverbs 3:5-6

'Our wisdom is to follow  
His directions,  
and our folly is to lean to  
our own.'

Matthew Henry