

**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



SALEM CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL  
MARTIN TOP

# Welcome

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

[www.martintop.org.uk](http://www.martintop.org.uk)

# Week Beginning Sunday December 29th 2024

## This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am Alan Marsden 6.00pm Stephen Jackson
Thursday	11.00am Bible Study led by Alan Marsden 12.00pm Afternoon Open Church 6.30pm Basic Bible Study 7.45pm Bible Study led by Alan Marsden
Saturday	8.30am Men's Breakfast

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

### Happening Elsewhere

Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm: Holden Chapel invites us to join them for their Chapel Christmas Concert led by Mr Steven Lawson. Items by Holden Chapel members and friends. All are welcome.

Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup> Afternoon Open Church 12.00pm – 4.30pm. Alan will be available. Do pop in for a chat and a warm drink.

Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast. Arrive between 8.30 and 9.00am. An opportunity for men to fellowship together and hear a short talk/testimony.

Next Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, do join us for the Fellowship Lunch after the morning service. There is seating for 38 people. Newcomers, visitors, and guests are especially welcome.

Replacement of the carpet in the upper room. We need to choose a colour. Please look at the samples which are available in the upper room. A choice will be made by members at the next members' meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Let us know what you think, your observations would be welcome.

Real Lives will be back in the new year but there are about 130 past episodes for you to watch on the [YouTube](#) channel.

Please speak to Alan if you would like a home visit or if you would like to visit him in his own home.

'Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.' Hebrews 12<sup>1,2</sup>

'I wish, my brothers and sisters, that during this coming year you may live nearer to Christ than you have ever done before. Depend upon it, it is when we think much of Christ that we think little of ourselves, little of our troubles and little of the doubts and fears that surround us.' C.H. Spurgeon