**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: <a href="https://martintop.org.uk">https://martintop.org.uk</a>

**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 August 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 This week at Salem Chapel:

| Sunday    | 10.45am Alan Marsden                    |
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| Services  | 3.00pm Alan Marsden (Hetton Chapel)     |
|           | 6.00pm Kevin Price                      |
| Tuesday   | 9.00am Word and Prayer by Zoom          |
| Wednesday | 7.00pm Westminster Catechism            |
|           | 7.30pm Midweek Service led by           |
|           | Alan Marsden                            |
| 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  | 8.45am Men's Breakfast                  |
|           | 2.00pm Saturday Fellowship              |

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Alan Marsden

6.00pm: Alan Marsden (Communion)

Holden Chapel Anniversary Sunday Sunday 31 August 1.30pm led by Alan Woodhouse and at **7.00pm** led by the Ayrton family. All are welcome.

**Joyful Noise Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 7.30pm – 9.30pm** at Chatburn Methodist Church. All are welcome.

**Martin Top Lending Library:** The Lending Library will be available this Sunday. Do take a look. There is a good variety of books plus some new ones which have been added.

#### **Clitheroe Market Outreach**

# Tuesday 2 September 10.00am - 12.00pm.

Join Matthew at the big arch entry to hand out leaflets and have conversations. Any help is appreciated!

# **Afternoon Open Church**

## Thursday 4 September 12.00pm - 5.00pm:

Do pop in for a drink and chat or some quiet time. Alan will be available throughout the afternoon. All are welcome!

### Men's Breakfast:

**Saturday 6 September 8.45am.** An opportunity for men to fellowship together and be encouraged by a short talk.

## **Saturday Fellowship**

**6 September 2.00pm – 4.00pm.** Join for a time of informal fellowship, singing, a quiz, a short talk and afternoon tea. All are welcome.

**Next Sunday: Fellowship Lunch -** Do join us for lunch after the morning service. There is seating for 38 people. Newcomers, visitors, and guests are especially welcome.

# **Pastoral Support**

Please speak to Alan if you would like to meet with him midweek or receive a phone call.

'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.' Galatians 5:22,23 'The Spirit never lies dormant and idle within the soul. He always makes His presence known by the fruit He causes to be borne in heart, character, and life.' J.C Ryle Holiness