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: <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 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

Welcome

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

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Week Beginning Sunday 31st December 2023 This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday	10.45am Alan Marsden
Services	6.00pm Stephen Jackson
Wednesday	7.30pm Midweek Service and Prayer
	led by Alan Marsden
Thursday	12.00pm Afternoon Open Church
	6.30pm Basic Bible Study
	7.45pm Bible Study
	led by Alan Marsden

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Alan Marsden

6.00pm: Alan Marsden (Communion)

Next Sunday January 7th Do join us for the Fellowship Lunch after the morning service. All are welcome.

Real Lives will be back on Saturday January 13th You can catch up with episodes you have missed on <u>YouTube</u>

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

Sunday Evening December 31st Following the evening service there will be an opportunity to stay on, if you so wish, for a time of reflection and prayers for the new year.

Tuesday January 2^{nd} 10.00am – 12.00pm: Clitheroe Market Outreach. Join Matthew near the big arch entry. Any support and help would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday January 4^{th} 12.00pm – 4.30pm: Afternoon Open Church. Alan will be available. Do drop in for a warm drink and a chat.

Monday January 8th 7.30pm: Church AGM followed by the Members' Meeting. Please send agenda items to Diana Laycock by Tuesday January 2nd

Book Club: The next book we will be reading in January is *Road Map to Jesus* by Alistair Chalmers - 176 pages costs £1. If you would like to join or just read this book for yourself, or if you want suggestions for Bible reading plans/guides please speak to Dot Carswell.

Let Alan know if you would be interested in joining a daytime Bible Study at the chapel in January on Thursdays at 11am which will cover the same material as the evening one.

'Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' God is true. His Word of Promise is sure. In all His relations with His people God is faithful. He may be safely relied upon. No one ever yet really trusted Him in vain. We find this precious truth expressed almost everywhere in the Scriptures... This is the basis of our confidence in Him. A.W. Pink

Isaiah 41:10