

**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 January 4<sup>th</sup> 2026

## This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am Alan Marsden 3.00pm Alan Marsden (Hetton Chapel) 6.00pm Alan Marsden (Communion)
Tuesday	9.00am Word and Prayer Online
Wednesday	7.00pm Westminster Catechism 7.30pm Midweek Service with Prayer
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

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Alan Marsden  
6.00pm: Roger Carswell

**Practical Help Needed:** The church is supporting a household moving into a new home and is seeking a few items in a good and usable condition:

Washer and Dryer, Wardrobes or Chest of Drawers, 1 Bedside Table, food processor, baking dishes, large or medium glass storage jars

If you think you may be able to help, please speak to or contact [Diana Laycock](#)

### Chapel Lunch:

This **Sunday 4 January**, there will be a simple buffet lunch after the morning service. All are very welcome to stay.

### AGM and Members' Meeting

**Monday 5 January at 7.30pm.**

### Clitheroe Market Outreach

**Tuesday 6 January 10.00am – 12.00pm.** Join Matthew at the big arch entry. Any help is appreciated.

### Afternoon Open Church

**Thursday 8 January 12.00pm – 5.00pm;** Do pop in for a warm drink. Alan will be available throughout the afternoon,

### Funeral Notice

Kathleen Scott's funeral will take place on **Monday 19 January at 11.00am.**

### Book Club:

The next book we are reading is *Counting the Cost – Kidnapped in the Niger Delta* by David and Shirley Donovan. The book costs **£5.00**. If you would like to join the group or simply read the book, please speak to Dot Carswell or Diana Laycock. We will meet on Zoom on **Monday 26 January at 8.00pm.**

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

'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'

Joshua 1:9

'Let us renew our confidence in God, and go forward in hope, not because the way is easy, but because the Lord is faithful.'

Charles Spurgeon