**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 don't 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

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 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am James Bovenizer
	6.00pm Alan Marsden (Communion)
Monday	9.00am Word and Prayer by Zoom
Wednesday	7.00pm Westminster Catechism
	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
Saturday	7.30pm Word and Praise

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Alan Marsden

6.00pm: Alan Marsden

Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Lunch and Open Church. All are welcome to join us for the Fellowship Lunch after the morning service. The chapel will remain open between the services. Do stay or drop in later for a drink, chat or prayer.

Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 9.30pm: Joyful Noise at Chatburn Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome.

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

Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – 12.00pm Clitheroe Market Outreach. Join Matthew near the big arch entry. Any support and help would be greatly appreciated.

Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm – 7.30pm: The Shorter Westminster Catechism. A half hour session looking at the questions and answers.

7.30pm – 8.30pm: Midweek Service and Prayer

Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> 12.00pm – 4.30pm: Afternoon Open Church. The chapel will be open. Alan will be available. Do drop in for a drink, a chat or for prayer

6.30pm – 7.00pm: Basic Bible Study

7.45pm - 9.00pm: Bible Study: Matthew 17:5ff

Next Weekend's Chapel Anniversary Celebrations: Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm: Word and Praise. Do join us for an evening of praise, worship, and of hearing God's word. John Whittle will be leading us in song. Light refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup> Chapel Picnic and Walk. After the morning service we will have a picnic and a walk together, up Weets Hill. Bring food and drink for a picnic and some walking shoes.

Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up... Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD.

Hosea 6<sup>1,3</sup>

'If you find yourself loving any pleasure more than your prayers, any book better than the Bible, any house better than the house of the Lord, any table better than the Lord's table, any persons better than Christ, or any indulgence better than the hope of heaven – be alarmed.'

Thomas Guthrie