

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.

www.martintop.org.uk

Week Beginning Sunday September 7th 2025

This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am Alan Marsden 3.00pm Alan Marsden (Hetton Chapel) 6.00pm Alan Marsden (Communion)
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 Special Topic led by Roger Fay

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

Fellowship Lunch: Do join us for lunch in the upper room, after the morning service. There is seating for 38 people. Newcomers, visitors, and guests are especially welcome.

Northern Women's Conference:
27 September at Wigan or 15 November at Leeds 10am – 4.00pm
'Ecclesiastes – An Antidote to Anxiety'
Speaker: Karen Soole. Booking is now [open](#)

Trustees' Meeting: Tuesday 9 September 7.30pm in the upper room.

Afternoon Open Church

Thursday 11 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!

Bible Study Special Topic Thursday 11 September 7.45pm:

Roger Fay will speak on Joseph Spoor (1813-1869)

Book Club (online) Tuesday 30 September 8.00pm. The book this month is *The Man on the Middle Cross* by Alistair Begg, price £1. If you would like to join or just read the book, please speak to Dot Carswell.

Recommended Reading for Everyone: *On Being a Servant of God* by Warren Wiersbe price £3.00 This inspiring book will strengthen and encourage you in service for Christ. It would be good to read on your own, as a couple, or in a small group of 2–3. Please see Dot Carswell if you would like a copy.

Chapel Magazine: the new-look autumn edition is available. Please take a copy from the front pew.

Pastoral Support

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

'Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.'
Psalm 51:10,11

'God will not dwell in the self-righteous heart, nor in the proud spirit. He will only create a clean heart where there is an acknowledgement of need, repentance, and a desire for holiness.'
A.W.Tozer