**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: <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 April 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday	10.45am	Alan Marsden
Services	3.00pm	Roger Carswell (Hetton Chapel)
	6.00pm	Alan Marsden
Monday	1.00pm	Craft Group in the Upper Room
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 Fourum

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Alex Myers

6.00pm: Alan Marsden

This Sunday do join for the Fellowship Lunch after the morning service. There is seating for 38. Newcomers, guests and visitors are especially welcome

Keswick in East Lancashire Spring Convention: Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 10am – 1.00pm at St Leonard's Church Padiham with Matthew Clay *The Framework of God's Promises (Understanding the Doctrine of Adoption).* All are welcome.

Members' Meeting Monday April 7th at 7.30pm

Book Club: The next book we will be reading is 'Anne Bradstreet' by Faith Cook - Anne was one of the first Puritans to leave Britain for America. Price £3.00. If you want to join or just want the book please speak to Dot Carswell.

Clitheroe Market Outreach Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 12.00pm. Join Matthew at the big arch entry.

Afternoon Open Church Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> 12.00pm – 5.00pm. Alan will be available. Do pop in for a chat and drink.

Bible Study Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm. We hope to run a Fourum with four speakers delivering 10-15 minute talks on Christian topics with Q & A to follow. All are welcome.

Salem Social: the next one will be on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 4.30pm – 7.00pm at Pete and Heather's house. There will be food and refreshments. All are welcome.

Real Lives Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm with Rickie and Maggie. *'From Drink and Drugs to Helping Others'*. Watch here

If anyone would like to provide a meal for Joe and Abbie please email: <a href="mailto:Hannah@yorkshirecamps.org.uk">Hannah@yorkshirecamps.org.uk</a>

Magazine Contributions: Please send any items before the end of April, if possible, to Bill Ashton FAO Hilary.

Please speak to Alan if you would like a home visit

'Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night' Psalm 1

'Why do I meditate? Because I am a Christian. Every day in which I do not penetrate more deeply into the knowledge of God's Word is a lost day for me. I can only move forward with certainty upon the firm ground of the Word of God.' Dietrich Bonhoeffer