

**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: <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

**Questions?** Ask one of our members about their faith or this church



SALEM CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL  
MARTIN TOP

# Welcome

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

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# Week Beginning Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

## This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am Alan Marsden 3.00pm (Hetton Chapel) Alan Marsden 6.00pm Alan Marsden (Communion)
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 with Prayer
Thursday	11.00am Bible Study led by Alan Marsden 12.00pm Afternoon Open Church 6.30pm Basic Bible Study 7.45pm Bible Study led by Joe McNutt

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Alan Marsden (Communion)  
6.00pm: Alan Marsden

### Happening Elsewhere

Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> 10am – 3.30pm North West Gospel Partnership Conference at The Edge, Wigan. Speaker: Adrian Reynolds. 'God's Builder in God's Building: Sharing in the Mission Heart of God.' Tickets available on their website [here](#)

Fellowship Lunch will be on this Sunday as we were unable to hold it last week. Do join us after the morning service. There is seating for 38 people. Newcomers, visitors, and guests are especially welcome.

Clitheroe Market Outreach Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12pm  
Join Matthew at the big arch entry.

Afternoon Open Church Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> 12.00pm – 4.30pm. Alan will be available. Do pop in for a chat and a warm drink.

Bible Study on Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm Joe McNutt will be with us and will talk about his work at Yorkshire Camps

Would you consider hosting a 'Salem Social' at your home? It could be an evening or a day time. You may provide food, or just drinks, or suggest a Jacob's Join. Please see Alan.

At the Church AGM last Monday, Roger Carswell and Stephen Jackson were elected as elders, Bill Ashton, David Hollings and Herbert Moorhouse as deacons, Hima D'Silva as treasurer and Diana Laycock as secretary.

Book Club. The book we will be reading this month is '*To a Different Drum*' An adventure of radical obedience, by Pauline Hamilton. Please see Dot Carswell if you would like to join.

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

"There is no substitute for an understanding mind. Satan can defeat the ignorant believer, but he cannot overcome the Christian who knows his Bible and understands the purposes of God."  
Warren Weirsbe

'The tempter came to Jesus and he said "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread. But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:3,4