

**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 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday Services	10.45am Alan Marsden 6.00pm Alan Marsden
Monday	9.00am Word and Prayer by Zoom 1.00pm Craft Group in the Upper Room
Wednesday	7.00pm Westminster Catechism 7.30pm Midweek Service and Prayer led by Alan Marsden
Thursday	12.30pm Afternoon Open Church 6.30pm Basic Bible Study 7.45pm Bible Study on Matthew led by Alan Marsden

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

Alan is seeking people to read from the scriptures at Sunday services. If you are willing to do so, please speak with him.

Anyone who would like to suggest a song or hymn for inclusion in worship which perhaps gets overlooked should speak to Alan

Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> After the morning service, Susan Bradshaw will be picking blackberries. If you would like to join her, bring your lunch, suitable clothing, and a container for fruit

Tuesday September 12<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.

Baptisms: Anyone wishing to be baptised, should speak to Alan this week.

Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm: Rosh Hashanah at Skekinah Christian Centre hosted by Joseph Pendley. Please find directions [here](#)

Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm: Keswick East Lancashire 'Kingdom Banking' Lessons from Luke 16 with Gerry Straker at Great Harwood Christian Fellowship BB6 7HX and Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 1.30pm at St Leonard's Church Padiham BB12 8HG

Alan would like to invite 3 or 4 people round to his house one evening for food and fellowship. This might suit people who cannot come as a couple. Please speak to him if you are interested  
And do speak to him if you would like him to visit at your home.

'Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." Matthew 18<sup>21,22</sup>

'Forgive and forget. Bear with the faults of others as you would have them bear with yours. Be patient and understanding. Life is too short to be vengeful or malicious.

Phillips Brooks