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

## This week at Salem Chapel:

Sunday	10.45am Alan Marsden (Communion)
Services	6.00pm Kevin Price
Monday	9.00am Word and Prayer by Zoom
Wednesday	7.00pm Westminster Catechism
	7.30pm Midweek Service and Prayer
	led by Alan Marsden
Thursday	12.30pm Afternoon Open Church
	6.30pm Basic Bible Study
	7.45pm Bible Study: Matthew 19:11ff
	led by Alan Marsden
Saturday	2.00pm Preparation for Harvest

Next Sunday: 10.45am: Joe McNutt

6.00pm: Matthew Fawcett

Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 9.30pm Joyful Noise at Chatburn Methodist Church. All are welcome

Please speak to Alan if you would like him to visit you at your own home. Arrangements can also be made to visit him at his home.

Next Sunday 6.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service led by Matthew Fawcett. Please bring gifts for the display that are suitable for the food bank. Preparation of the harvest display will be on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2.00pm. Any help with the display would be greatly appreciated

Monday September 18th 7.30pm: Members' Meeting.

Tuesday September 19<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.

Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm: Craft Group Meal. The Craft Group are planning to go out for a meal and invite you to join them. For booking purposes, if you would like to go, please let Carol Jackson or Susan Bradshaw know asap.

Real Lives begins again on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, you can watch 'Harry Ferguson: The Tractor Man' George Conn speaks about the British engineer best known for his role in the development of the modern agricultural tractor. Watch <a href="here">here</a>

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

Jesus said, "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Matthew 6:14,15

'To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.'

C.S. Lewis