



## Annual Report to Charity Commission 2024-25

Salem Congregational Chapel, Martin Top is an independent, bible-teaching-based, non-conformist Christian Church, led by a self-employed Pastor, assisted by two Elders, three Deacons, nine Trustees, and one Treasurer, all of whom are unpaid volunteers who are annually (re)elected/approved by the Chapel Members.

Members Meetings and Trustees Meetings are each held 4 times (minimum) per year, and minutes are recorded.

Full details are available on the Chapel's website - [www.MartinTop.org.uk](http://www.MartinTop.org.uk)

Worship services take place on Sunday mornings and evenings, plus a Wednesday evening. On Tuesdays, there is a Word and Prayer meeting via ZOOM. On Thursdays, there are three separate Bible Study meetings, separated by a period of "Open Church".

During the year, other meetings/missions/gatherings take place, all of which are publicised on both the website and by the Weekly Bulletin, which is emailed to members or anyone else by request.

The Chapel is financed mainly by collections and donations, with a small amount coming from funerals, weddings, hospitality, etc., plus rent from the former Manse, which is an integral part of the Church Building.

Expenses are mainly payments to the Pastor, plus building maintenance costs, utilities, and expense payments to visiting preachers, speakers, outreach workers, and musicians,(some of whom do not accept any payment).

Members this year approved a gift of £7000 to another Independent Chapel-at Hetton, some 12-15 miles away. The money is to be used for the week to week expenses at Hetton, the building (previously a Methodist Church) having been bought by a Christian Group, totally separate from Martin Top, that has its own Trustees etc. Some members from Martin Top have offered their help and talents,and our Pastor leads some of the services. There is no other connection, financially or otherwise, unless decided by Martin Top's Members.

As can be seen from the Financial Report, the figures remain healthy, and current attendance figures at services are remaining at similar levels to the recent past.

Roy Porter

Trustee Chair

<b>Salem Congregational Martin Top Chapel</b>	
<b>Income -Expense Statement for the Financial Year 2024-2025</b>	
<b>Opening Balance (GBP)</b>	

Cash	536.00
Virgin Money Bank	0.00
Santander Bank	45,615.21
Skipton Building Society	17,527.62

<b>Income And Expenses (GBP)</b>			
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<b>Income (GBP)</b>		<b>Expenses (GBP)</b>	
Collections	17,426.30	Affiliation Fee	978.72
Donation	64,882.60	Building Maintenance	8,036.51
From Deo & Gloria	10,497.00	DBS Check	70.40
Funerals	1,250.00	Food Hygiene Training	14.40
Hospitality	145.79	GitD (Hetton)	5,000.00
Manse Rent	5,000.00	Hospitality	3,087.41
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>99,201.69</b>	Insurance	2,003.44
		Minister	26,240.00
		Musicians	2,880.00
		Other Ministers	2,893.70
		Other Payments	655.00
		Out Reach Workers	19,118.72
		Outreach Material	605.00
		Publications	225.00
		Stationery	26.00
		Travel	1,078.07
		Utilities	2,272.17
		Hetton Chapel	2,000.00
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>77,184.54</b>

<b>Income less Expenses</b>	<b>GBP</b>	<b>22,017.15</b>
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<b>Closing Balance (GBP) as on 30.06.2025</b>	
Cash	280.00
Virgin Money Bank	885.37
Santander Bank	59,575.74
Skipton Building Society	24,954.87



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
SALEM CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL MARTIN TOP

On accounts for the year  
ended

2024/2025

Charity no  
(if any)

252 401

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 06 2025.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Angus Honeysett

Date: 22/4/2026

Name: ANGUS HONEYSETT MSc CMA ACMA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

CHARTERED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT - CMA

(if any):

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## Section B

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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# The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

This is to certify that

*Angus Honeysett*

was admitted as an Associate  
of the Institute on

*26 May 2010*

and is entitled to use the description  
Chartered Management Accountant

Given under the Common Seal of the Institute

President

Aubrey Joachim

Member  
of Council

George Glass

Chief  
Executive

Charles Tilley

