



Altrincham

BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome to ABC

Sundays at ABC are the times when we gather together as a whole church, in the presence of God. We pray, sing and read scripture in order that we might follow Jesus. As we do these things we open ourselves to the power and influence of God's Spirit, as he forgives, restores, heals and guides us. In this way, we find purpose and meaning, hope and grace for all that life holds.

New to ABC - If you are visiting ABC for the first time and wish to find out more about us, please fill in one of our 'Welcome Leaflets' (available in the stand in the atrium and landing foyers) and hand it in to one of the welcome team.

Can we pray with you? - After each service, there are members of our church who will be happy to pray with you about anything that may be on your heart. Anyone is welcome to come and receive prayer. The team will be in the front left hand corner.

Sunday 12th November 2017

Who do you think you are?

Like me you may have been someone who, having read the Gospel accounts of Jesus, got the impression that what Jesus said and did, well they were just inevitable. Jesus, Saviour of the world, who is on a journey to Jerusalem, who at every step does what has been mapped out and he simply does what he was only ever going to do.

But what if it wasn't actually like that?

What if the story of Jesus' life was an unravelling one. One where he has decisions and choices to make, options about what he is to say, or even who he is to be. We see this clearly in stories like the temptation at the start of his ministry and in the garden near the end of it. And we'll see it today, in John 6, as Jesus wows the crowd by feeding 5,000 but, facing the possibility of being a popularist leader, decides on a different route. The route to be a different kind of leader, a different kind of king, a different kind of Messiah.

10am 'Wowing the crowd'

John 6 : 1-21, 24-35

6.30pm Open to God: 'A spiritual health check'

Come along with expectation that God will speak & you will hear from Him.

Quote for the week : *'I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed.'*

C. S. Lewis

What's on



Monday 13th November - ABC Crowd, 7.30pm at Hale Rd. All welcome to come and join this drama group workshop for teens and adults, no previous experience needed. Contact Martin Smedley for more information.



Thursday 16th November - Church Meeting, 8pm at Hale Rd. At Thursday's church meeting we will be sharing 'nibbles', spending time in worship and prayer, sharing news of our church life and dedicating time to discussing the ideas about governance which were outlined in the latest 'Inside Story'. We would love you to be a part of this as we look at how we can best work out what God has in store for his Church at ABC in the years to come. So please come along, 7.45pm for 8pm at Hale Road

The minutes from the September meeting and 'Inside Story' have been emailed out and hard copies are in the foyer.



Friday 17th November - Messy Church, 10.30am at the Hub A fun structured session with music, bubbles, lights, dance and craft for pre-school children.



Monday 20th November - An evening of making Christmas cards and decorations on at the Hub, 7.30pm -10pm Tickets £5, available now which covers craft items, soft drinks, nibbles and guidance, Contact Sarah Roberts

Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th November - REWIND to Christmas, a presentation to Year 4 pupils from local schools will be happening. Monday all day & Tuesday morning will be at Hale Rd and Tuesday afternoon at St. Albans Church. We still need help for both days so if you are able to help at any of the sessions please contact Liz Partridge.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 1st December - UgandAid presents an evening with Colin Paul, tickets available from the UgandAid Team.

Saturday 2nd December - CAP Christmas Meal, 7pm at Hale Rd joining with Ivy CAP Debt Centre. Dave Tudor, a CAP speaker, will be giving testimony. If you would like to join our clients and current supporters for what will be a fun evening you would be very welcome. Please contact Claire on 07894 728884 for further information

Life at ABC - news & info

Hub Reception Temporary Cover required

One of our reception team is going to be unavailable for 3-4 weeks from the beginning of November due to planned surgery and recovery time. We need a friendly person to greet people and make them feel welcome (in person and on the phone) on Monday and Wednesday mornings throughout this time. If this could be you, we'd love to chat to you! Contact Anna MacKenzie, Lindsay Grant or Tim Jump if you can help us out.

Harvest 2017 Appeal - we wish to thank everyone for their contributions to this year's Harvest appeal. We have received £4015 which doesn't include Gift Aid, and we thank the children for the gifts of food for the Manchester City Mission homeless guests.

CAP Christmas Hampers - The countdown to Christmas has begun and once again we are making hampers for all of our clients. If you would like to contribute, then please take a gift label with the named item on it which you will find in the foyer at Hale Road. Please return your item by Monday 27th November to either Hale Rd or The Hub.

If you wish to join the fun in making up these hampers then come down to Hale Rd on Wednesday 6th December 1-5pm in the lower lounge. We also need volunteers to deliver the made hampers. Please contact Claire on 07894 728884 for further information

Address List 2017/18 is now available from the foyer

Fundraiser - ABC are looking for a Fundraising Officer to raise funds from grant giving trusts and foundations to support the cost of developing the Hub. If this could be you or someone you know, please contact Sarah Hayes, sarahhayes@altrinchambaptist.org.

Regular Activities

The following activities take place each week during term-time, mostly at The Hub unless stated.

Sunday

10am	Children's Church @ Hale Rd	0-11yrs
	Breakfast Club	11-14yrs
6pm	What's Next	11yrs+

Tuesday

10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
	English Class	adult
2pm	Watercolour Class	adult

Wednesday

10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
12.30pm	Women Welcome for prayer & lunch (2nd Wed)	
1.30pm	Healthy Hips & Hearts (weekly except 1st week of month)	seniors
	Good Companions (1st Wed)	seniors
2.30pm	Meeting Point (3rd Wed)	seniors

Thursday

10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
2pm	Knit & Natter	
8pm	Church Meeting (3rd Thurs) @Hale Rd	

Friday

10am	Baby & Toddler Cafe	0-5yrs
10am	Journaling - fortnightly	adults
1.30pm	Healthy Hips & Hearts	seniors
6.30pm	Transformers @ Hale Rd	7-11yrs
7pm	Friday Night Drop-in	11yrs +

Saturday

9.30am	Contact Centre	Referred places
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Care for the Family - Bereaved Parent Support Day, Saturday 18th

November 2017 St Peter's Centre , Village Road, Heswall Wirral CH60 0DZ. This day offers comfort, support and hope for the future for bereaved parents. To book call : 029 20810800

Fri 24th November - City Centre Ministries '60's Night' at The Life Centre, Sale

An evening of fun entertainment supporting . Tickets £5 More details from Stuart Whittle, Helen Whittaker or Steve & Irene Brown.

Friends International are looking for Christmas hosts for international students

Could you invite some international students for a meal this Christmas? Great opportunity to show them God's love at a time when there's not much going on and they can often feel lonely. Contact Mel Fernando (Friends International Affiliate) for more information - mcrhosting@gmail.com - or sign up online at <https://goo.gl/forms/mveXcR1gwMif0V952>

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