



# 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 19th November 2017

There is no little irony in the fact that it is during our weeks in John 6, that we hear of the sale of an artwork of Jesus which sells for \$450million.

As we learnt last week, Jesus offers us life, true life, life that satisfies, and it won't cost us a penny.

Yet people do not come easily, or always willingly to Jesus. We like to think that the decision about who Jesus is and what he offers is ours to make. So we size him up, check the claims and draw our conclusions; a bit like authenticating a work of art.

Today however, we will find that no one can come to Jesus unless he draws us to him. In truth the boot is on the other foot. We bring nothing to the table. He is the 'Salvatore Mundi', the Saviour of the world, and we can not save ourselves.

#### 10am 'Who am I'

John 6: 35, 41-51

**4pm Newcomer's Tea** - Come and find out more about our church community. We look forward to seeing you

#### 6.30pm "Are you sitting comfortably"

**Quote for the week** : *'Salvatore Mundi went for \$450million, but you can have the real thing for free.'*

Giles Fraser on the cost of the world's most expensive art sale - a painting of Christ by Leonardo da Vinci

# What's on



**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.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## Christmas at ABC 2017

Sun 10 Dec	6.30pm	Carol service at Hale Rd
Sun 17 Dec	10am	Nativity service at Hale Rd
	4.30pm	Carols in the Park @ John Leigh Park
Sun 24 Dec	10am	No service
	4pm	Christingle at Hale Rd
	11pm	Midnight communion at Hale Rd
Mon 25 Dec	10am	Christmas Day service at Hale Rd
Sun 31 Dec	10am	Morning service only at Hale Rd

There will be flyers/invitation cards available soon for you to invite your friends and neighbours

## Dates for your Diary 2018

**Prayer & Vision** : 4th January & 19th April

**Church Meetings** : 1st February, 22nd March, 17th May & 28th June the AGM

**Men's Weekend at home**, 2nd-4th March 2018

**Church Weekend 2018** : 22nd-24th June at Cefn Lee

## Life at ABC - news & info

**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 728 884 for further information

**Serving ABC Family** - we have a display in the foyer of various ways that you can serve the ABC family.

There is a lot of variety in the type of role, days & timing so have a look and see what God is pointing you to then contact the person named on the card to volunteer to serve.

**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>

## 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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### Friday 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.

### Saturday 25th November - ReNu Open Day and Sales Event, 12 - 4pm

Barnabus Renu Up-cycling furniture enterprise offers an inspiring, creative, activity providing employable skills for out of work, homeless men and women. All items are available to buy, your purchase not only supports our transforming work with the homeless it also brings hope and encouragement to our students too! Hope to see you there!

### Thursday 30th November - Thursday Night Live.

The Message is relaunching this event aimed at youth and young adults, held at the Message Enterprise Centre. The evening is a cheap relaxed open-mic night, £3 entry and food will be available, We have sets from Brightline and other special guests, but if anyone is interested in performing at the next TNL on Thursday 22nd February, they can email me at peter.thompson@message.org.uk.

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