



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 3rd December 2017

We Remember and we Look Forward

So its Advent - hooray! (I think).

Advent which means coming and we look back and celebrate and thank God that he came in human form to this old world. And it is an Advent which changes everything, (just re-read today's quotation.)

But we also speak of a Second Advent, the day when Christ will return again. So all our celebrating is also a straining forward and anticipation of His return.

And tonight, we share communion together. We know that we do this 'in remembrance' but we also do it in anticipation. Sharing the bread and wine is a foretaste of that which we will experience when fully united with Christ and as such, that is definitely worth celebrating.

10am 'You are what you eat'

John 6 : 56-58

6.30pm: Extended Communion

Quote for the week : *"The moment I realized that God existed, I knew that I could not do otherwise than to live for him alone . . . Faith strips the mask from the world and reveals God in everything. It makes nothing impossible and renders meaningless such words as anxiety, danger, and fear, so that the believer goes through life calmly and peacefully, with profound joy - like a child, hand in hand with his mother."*

Charles de Foucauld

What's on

12th, 13th 14th December - Toddler Party, 10am each day at Hale Rd.

Could you spare a couple of hours on any of these days to help out with the parties. The regular teams are a little depleted so extra help would be great. Contact Sarah Roberts

Christmas at ABC 2017



Advent Prayer Space

What do Paddington Bear and Advent have in common?!

Come along to the Prayer Space at the Hub to find out! The run up to Christmas can often become a marathon to endure rather than a season to enjoy, so we've created a little space in the Hub Prayer room for you to take time out to engage with the Christmas story in a prayerful way. The prayer room will be available from 10am-4pm weekdays only during Advent, or can be used by key-holders out of hours. No need to book in, just pop along.

Services



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| Sun 10 Dec | 6.30pm | Carol service at Hale Rd |
| Sun 17 Dec | 10am | Family Nativity service at Hale Rd |
| | 4.30pm | Carols in the Park @ John Leigh Park |
| Sun 24 Dec | 10am | No service |
| | 4pm | Messy Christingle at Hale Rd |
| | 11pm | Candlelight Communion at Hale Rd |
| Mon 25 Dec | 10am | Family service at Hale Rd |
| Sun 31 Dec | 10am | Morning service at Hale Rd, there will be no evening service |

Flyers are available to use as invitations.

Christmas Giving - this year's offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be divided between:

- Open Doors - supporting the persecuted church throughout the world.
- Toybox's Invisible Child project
- UgandAid Student at Nile Vocational Institute

There are some envelopes available if you wish to contribute but are away for these services.

Mince pies - We would like to serve mince pies to everyone after the Carol service, if you would like to donate some please bring them on or before the morning of the 10th December (leave them in the kitchen).

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 Lea

Life at ABC - news & info

CAP Christmas Hampers - If you wish to join the fun in making up these hampers then come down to Hale Rd on Wednesday 6th December **NOTE amended time:** 10am-5pm. Please feel free to drop in for as long or as short as you wish. We also need volunteers to deliver the made hampers. Please contact Claire on 07894 728 884 for further information

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>

Barnabus Trust Christmas Appeal -

You can donate the following festive treats: Festive cakes & Speciality Biscuits / Christmas Cake / Sweets / Snacks / Mince pies (alcohol free please) / Chocolates / Gloves / Waterproof Jackets / Warm Coats / Hoodies / Jumpers / Jeans / 4 Season Sleeping Bags / Shoes / Trainers / Walking Boots

Please donate by Thursday December 7th

We can receive donations at our support office: 61 Bloom Street Manchester M1 3LY
Mon- Fri 10am to 4pm

Regular Activities

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

Sunday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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| 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

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

Friday

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| 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

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| 9.30am | Contact Centre | Referred places |
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