



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) or a 'Welcome Card' in the back of the chairs. Please hand it in to one of the stewards.

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 21st January 2018

This week Open Doors, the charity which serves the persecuted church across the globe, launched its 26th annual World Watch Report.

It identified the 50 countries where it is most, how shall I put this, problematic, difficult, dangerous to be a Christian.

North Korea remains #1 on the list, with an estimated 300,000 living under the most intense 'Smash and Squeeze' persecution. 'Smash' in that if believers are discovered they are subject to prison camps, beatings and even death. 'Squeeze' in that the rights and freedoms of believers are increasingly limited.

However, we also hear remarkable stories of generosity and witness. Where rations of daily food are tightly controlled, Christians in North Korea have adopted a practice of sharing 10% of their meagre rations with their neighbours. This has come to be known as the 'holy rice'.

10am 'Living like a blind Man'

John 9: 1-34

6.30pm 'What Would Jesus Post?'

A topic to tackle with our Youth

Quote for the week : *"Please know that your prayers have been answered... never before have I seen so many North Koreans come to faith."* - Open Doors

What's on



Today 21st January - Safeguarding training- Training for all those volunteering with children and vulnerable adults. You should have received an email from Sheila with info on the training, so let her know which session you can attend. But if you think you should/would like to attend do get in touch.

Week of Prayer & Christian Unity, 22nd-28th January 2018

Daily morning meetings & a joint service on Sunday 28th January

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| Monday | 22nd January | St. Mary's , Bowdon at 8.30 am |
| Tuesday | 23rd January | Altrincham Baptist Church at 9.15am |
| Wednesday | 24th January | Sinderland Chapel at 10.00am |
| Thursday | 25th January | St. George's Church at 10.30am |
| Saturday | 27th January | Altrincham Methodist Church at 9.30am |
| Sunday | 28th January | Unity Service at St. Vincent's at 4pm |

The theme this year is "That All May Be Free". The material has been produced in the Caribbean. The themes of the material raise some of the contemporary issues addressed by the churches of the Caribbean such as abuses of human rights, human trafficking and modern day slavery, addiction to pornography and drugs, debt crisis etc.

23rd January, 8pm at Hale Rd - Try Alpha

**Have you got lots of questions about the Christian faith?
Do you want to be able to learn more about Jesus and the bible?**

Or do you know someone who has these questions.

Then the Alpha course is for you/them.

We are starting a 10 week course.

This is starting soon so pick up a flyer or contact Sheila Jump to book in, sheilajump@altrinchambaptist.org or 941 3052



Thursday 1st February - Church Meeting, 8pm at Hale Rd Church
Meetings have changed. While we continue to share, discuss and make decisions about key issues we now spend much more time in worship - praising and listening to God and sharing testimonies and stories about how God is working. You are very welcome to come along and play your part in ABC's exciting future.



Saturday 3rd February - ABC Family Quiz Night, from 6.15pm

Food at 6.30pm, Quiz at 7pm Pick up a flyer to book in along with any food required by 28th Jan return this to the church office



Friday 9th – 11th February 2018 - Youth Weekend Away We are looking forward to taking young people away on a youth weekend to CMC in sunny Wales for a time of adventure, fun and community building. Cost is likely to be £114 + travel. Please contact Rob Peirson to book before 28th January with a booking form and a deposit of £50.



Thursday 15th February - Prayer and Vision evening at the Hub, from 7.30pm-10pm. Worship, prayer, stories plus exploring the church's vision for ministry at the Hub.

2nd-4th March 2018 - Men's Weekend at home : We are now taking bookings now - if you would like to attend this weekend please sign up in the foyer.

Details are: Friday evening at Lymm Baptist Church, Saturday morning at ABC, Saturday evening at People's Church, Partington

Cost £5 to attend 1 session, £10 for 2 or all sessions

Cheques should be made out to Altrincham Baptist Church

Life at ABC - news & info

Senga Pots MVA

Thank you to all who have very kindly donated their Senga pot already. A project we started before Christmas to help a wonderful Ugandan lady who helps those in the slum area of Jinja. A bag for any other donations will be placed in front of church for the next few weeks. We will be holding a quiz night 9th February at the Three Greyhounds Inn, Allstock, WA16 9JY at 7.30pm for this worthy cause.

Many thanks Paula G and Rachel M

Getting involved - At the start of 2018 would you consider praying about getting involved and serving each other in our ABC family.

We need help with resourcing lots of different areas in the life of ABC & its areas of ministry.

Sundays : Service provision

- Song projection : contact David Arthur
- Stewarding - evening : contact Tony Gathercole
- Communion preparation : contact Sarah Golamhossen
- Refreshments - morning & evening : contact Dot Rochford
- Musicians - instrumentalists & singers : contact Jenny Breton

Youth & Children's activities :

- Sundays
 - Children's Church : contact Sarah Court
 - Youth groups - morning & evening : contact Youth MAT

Activities at other times :

- Hub
 - Community Garden : contact Tim Jump
 - Café : contact Bethan John
 - Friday Café : contact Sarah Court
 - Toddlers : contact Sarah Roberts
 - Reception : contact hub office

Other :

- CAP - contact Claire Gregory
- DIY jobs - at Hale Rd or the Hub : contact church or Hub office

Contact the church office, 941 3052 or the Hub office, 941 2018 to chat over how you could help.

Don't be someone that just comes along why not look at 'joining in'

Regular Activities

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

Sunday

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| | Children's Church @ Hale Rd | 0-11yrs |
| 10am | Breakfast Club meet @ Hale Rd then go to The Hub | 11yrs + |
| 3pm | Au Pairs (4th Sunday) | |
| 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) no meeting in Jan | seniors |
| 2.30pm | Meeting Point (3rd Wed) - 17th January | 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 morning | 0-3yrs |
| 10.30am | Journaling - fortnightly | adults |
| 1.30pm | Healthy Hips & Hearts | seniors |
| 6.30pm | Transformers @ Hale Rd | 7-11yrs |

Saturday

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| 9.30am | Contact Centre | Referred places |
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Northern Baptist College - Facilitator : Learning for Local Leaders

The College is looking to appoint a temporary part time Facilitator to develop learning for local leaders. The appointment is for 24 hours a month for 9 months and is due to start in March 2018. There may be a possibility of extending this role beyond nine months subject to the gaining of funding. For Applications and further information please contact Cath Elliott, c.elliott@northern.org.uk Applications must be submitted by Friday 26th January 2018

Trans World Radio - Administration and Finance Assistant (16 hrs/week)

TWR is seeking a self-motivated person with relevant experience and excellent interpersonal and communication skills for this vital role with administrative, financial and spiritual dimensions. The successful candidate will be our primary contact with supporters. TWR is an international Christian broadcasting network. TWR-UK is a missionary society and a Christian broadcaster, broadcasting throughout the UK. For further details and an application form, please contact: Dr Russell Farnworth, rfarnworth@twr.org.uk T: 0161 923 0271 www.twr.org.uk/vacancies Closing date: 23rd February, 2018

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