



# 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 11th March 2018

What a day! This Sunday morning we see three men baptised, as they take a step of obedience and enter the baptistery.

Josh, Dennis and Rob will be enacting a rite which has been practised for millennia as they do this strange and wonderful thing of being immersed, washed and rising again (as if from death) into new life.

And with it we will hear again from John's Gospel. This week we read that Jesus is the WAY to the Father and is the truth and the life. And more than this being a theological truth, the WAY is the WAY of Jesus, so requires more than intellectual assent, but a life which fully expresses the life of Jesus.

Some call. Some challenge to these young men and to us all.

This evening we have our Open To God service where a time of extended worship and ministry will help to encourage our spiritual lives and daily walk with Jesus.

#### 10am 'Comforted by The Way'

John 14 : 1-14

**6.30pm Open to God** Come along expectant to hear from God

**Quote for the week :** *"... the worst possible heritage to leave with children: high spiritual pretensions and low performance."*

D.A. Carson, A Call to Spiritual Reformation:  
Priorities from Paul and His Prayers

# What's on



**Lent prayer** - As we are in the season of Lent there are some resources available and several prayer stations set up in the Hub Still Space (just off the Hub cafe) for you to dip into (Mon-Fri 10am-4pm) up to Easter (closed on Good Friday). No need to book a slot, just turn up.



**Tuesday 13th March - For the Bible Tells me So, 8pm at Hale Rd.** Week 5, to deepen, develop and excite your understanding of the greatest book ever.



**18th March - Safeguarding Training sessions.** If you couldn't make the last sessions we have another one lined up to capture the remaining volunteers requiring training. Please contact Sheila in the office.

**w/c 12th March - Rewind 2 Easter** - This year we will be running 6 sessions.

Monday 12th March, AM & PM at ABC (Hale Road)

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Thursday 15th March, AM at Timperley Congregational Church (Heyes Lane)

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More than 390 children are booked to attend but we are still waiting to hear from a couple of schools. Pray for the children, teachers and helpers during this week.

**Friday 16th March - Remember the international opera singer, Jonathan Veira singing at our Summer Ball all those years ago?** Jonathan is performing at St Wilfrid's Church, Church Lane, Grappenhall, 7.30pm start, as part of the Bridgewater Churches Together mission week. Jonathan is a wonderful performer, singer and raconteur who shares a simple Gospel message through story telling and anecdotes in an accessible and thought provoking way. An evening that will make you laugh, cry and think then laugh again. Tickets £5 adults, £3 under 16s including students, available from Paul Rowley - paulrowleyabc@aol.com.

**Thursday 22nd March - 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.

**There is info and envelopes available in the chairs/foyer regarding the 2018/19 Budget recently highlighted by the treasurer, Paul Rowley**

**25th April, 2nd May and 9th May - CAP Money Course** is a FREE revolutionary money management course which will help anyone to get more in control of their finances, so they can budget, save and prevent debt. They will be running over 3 consecutive Wednesday evenings, 7.45pm at Hale Rd. To register please go to [www.capmoney.org](http://www.capmoney.org) and secure a place online, or for further information about the course then speak with Sarah Hayes or Claire Gregory



**Church Weekend Away 2018 - Bookings now being taken**

Pick up a brochure and booking form today for the church weekend away 22nd-24th June at Cefn Lea. Email [churchweekend@altrinchambaptist.org](mailto:churchweekend@altrinchambaptist.org) for an electronic copy of the booking form and information

## Life at ABC - news & info

### Welcome to Sarah Brandt – Ashley's P.A

We are very pleased to say that Sarah Brandt has started work this week as Ashley's personal assistant. Sarah will be working Monday 12-3pm, Tuesday 10-1pm and Friday 10-2pm. Sarah can be contacted on the church office number 0161 941 3052 or email [pa@altrinchambaptist.org](mailto:pa@altrinchambaptist.org) if you need to arrange a meeting with Ashley.

**Hub Drop In, Monday Lunch** is a growing community! Could you offer a couple of hours on a Monday to join the existing small team who run the Hub Drop In to make and serve lunch and simply chat to those who come? For further information please speak to one of the existing team: Liz Partridge or Sharon Gleave or alternatively contact Claire Gregory on 07894 728884

**Getting involved** - please pray 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 & it's 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

	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

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
	'First Wednesday'	adults
2.30pm	Meeting Point (3rd Wed) -	adults

### Thursday

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

### Friday

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

9.30am	Contact Centre	Referred places
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## The Message Trust - Greater Manchester Prayer, Thursday 15th March, 7.30pm at the Lighthouse Church, Eccles M50 1RE.

Join us and churches and organisations across Greater Manchester to cry out to God for a move of his Spirit in the city.

## Nazarene College Open Evening, Tuesday 27th March, 7.30pm - 9pm Do you fancy doing some studying?

You'll get the chance to find out more about the different courses they offer. To register, email [jbloor@nazarene.ac.uk](mailto:jbloor@nazarene.ac.uk)

**Care for the Family - Connected : Confident Parenting in a Digital Age, June 13th, 7.30pm—9.30pm at !Audacious Church Manchester M3 7BD .** Do you feel out of touch with your child's online habits? Join Katharine Hill and Philip Jinadu at our brand new event . They'll explore the highs and lows of the digital world and how to nurture online resilience. Early Bird tickets £4 Book online : [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/parenting-events/connected#booking](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/parenting-events/connected#booking) or contact Sarah Court.

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