



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 18th March 2018

The death of Stephen Hawking was announced this week. He is feted as being one of the smartest men who has ever lived and has been instrumental in huge developments in our understanding of the cosmos. Yet Hawking claimed to be an atheist.

I once heard the American Baptist academic, Tony Campolo explain that when he met an atheist, he would often ask them to describe the kind of God they didn't believe in. After they did so, Campolo would say, 'I don't believe in that kind of God either. Congratulations, you are well on your way to being a Christian!' This is basically the response of Christian scientists to Hawking's atheism. As Revd Dr David Wilkinson explains: "(Professor Hawking) demolished smaller Gods, and left us with the bigger, biblical God".

This morning John Rouse will be speaking from John 14, where Jesus prays for his disciples. It is a remarkable window into their relationship and sets for us something of a model on how we can know God with a similar level of closeness.

This evening we share the service with our fabulous young people. We look at our next parable - the one about the sower and the different soils.

10am 'Jesus Prays for His disciples'

John 17 : 6-19

This service will include communion

6.30pm 'Stones, Thistles and Dirt'

This will be a youth themed service

Quote for the week : *'It would not be much of a universe, if it wasn't home to the people you love.'*

Prof Stephen Hawking

What's on



Lent prayer - there are resources available and several prayer stations set up in the Hub Still Space 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 20th March - For the Bible Tells me So, 8pm at Hale Rd.
Week 5



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 foyer regarding the 2018/19 Budget recently highlighted by the treasurer, Paul Rowley

Sunday 25th March - Sunday Lunch, This is a home-cooked Sunday lunch. It's always a lovely afternoon! Come on, folks, don't be shy. If you're not sure what to expect, ask someone who's already been. Arrive 12.30pm, eat 1pm. NB : new prices; £8/per person, go-large £2/per person - 9 seats only. Please email/text Ola Pankiw or Dee Peet asap. First come, first served. Please bring your own drink, otherwise, all tea, coffee, tap water and squash is free. All well-behaved eaters welcome.



Easter Sunday, 1st April, we're starting the day with Breakfast, 9am at Hale Rd - the whole church family are invited to a Bring & Share continental breakfast. Contact Sarah Court to give an idea of numbers for seating.



Easter Monday, 2nd April, Church Walk - join us for a walk in the Peak District up Mam Tor and Hollins Cross (4 miles). We will meet at Edale car park near Edale rail station at 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch, waterproofs and suitable footwear. The route is shown on the ABC Online facebook page. For more

information contact Dave Arthur

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 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 for an electronic copy of the booking form and information

Dates for your Diary

8th, 9th or 10th May - Evangelism Training

Do you struggle to share your faith? Do you wonder what the point of sharing faith is? Do you have unhelpful associations with the word 'evangelism?' Would you like to learn more about how you might share your faith most effectively? Or are you just interested in what good evangelism looks like?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, this is for you!

We believe that each person in our church has a story to share and would love to help you work out how to do this most effectively. To this end, we are delighted to have Mat Walls from the Message joining us to deliver three training sessions on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th May 8pm at Hale Road. This will be the same session repeated over three evenings to give everyone in the church the chance to attend.

So, choose a date, put it in your diary and if you have any questions, please contact Ashley or Helen.

Friday May 11th - Care for the Family 'Let's Stick Together' course. This will be an hour during the Friday Café at the Hub. Contact Sarah Court for more info.

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 if you need to arrange a meeting with Ashley.

Election of Elders 2018

The process for the election for Elders/Trustees will take place in June 2018 at the AGM. The church constitution provides that church members are invited to recommend names of those they consider would be suitable to be an Elder/Trustee and from those names the existing elders nominate a certain number of people. At the AGM the church members decide and appoint by a ballot vote.

By rotation, Nicola Avery and Mick Court stand down. They may stand again as an Elder if nominated. Both Nicola and Mick have indicated that they will stand again for another term, if nominated.

This year the Elders propose four vacancies and therefore you are free to recommend up to four people who are Church members.

Some more detailed notes setting out the process will be made available to members by email/post shortly.

If you are a member and wish to recommend names you should return the recommendation sheet to either Ashley Hardingham or to Stephen Hayes. You can send an email form if you wish to ashleyhardingham@altrinchambaptist.org or to secretary@altrinchambaptist.org.

Hard copy or email recommendation forms are available by contacting the Church Office, the Hub office or Ashley or Stephen.

THE LAST DATE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS IS BY 12 NOON ON SUNDAY 22nd APRIL 2018

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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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

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 or contact Sarah Court.

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