



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 22nd April 2018

So, when I was a teenager there were three Christian books which you had to read. The first was 'The Hiding Place', the remarkable story of Corrie Ten Boom surviving the Nazi persecution of the Second World War. 'The Cross and the Switchblade', a tale of how a New York minister called David Wilkerson lead Nicky Cruz and his gang to faith. And finally 'God's Smuggler', the story of Brother Andrew who smuggled thousands of copies of the Bible across the iron curtain and into communist Europe where Christian faith was proscribed and believers persecuted. Today, we are delighted to have Andy Worthington speak to us, who now heads up church relations for Open Doors, the charity which Brother Andrew started. We will be hearing some remarkable stores of faith and hear the latest news from their World Watch List of the most difficult countries to be a Christian today.

Tonight we will be looking at a cracking little passage which challenges many of our preconceptions about how we should relate to our employers and what it means to follow the way of Christ.

10am We welcome Andy Worthington as our guest speaker

6.30pm 1 Peter 2: 19-25

This service will include extended communion

Quote for the week : *"That's the excitement in obedience, finding out later what God had in mind."*
Brother Andrew, God's Smuggler

What's on

Tuesday 24th April - Altrincham Christians Together AGM at Hale Rd 7.30pm, followed at 8pm by a talk by Jon Rouse 'Bedside Manna' - the role of the church in supporting health and care services. All are welcome at either 7.30pm or 8pm for the talk.

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. There will be 2 other courses running at Oldfield Brow Primary School on 10th May, 17th May and 24th May at 7.45pm and at The Hub Community Centre 2nd July, 9th July and 23rd July at 10.45am. 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

Thursday 3rd May - Fish, Chips and Magic Tricks CAP Client Event 7pm - 9pm at Hale Rd. Rod Williams, from CAP Head Office, will be performing magic tricks and will be speaking about his journey to faith after a period of being involved in drug crime. If you would like to join us for this event or know of someone who you think his story could impact then please book a ticket through Claire Gregory on 07894 728884 or clairegregory@capuk.org. Tickets will be £5 to cover the cost of the fish and chips. Rod has written a book called 'The Real Deal'-if anyone would like a copy of his book then please get in touch.

Dates for your Diary

8th, 9th or 10th May 8pm - 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.



10th -20th May - Thy Kingdom Come : Join the Global Wave of Prayer. Be a disciple: make disciples. Pick up a flyer for more information and detail of how to be involved.

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.



Becoming... Church Weekend Away 2018, 22nd-24th June at Cefn Lea. - Book now to avoid disappointment. Pick up a brochure and booking form today for the church weekend away or email

churchweekend@altrinchambaptist.org

The speaker for the weekend will be John McGinley, who spoke at ABC on Sunday 15th April, his talk is available on the church website if you missed it.

Life at ABC - news & info

Church AGM - the date has been changed for the AGM. It will now be held on 12th July

Data protection review - have you received a questionnaire? As mentioned at last month's church meeting we are in the process of reviewing our processes around data protection with the forthcoming new regulations coming out in May. If you are a ministry/group leader and have received a questionnaire by email about data you might hold in relation to church activities, please do complete soon and return to Sarah Hayes/ Tony Gathercole. Do contact them with any questions. Many thanks

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	
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

Care for the Family Men's Evening— In the Arena, equipping men for the challenges of life. 2nd May 7.30pm at Claremont

Church Bolton. For more info and tickets visit <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/event/in-the-arena-bolton>

Message Enterprise Centre Open Day, 1pm on Thursday 24 May.

It's a chance for you to find out about our enterprise businesses and see where you and your church could get involved. Andy Hawthorne OBE, will show you our facilities, explore our vision and introduce you to our inspiring team members who have turned their lives around by the power of Jesus Christ.

Lunch will be provided by The Mess Café, one of our businesses.

Booking essential : <http://www.message.org.uk/mec-open-day/>

Nazarene College Open Day-Tuesday 8th May,

10am. - 3pm At our Open Day, you'll get the chance to find out more about the different courses we offer. There will be coffee, worship, presentations about the college, a tour, a taster class, and plenty of cake! To register, email jbloor@nazarene.ac.uk

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