



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 November 2018

Morning and evening today at ABC it is Father and Son, Lost and Found, Estrangement and Reconciliation. It's David and Absalom and it's the prodigal and the Father. And these are human stories and they are our stories and they are stories about love.

10am The most magnificent act of King David. Discuss.

2 Samuel 13-18

6.30pm The love of the Father

Open to God

Quote for the week:

"For most of my life I have struggled to find God, to know God, to love God. I have tried hard to follow the guidelines of the spiritual life—pray always, work for others, read the Scriptures—and to avoid the many temptations to dissipate myself. I have failed many times but always tried again, even when I was close to despair.

Now I wonder whether I have sufficiently realised that during all this time God has been trying to find me, to know me, and to love me. The question is not "How am I to find God?" but "How am I to let myself be found by him?" The question is not "How am I to know God?" but "How am I to let myself be known by God?" And, finally, the question is not "How am I to love God?" but "How am I to let myself be loved by God?" God is looking into the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home."

Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*

What's on



Thursday 15th November 12.15pm Women Welcome

This month's Women Welcome meeting will take place on Thursday 15th November in The Hub. If there are any women wishing to join us, we meet for intercessory prayer at 12.15pm then we have lunch in the café at 1.00 pm.



Thursday 15th November 8pm Church Meeting @Hale Road

Minutes from September's Church meeting have been emailed out to members who we have email addresses for. Paper copies are available in the leaflet rack in the foyer if you wish to collect one.

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 20th November 8-10pm Christmas Craft Evening

Join us for a relaxed evening creating decoupage decorations, tickets are £5 from the Hub office. All materials, soft drinks & nibbles provided. Please feel free to bring your own bottle. Contact info@ourhub.org or 0161 941 2018 for more info.

Saturday 24th November 9.15am-1pm Christian Vision for Men Autumn Tour - Please note new venue: Christ Church Pennington, Schofield Street, Leigh, WN7 4HT. We're getting men together to worship God, have a laugh together and be inspired from the Bible. Cost: £10 (including food and drinks- bacon rolls, pastries and hot drinks on arrival). A group of men from ABC are planning to go, please contact Mark Dyble.

Christmas events being planned include :

9th December:

10am Church service

6:30pm Christmas Carol service

16th December

10am Nativity service

4.30pm Carols In The Park @John Leigh Park

23rd December

10am Church service

All at Hale Road unless otherwise stated.

24th December

4pm Christingle

11pm Midnight communion

25th December

10am Christmas Day service

30th December

10am Church service

Life at ABC - news & info



Rewind to Christmas help needed – We have over 550 children signed up to come to Rewind!

Rewind to Christmas is a multimedia presentation of the Christmas story for Y4's from the local Primary Schools run by some of the local Churches in November. The dates are November 26th (morning & afternoon at Hale Road), 27th (morning & afternoon at Hale Road) & 29th (morning at Timperley congregational church & afternoon at Broadheath). Each session lasts for 1.5 hours consisting of games, quizzes, DVD clips and a craft. We need some more volunteers who could help facilitate at one or more of the sessions. For more details please speak to Sarah Court. Thank you. Email sarahcourt@altrinchambaptist.org.

Shoeboxes—Thank you!

Recently Liz Bradley and her team filled 150 shoe boxes for Link to Hope and 25 for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to this.

Half of the money for the carriage of these boxes has been raised, if anyone would like to donate money towards carriage please give this to Liz Bradley.

This is the final year that Liz will be organising filling these boxes and she would like to thank everyone who has supported this over the years.

Hub 10th anniversary drinks reception

On Thursday evening we were delighted to welcome Sir Graham Brady MP, the mayor of Trafford, Roger Sutton and other dignitaries to a celebratory reception at the Hub. Sarah Hayes and the Hub team put on an excellent presentation regarding the past, present and future plans for the Hub. The aim was to tell Trafford something of the remarkable story of the Hub and its influence today and to foster stronger bonds in the partnership between ABC and Trafford Council.

Lost Property..... The boxes are overflowing at Hale Road! We'd love to reunite some items with their owners there are Child's and adult's jumpers, a black sleeping bag & blue sleeping mat, lunch bag, 3x umbrellas, 2x Bibles, hats, gloves... amongst other items. If you have lost something please check the boxes: on the upper floor foyer near the disabled toilet or in the Byrom Street foyer or ask Kate.

Family News

Regular Activities

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

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| 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 @Hale Rd | 11yrs + |
| Monday | | |
| 12.30pm | Discovery Lunch (termtime) | |
| Tuesday | | |
| 10am | Toddlers | 0-3yrs |
| | English Class | adult |
| 2pm | Watercolour Class | adult |
| Wednesday | | |
| 10am | Toddlers | 0-3yrs |
| 1.30pm | Healthy Hips & Hearts (weekly except 1st week of month) | seniors |
| 2.30pm | 'First Wednesday' Meeting Point (3rd Wed) | adults |
| Thursday | | |
| 10am | Toddlers | 0-3yrs |
| 12.15pm | Women Welcome for prayer & lunch (usually 2nd Thurs) | |
| 2pm | Knit & Natter | |
| 8pm | Church Meeting | |
| Friday | | |
| 10am | Baby & Toddler Café : | 0-3yrs |
| 10.00am | Journaling – fortnightly | adults |
| 1.30pm | Healthy Hips & Hearts | seniors |
| 6.30pm | Transformers @ Hale Rd | Rec-Yr 6 |
| Saturday | | |
| 9.30am | Contact Centre | Referred places |

WW1 Exhibition - At the site of the first local Red Cross WW1 Hospital with war stories relating to our members. Altrincham United Reformed Church at Trinity, Hale. Free Admission. Friday 9th Nov 7-9pm; Sat 10th Nov 10.30-12.30pm; Sun 11th Nov 12.30-2pm; Mon 12th Nov 12.30-2pm.

Would you like to join the administration team at Manchester City Mission?

An opportunity has opened up for the immediate start of a temporary, part time administrator to join the Hospitalities team at Manchester City Mission's office in Salford, this is a 2 month paid assignment with the possibility of further assignments. For further details visit:

<https://citymission.org.uk/looking-for-a-job/>

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