



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 2nd December 2018

Advent begins today. We know what awaits us; Christmas Day and the celebration of the coming of God to earth in human form. But the journey up to that day is worth savouring as we learn patience, take time to reflect and come to know that we should not to make a god out of Christmas, but rather see, perceive and believe-in, the God whose arrival we'll celebrate. And as Christmas literally translates as 'Christ-gathering' let us take time as a community to walk this journey well and together.

10am 'Don't make a god out of Christmas.'

6.30pm 'Transgender and Inclusion'

Quote for the week:

'Life in community is not less than a necessity for us - it is an inescapable 'must' that determines everything we do and think. Yet it is not our good intentions or efforts that have been decisive in our choosing this way of life. Rather, we have been overwhelmed by a certainty - a certainty that has its origin and power in the Source of everything that exists. We acknowledge God as this Source. We must live in community because all life created by God exists in a communal order and works towards community.'

Eberhard Arnold

What's on

Sunday 9th December – Notice of Special Church Meeting – The Elders give notice of a Special Church Meeting to be held at 12 noon on Sunday 9th December 2018 at Hale Road to consider the calling of Andrew Hawksworth as Minister to ABC. It is the unanimous proposal of the Elders that we recognise Andrew in his calling to serve at ABC as an Ordained Minister. Further details are available in hard copy form in the Hale Road entrance and have been emailed with the bulletin for Sunday 25th November 2018. It is anticipated that the meeting will last no longer than 20 minutes.

Sunday 16th December - Carols in the Park, 4pm at John Leigh Park – This is a great community event for our local area. We'd love more from ABC to be involved. If you can help with setup, take down or stewarding contact Sheila Jump, sheila.jump@btinternet.com, to find out more details.

Christmas services :

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

24th December

4pm Christingle

11pm Midnight communion

25th December

10am Christmas Day service

30th December

10am Church service

All at Hale Road unless otherwise stated.

Dates for your Diary 2019

Church Meetings : 7th February, 21st March, 16th May & 11th July AGM

Wednesday 6th February Meet the Stokers – We have the pleasure of an evening with Kay and Dave, starting with a meal (7.15pm for 7.30pm start). This is a great opportunity to hear more about what they've been up to and for them to share their hopes and desires for the future. I have no doubt that this will be an inspiring and enjoyable evening. There is no cost but there will be a limit on numbers, so you will need to book in advance, by emailing stevedwards1963@hotmail.com with numbers and any dietary requirements.

Advance notice - church weekend @home! - I'm sure lots of you are currently buying calendars for 2019. Well, here's a date for you.....Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd June 2019 for our church weekend @home. Details to follow over the coming months, but for now do make sure you keep the weekend free.

Life at ABC - news & info

Puppeteers needed!

We're planning a pre-Christmas puppet show for the children on Friday 14th December
Training available Speak to Sarah Court if you fancy having a go!
Email sarahcourt@altrinchambaptist.org.

Senga pots - Thank you so much for helping last year to support Senga our friend from the slums in Jinja Uganda.

Senga is a lady who supports and cares for a lot of children in the slum, and she is crucial to the ongoing work of Macedonian Vision Africa (MVA). MVA can only afford to pay her less than a £1 a day and relies on the generosity of supporters to supplement that.

We are asking if you could put any spare change or more, into the cups available in the basket marked Senga, to be collected by 27th January 2019.

Our collection last year made the difference between her eating one or two meals in a day and was life changing for her.

Thank you

Contacting the church office

If you need to contact the church office please email info@altrinchambaptist.org or call 0161 941 3052. Contact pa@altrinchambaptist.org for matters relating to Ashley.

Christmas hosts for international students needed — Could you invite some international students for a meal this Christmas? Thousands of internationals come to study in Manchester each year and many leave the UK without entering a local home. Friends International anticipates having about 40-50 students who'd like to be hosted for a meal at Christmas, which is often a quiet and lonely time for them. Christmas is a great opportunity to show God's love at a time when many feel lonely and miss their families. Contact Gail Byrne for more information - mcrhosting@gmail.com
Or if you want to know more speak to Sue Tomlinson.

Can you help us distribute some leaflets? Each year we help to distribute leaflets from Churches together in Hale, which have details of Christmas services in Hale. Could you help push leaflets through doors on one of these streets? Albert Square, Hawthorn Rd, Heath Rd, Heath View, Highfield road, Uttley Field View. Contact the church office if you can help.

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 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 |

Barnabus Manchester - are collecting donations of the following items for the homeless. Please donate items by Friday 7th December to Barnabus Support Office: 61 Bloom Street, Manchester M1 3LY. Monday—Friday 10am - 3pm tel: 0161 237 3223

Festive Cakes and Speciality Biscuits / Christmas Cake Slices Sweets / Snacks / Mince Pies / Chocolates (only alcohol free varieties) Gloves / Waterproof Jackets / Warm Coats / Hoodies / Jumpers Jeans / Thermal Socks / Shoes / Trainers / Boots

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