



# 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 9th December 2018**

Today is going to be quite a day in the life of ABC. This morning we are thrilled to see three people baptised in obedient response to what God has revealed to them and invited them to do. We will hear three different stories, spoken by three precious people about one loving heavenly Father.

Straight after this morning's service we shall be holding a short 'Special Church Meeting' to confirm the calling of Andrew Hawksworth to be an ordained minister of ABC.

Then this evening, at 6.30pm it's our annual carol service in which we gather as a church community around warm mince pies and hot drinks, to celebrate the love of God to us. Friends and family are especially welcome

**10am Jesus: Nativity and the Cross, Baptisms**

**Special Church Meeting re Andrew Hawksworth**

**6.30pm Carol Service**

### **Quote for the week:**

*"The core message of the gospel is that God invades us with new life, but the setting for this is most often in the ordinariness of our lives. The new life takes place in the place and person of our present. It is not a means by which God solves problems. God creates new life. He is not a problem solver but a person creator."*

Eugene Peterson

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018. It is anticipated that the meeting will last no longer than 20 minutes.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Carols in the Park, 4.30pm 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](mailto:sheila.jump@btinternet.com), to find out more details.

## Christmas services :

### 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

**Christmas Giving** - this year's offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be divided between:

**Open Doors** - supporting the persecuted church throughout the world.

**Toybox's** birth registration work in Guatamala, El Salvador & Bolivia

**UgandAid** Student at Nile Vocational Institute in Jinja

There are envelopes available if you wish to contribute but are away for these services.

## Dates for your Diary 2019

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

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February Meet the Stokers at Hale Road** – 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 [steveedwards1963@hotmail.com](mailto:steveedwards1963@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](mailto: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. Rachel Muter and Rebekah Yates

### **Harvest Giving—Thank you!**

Thank you for the generous donations for the harvest giving. A total of £5416.75 was received for Manchester City Mission, Life's First Cry and Sowing Success.

**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](mailto:mcrhosting@gmail.com)  
Or if you want to know more speak to Sue Tomlinson.

### **Try Alpha**

Have you got lots of questions about the Christian faith?  
Do you want to be able to learn more about Jesus and the bible?  
Or do you know someone who has these questions?  
Then the Alpha course is for you / them.

10 week course starting 29th January, 8pm at Hale Rd.

Pick up a flyer or contact Kate Bryans to book in, [info@altrinchambaptist.org](mailto:info@altrinchambaptist.org) or 941 3052



# 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 @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 (3rd Thurs ) @Hale Rd	

## 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
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