



# 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 6th January 2019

Welcome Back!

We really hope that you have had a blessed Christmas; blessed with family and friends, blessed with space and time and rest and blessed with renewed faith, hope and peace for this old world of ours.

Today we start back with a bang... or in fact, a splash! As part of our service this morning we will see someone baptised as a disciple of Jesus Christ and this baptism is costly. It will cost him in his choices, in comforts and in self-interest, yet it will afford him a true perspective, a hope and the very presence of a loving God throughout the rest of his life.

And as he makes this commitment we will all be invited to make a commitment to Christ for the coming year as we listen to God's word to us, through Joshua 3.

#### 10am Baptism service

**Sanctify yourselves ...for you have not gone this way before.**

**Joshua 3**

#### 6.30pm Global warming and Christian living – Prof Mike Davies

**Quote for the week:** *"Probably the number one reason why prayer malfunctions in the hands of believers is that we try and turn a wartime walkie talkie into a domestic intercom.....what did we do with the walkie talkie? We tried to rig it up as an intercom in our houses - not to call in firepower for conflict with a mortal enemy, but to ask for more comforts in the den ...." John Piper*

# What's on

## Tuesday 8th January - Café re-opens at The Hub

**Sunday 27th January—Senga pots deadline** - 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

## Tuesday 29th January- 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



## Dates for your Diary



### Saturday 2nd February 7pm - ABC family quiz night

Another date for your new diary! We are going to be holding a quiz night @Hale Road with a fish and chip supper. Fun for all ages! Watch this space for ticket details!

Start thinking about who you might want on your team and ask them along!

**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.

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

**Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June - Church weekend @Home** - If you haven't already written it on your new calendar make sure you keep the weekend of Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June 2019 free for our church weekend @home. Details to follow over the coming months.

## Life at ABC - news & info

**Want to receive the bulletin by email?** If you are only receiving this bulletin as a paper copy, are part of our church community and would like to receive it by email please contact Kate in the church office [info@altrinchambaptist.org](mailto:info@altrinchambaptist.org)

**Christmas giving**—If you still have any envelopes with Christmas giving in for the projects we are supporting (Open Doors, Toybox & UgandAid) please put in them offering on 6th January or drop your envelope off at the Church office over the coming week.

**My ChurchSuite is coming!** - For those of you who are church members or part of our church community at ABC we wanted to make you aware that over the coming months we will be rolling out the use of My ChurchSuite (an online tool for keeping connected and up to date with all that is going on in the life of ABC). Through My ChurchSuite, you will be able to update and manage your own personal details, sign up for events, keep on top of the rotas you are serving on and much more! More information to follow soon.



**Church address book 2019** - A heads up that there will be an exercise shortly to produce a new address book for the church community. It will be slightly different to previous years, recognising the recent Data protection changes (GDPR) and also the introduction of My ChurchSuite. Over the coming weeks we will be collating and checking the information needed.



### **Good news....Tesco's Bags of Help grant scheme nomination**

We have been successful in being approved as one of the charities who can receive funding from the Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme. Our project (to install a community defibrillator outside the Hub) along with two other projects in our area will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores where customers will decide which project they support. Voting, by way of tokens, will take place from Tuesday 1st January 2019 to Thursday 28th February 2019 at Tesco Altrincham and Tesco Hale. So, if you shop at Tesco or have friends that do, please put the blue tokens you get at the till in the Hub pot. It will be very much appreciated



**Ways to get involved at the Hub** - We would love to expand our café team in the Hub in 2019. If you think you could be a welcoming face willing to serve others or know of someone who might want to get involved please contact either Bethan or the Hub office on 0161 941 2018 for a chat. Extra help needed most days.

### **The Narnia Experience March 2019**

Many people have already signed up for the Narnia Experience, but it's not too late, we are still looking for **you** to be involved. This could be in acting, hosting, set and costume design and construction, catering, admin, marketing etc.

Please consider how you might be involved, for a session, a day, or perhaps the whole week. Please see the separate flyer for more information and details regarding the Narnia experience.

Please contact Sarah Brandt in the church office ([pa@altrinchambaptist.org](mailto:pa@altrinchambaptist.org)) for more information or if you would like to get involved.

# 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	seniors
	(weekly except 1st week of month)	
2.30pm	'First Wednesday'	adults
	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 (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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