



# 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 13th January 2019

Julie Andrew's character Maria, once told the von Trapp children that starting at the very beginning, (is a very good place to start), but we're not doing that. Today, as we start our journey through Mark's Gospel we're not starting at the beginning. The reason for this is because we are starting at the point where the whole thrust and direction of the story comes to a head for every hearer and reader of Mark's account. If we grasp what Mark's story means for us, then we are more likely to fully get hold of what this book might say to us.

So today, we'll be turning to..... (you'll have to wait and see).

**10am "I do not know this man ..."**

**Mark 14: 66-72**

**6.30pm Open To God—The challenge of change**

### Quote for the week:

*"Because God is a rational being and the universe is his personal creation, it necessarily has a rational, lawful, stable structure, awaiting increased human comprehension. This is the key to many intellectual undertakings, among them, the rise of science."*

Rodney Stark

# What's on

**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 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. If you could put any spare change into the cups available in the basket marked Senga, to be collected by 27th January 2019. 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 6.15pm - ABC family quiz night

We will be repeating last year's fun quiz night @Hale Road with a fish & chip supper. Pick up a flyer / order form today, and place your fish and chip orders by Sunday 27th January.

### Opportunities in February to meet Kay and Dave Stoker:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February: Drop in at the Hub Café at noon, an informal opportunity to chat

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February: Formal presentation & meal at Hale Road 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. No cost but needs pre booking with Steve Edwards

[stevedwards1963@hotmail.com](mailto:stevedwards1963@hotmail.com) 07484 398003.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Drop in at Paul and Louise Rowley's, 13 Bow Green Road, Bowdon, from 8pm, an informal opportunity to chat.

Some help would be appreciated on the Wednesday in terms of setting up, serving & clearing up. Please let Steve know if you are willing to help.

**Saturday 9th March—Save the date!** Acting on Impulse is staging a fundraiser at the Hub on the evening of Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Last year's award-winning film 'Penalty' will be screened, a superb meal served, and you will experience what it means to be a captive audience..... More details later, but you may like to start getting a table together now.

**Saturday 16th March** - Manchester Gospel Choir concert in aid of Act for Africa and Uganda. More details to follow.

**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

**Can you offer a lift to clients going on a CAP holiday?** We are seeking one or 2 drivers to take 2 people to a CAP Discovery Break in Matlock on Friday 15th February and then returning Sunday 17th February. Mileage will be covered. Please can you get in touch as soon as possible to Claire Gregory if you think you could help on 07894 728884 or [clairegregory@capuk.org](mailto:clairegregory@capuk.org)

**Thank you from the CAP Debt Centre.** Here is the low down on The Altrincham CAP Debt Centre for 2018. We received 42 new client referrals and 13 families went debt free. You also made 63 families have a brighter Christmas with an incredible Christmas hamper. Many thanks to all of you who support us with your time, energy, prayers, and extravagant generosity. Thankyou.

**Acting on Impulse is looking for a volunteer** Could you serve refreshments at our Sunday afternoon workshops in the city centre? It'll be alternate Sundays for 8 sessions, starting on 20<sup>th</sup> January. Please contact Sue Tomlinson 0161 9060685

**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 & up to date with all that is going on in the life of ABC). Through My ChurchSuite, you will be able to update & manage your own personal details, sign up for events, keep on top of the rotas you are serving on & 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 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.

## Family News

# 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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