



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 3rd February 2019

Today we welcome the friends and family of Jess, who is being baptised. A number of her friends work at CAP in Bradford, where Jess is an intern; which connects nicely with today's subject....

We have become used to the idea that some, or perhaps many, people live beyond their means. So it is that we use credit and loans to supplement the money we have coming in each month in order for us to get the stuff we want... and get it **now!**

When I was a teenager we had a businessman in the church who became chief executive of Access Credit Cards. But the thing is, he would only take the job if Access agreed to change their advertising slogan. You see, at that time it was '*Access - take the waiting out of wanting.*'

Today we take a long, hard look at the culture of 'stuff' and our seemingly insatiable desire for more, before describing the exciting and compelling God-given vision of life lived in generosity.

**10am - Generous to a fault?
Baptism**

6.30pm - Let's talk about death

Quote for the week: *"I love Tim Keller's definition of work. He puts it this way: work is "rearranging the raw material of God's creation in such a way that it helps the world in general, and people in particular, thrive and flourish."*

John Mark Comer, Garden City: Work, Rest, and the Art of Being Human.

What's on

Tuesday 5th February — Alpha has started but you can still join the current Alpha Course, come along to Hale Rd at 8pm on Tuesday 5th February.
For more info pick up a flyer or contact Kate: info@altrinchambaptist.org or 941 3052.



Opportunities in February to meet Kay and Dave Stoker:

- Tuesday 5th February: Drop in at the Hub Café at noon, an informal opportunity to chat
- Wednesday 6th February 2.30pm at the Hub, they will be giving a presentation at 1st Wednesday, followed by afternoon tea.
- Wednesday 6th February: Formal presentation & meal at Hale Road 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. No cost but needs pre booking with Steve Edwards steveedwards1963@hotmail.com 07484 398003. (Help would be appreciated on the setting up, serving & clearing up. Please let Steve know if you are able to help).
- Friday 8th February: Drop in at Paul and Louise Rowley's, 13 Bow Green Road, Bowdon, from 8pm, an informal opportunity to chat.

Thursday 7th February 8pm - Church Meeting:

Please do join us on Thursday 7th February as we meet at 8pm to pray, worship and hear testimony as to what God is doing amongst us. There will also be the first opportunity to consider the draft budget for 2019/20 and hear from the Core Team about their reflections on the current year and hopes for the coming year.

Fridays 8th February—15th March 9.30am – 10.45am Early Years 0-3s Parenting Course – Free Course (workbook £5) at The Hub Community Centre, free crèche provided. Please contact Alison McKay-Smith on 07530351924 to book your place.

Dates for your Diary

8-10th March Missing Link, Transformers and Champions weekend away 2019! Beechwood Court Conwy, March 8th -10th, Price £75 (£65 for second child) Contact sarahcourt@altrinchambaptist.org for more information or to book a place.

Saturday 9th March—Save the date! Acting on Impulse invites you to **an evening at Hotel Utopia**, a fund-raising experience at The Hub, 6:45pm on Saturday 9th March. *Checking in is easy, but you'll have to use your wits to get out!* For £20 a ticket you'll enjoy a reception drink, a 2 course meal (BYO bottle), the screening of our award-winning film 'Penalty,' meeting the actors, an auction and great fun as you work together to crack the clues that will let you out. Book a table of 8 or join a table when you arrive.
Contact Sue Tomlinson, 0161 904 0685 suzantomlinson@btinternet.com

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

Life at ABC - news & info

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.

Are you receiving this bulletin and other church info via email?

If not... Please fill in a welcome card available in the backs of chairs or from the stewards and hand it to any member of staff.

If you used to receive it but haven't recently please check your spam folder as it is now being sent from a new email address info@altrinchambaptist.org so you may need to add this email address to your safe senders list, or send Kate a message to: info@altrinchambaptist.org so we can check we have your email address correct.

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 20th January. Please contact Sue Tomlinson 0161 904 0685



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 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! . Over the coming weeks we will be collating and checking the information needed. More information to follow soon.



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 — Plans for Narnia are taking shape! Teams are forming, schools are being invited and publicity is being drawn up. Please be praying for the preparations and do get in touch if you would like to be a part of this, it's not too late! Please contact Sarah Brandt in the church office (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 English Class	0-3yrs 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

Prayer Storm Manchester at Audacious Church 18th May 12noon-7pm.

Join us as we call on God for our nation in a day of worship, prayer and fasting.

Free tickets available on Eventbrite.
Contact naomi@prayerstorm.org for info.

Model Railway Exhibition— Altrincham Methodist Church

Altrincham Methodist Church is holding a Model Railway Exhibition to raise money for their new church roof.

Saturday 16th February 2019 11am - 4pm

Enquiries - 0161 928 0022 -
amc.office@btconnect.com

Assistant Producer/Presenter

Trans World Radio is seeking an enthusiastic individual with vision and passion to join our creative team seeking to develop life-changing Christian radio.

Having a strong interest in radio is essential - though no professional qualifications will be required as training will be given - you will have a flexible approach and a keenness to learn the skills required to prepare and present speech-based Christian radio programmes.

Trans World Radio is an international Christian broadcasting network. **TWR-UK** is a missionary society and a Christian broadcaster, broadcasting throughout the UK.

For further details and an application form, please contact: Dr. Russell Farnworth,
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Closing date: 29 March, 2019.

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