

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 17th February 2019

The quotation from Dallas Willard raises the question of how society views faith. Being dubious about faith has become the norm, but relatively few people do 'the working' or actually ask the questions which might provide surprising answers.

Today's passage deals with a similar scepticism, the scepticism surrounding Jesus, who he is and where his power comes from. The crowds are intrigued and drawn to him in large numbers, his family - not so much - they want to take him away before he makes more of a spectacle of himself. The religious authorities travel some distance to find out what all the fuss is about, but denounce him on the spot.

So take a moment, 'do the math' and listen for yourself... who is this man Jesus? Really.

10am - Mark 3

6.30pm - Youth in service—Drinks are on you?

Quote for the week: *"We live in a culture that has, for centuries now, cultivated the idea that the sceptical person is always smarter than one who believes. You can almost be as stupid as a cabbage as long as you doubt."*

Dallas Willard

What's on

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 6.45pm – Acting on Impulse invites you to an evening at Hotel Utopia. A fund-raising experience at The Hub.

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.

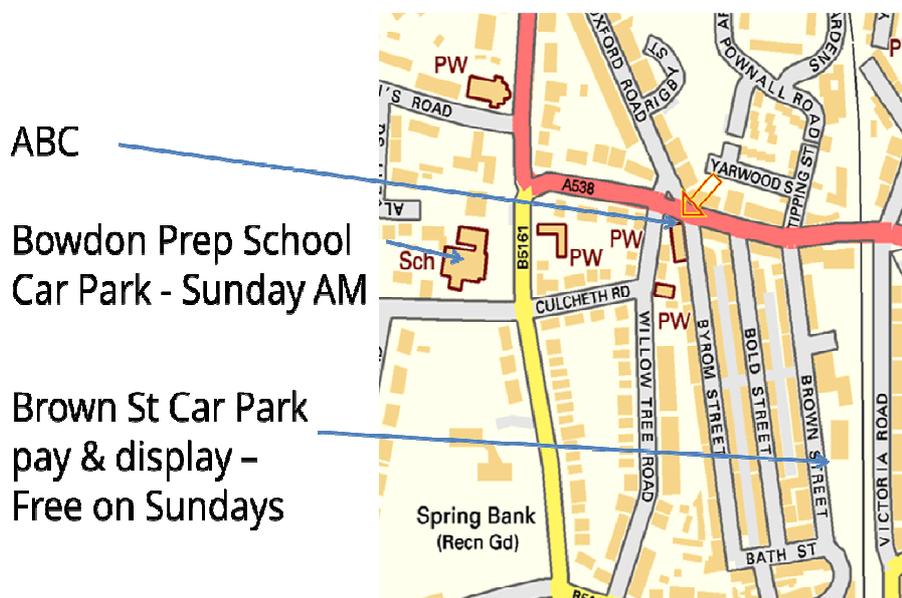
Tickets are also available from Eventbrite (including a small booking fee)

<http://hotel-utopia.eventbrite.co.uk>

Or contact Sue Tomlinson for more info, 0161 904 0685 suzantomlinson@btinternet.com

Saturday 16th March - Manchester Gospel Choir concert in aid of Act for Africa and Ugandaid—tickets £5. To reserve tickets contact Sue Hutchinson (seh.hippo@googlemail.com) or Val Goto (valgoto@talktalk.net)

Parking near Hale Road on Sundays - In order to avoid congestion on local streets on Sunday mornings we have permission to use Bowdon Prep school car park (corner of Ashley Road & Cavendish Road), this car park is then locked again after the service. Also the public car park on Brown Street (WA14 2ET) is free on Sundays. If you have requirements for disabled parking please contact the church office and we will assist where we can.



Family News

We are sad to announce the death of Cliff Hastings, a former member of ABC. His funeral service will take place on the 28th February at 1pm at Latchford Baptist Church.

Life at ABC - news & info

The Narnia Experience 26-31 March 2019

Tickets will be going on sale soon so do think and pray about who you can invite.

Please be praying about the plans for the library space and how you can get involved. We still need help with acting, stewarding and setting up the week before.



Are you on Twitter?



Help us to spread the word about Narnia by following us @AltBaptist and retweeting

We're also on Facebook, search for @AltBaptist to find the public page, from which you can share posts to all your friends.

Giving Envelopes — For those who make their financial gifts to the church using the weekly envelopes, a supply of envelopes for next 12 months from April are available for collection from the table at the top of the stairs as you come into church.

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.

Hub Travel mugs on sale for just £5 from the Hub Café.

Entitles the holder to 25p off speciality coffee / hot chocolate purchased at the cafe each time you bring it to the cafe.



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

The Hub café REALLY needs you! - We are reaching a critical time in the life of the Hub café. The team are really stretched and we would love to be able to expand our café team.



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 is needed on most days, a regular volunteering commitment would be great, but if you are only able to help on an ad hoc basis that would fantastic too.

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
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

Trafford Youth for Christ Curry & Quiz night 9th March 19:00–21:30:

St Mary Magdalene's Church , 44 Moss Lane, Sale, M33 6GD. £10 a person (max 6 per team) includes curry. Bring your own drinks. For more info contact: TYFCteam@gmail.com

Care for the family – Raising Faith – Bethany Church Gatley Tues 7th May 7.30-10pm

Raising Faith is an event for mums and dads looking at the simple things we can all do to help nurture our child's faith in the day-to-day. Katharine Hill and Andy Frost will share plenty of practical approaches for pointing your children to God in the everyday rhythms of life. For more info and to book tickets visit:

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/other-events/raising-faith#booking>

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