



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 10th March 2019

International Women's Day was marked on Friday of this week. It was an event which sparked both celebrations and protests; even the TV soap Emmerdale decided to air a special episode with an all-female cast. We may think that equality between the sexes is established, (hey, women are now even allowed to drive cars in Saudi Arabia!), but the statistics tell another story. In the legal profession 62% of new solicitors in 2018 were women, while only 31% of partners in private practice are women. Only 1% of all-women start-ups actually receive funding. According to the ONS almost 80% of companies pay men more than women and FGM affects more than 200mn women in more than 30 countries.

Early 19th century Christian abolitionist, Sojourner Truth, said in her famous speech, "Dat man ober dar say dat womin needs to be helped into carriages, and lifted ober ditches, and to hab de best place everywhar. Nobody eber helps me into carriages, or ober mud-puddles, or gibbs me any best place!" And raising herself to her full height, and her voice to a pitch like rolling thunder, she asked. "And a'n't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! (and she bared her right arm to the shoulder, showing her tremendous muscular power). I have ploughed, and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And a'n't I a woman?"

10am - Mark 7—Pure & simple?

6.30pm - Open To God

Quote for the week:

And how came Jesus into the world? Through God who created him and the woman who bore him. Man, where was your part?

Sojourner Truth

What's on

Saturday 16th March 7pm - Manchester Gospel Choir concert in aid of Act for Africa and Uganda — Tickets £5. To reserve tickets contact Sue Hutchinson (seh.hippo@googlemail.com) or Val Goto (valgoto@talktalk.net) or book online for an additional small booking fee <http://buytickets.at/act4africa>

Sunday 17th March 1pm - Family bring & share lunch — All families welcome! 1pm at Mick & Sarah Courts house. Contact Sarah Court for more info sarahcourt@altrinchambaptist.org

Dates for your Diary

Sunday Services on 24th and 31st March — Whilst we host the Narnia Experience at Hale Rd, services for the two Sundays affected will be as follows:

Sunday 24th March

10.00am - 'Out Sunday'. Opportunity to meet in Missional Communities or outreach Brunches in homes.

6.30pm - Communion Service in the Hub.

Sunday 31st March

10.00am - Service in the Hub with children's provision.

6.30pm - No evening service.

Life at ABC - news & info

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 (cnr Ashley Road & Cavendish Road), this car park is then locked again after the service. The public car park on Brown Street (WA14 2ET) is also free on Sundays. If you have requirements for disabled parking please contact the church office and we will assist where we can.

Can you help? We have a family in need of a car in order to facilitate getting to and from work. Do you have a 'spare' car that is surplus to requirements that you'd consider blessing our family with. Please come and have a chat if you think you could help in any way. Claire Gregory CAP centre manager 07894 728884

Church Meeting Minutes - Minutes from February's Church meeting have been emailed out to members who we have email addresses for. Paper copies are available in the leaflet rack in the foyer if you wish to collect one.

Weekly 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.

Family News

Church member Vera Hayward died last week following a stroke. Funeral details are not known as yet.



The NARNIA Experience



26-31 March 2019 @ Hale Rd

Tickets are now on sale! Buy your ticket on Sunday morning at our box office, by calling into the Hub with cash or online at ticketsource.co.uk/abcnarnia
There's a charge to us for online sales so if you are in church/at the Hub it saves us the fees.
At this stage we've released a number of slots for each day - further times may become available as spaces fill up.

Friday evening and Saturday afternoon sessions seem particularly popular so please book soon if you want to come then!

Each session lasts 60-90mins. Available start times:

Tuesday 26 th	2pm
Wednesday 27 th	2pm
Thursday 28 th	2pm, 6pm, 6.30pm, 7pm
Friday 29 th	2pm, 7pm
Saturday 30 th	9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30am, 1.30pm, 6pm, 6.30pm
Sunday 31 st	10am, 11am, 11.30am, 12.30am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm

Posters & flyers — Do take some of the postcard sized flyers to invite friends & neighbours.

If you know of a local noticeboard where we could display a poster, please collect one from the ticket desk or church office.

Wanted—Stewards — Help is still needed particularly with stewarding. Please call the office for more details

Wanted — MP3 players—Do you have an old MP3 player that you no longer use at home in a drawer somewhere? Could we borrow it for Narnia? It doesn't need to be a specific make, but it would need to be wiped of all files. Speak to Sheila or Tim Jump if you can help or email sheila.jump@btinternet.com

Wanted — Narnia props — The Narnia experience is very dependant on the set being magical. We are therefore looking for a number of items, in addition to the items we are loaning. Do you have any of the following items with a 1930s/1940s theme we could borrow for Narnia? We will do our best to look after them, though as this is a public event it would be at your own risk, so please do not offer us any items of great monetary or sentimental value. If you can help with any of these items from approx. 19th March—2nd April please email: narnia2019@altrinchambaptist.org, if you can include a photo of the item that would be very helpful.

Any questions please speak to Nicola Avery.

Stuffed toy woodland animals

Items with a 1930s/1940s feel: including armchairs; rocking chairs; easy chairs with a cosy feel.

Floor mats/rugs of various sizes; Lamps; teapots; cups and saucers;

Pictures of country scenes or animals in frames; framed mirrors; old curtains; small tables

Fake fur throws; Material throws & cushions; antimacassars; ornaments -old clocks glassware etc Sewing basket, an old fashioned looking radio (does not need to work).

Are you on Twitter or Facebook?

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 and invite your friends using the facebook event.



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' 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

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>

Covenant Christian School open day
Saturday 16th March 2019

10:30am—2:30pm

Come and find out about our personalised curriculum that allows Primary aged children to learn more about their Creator by learning about His creation. Places are available for Spring 2019. You will have the opportunity to talk to staff and parents and take a tour of the school. Refreshments provided.

0161 432 3782

www.covenant-christian-school.co.uk

WTC Kingdom Theology Event

Free event but please book your place at <https://wtctheology.org.uk/manchester-events>

Tuesday 12th March, 7pm—9pm
@ Ivy Church, Manchester, M20 2GP

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