



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 12th May 2019

Look up the word 'hackneyed' in the dictionary and you will find a multitude of definitions: *overused, overworked, overdone, worn-out, platitudinous, vapid, stale, tired, ordinary, stock, conventional, stereotyped, predictable, unimaginative, uninspired, prosaic, dull, boring, pedestrian, run-of-the-mill, routine, humdrum, old hat and corny.*

Today we will be looking at Psalm 23. These are some of the most familiar words in the Bible. It is a Psalm which has become synonymous with lambs, sheep and bucolic scenes. It has also been a favourite Psalm to be read at funeral services, despite the fact that there are no particular allusions to life beyond death.

So what might this familiar (over-familiar?) Psalm say to us today in our busy, hi-tech, sophisticated lives with our cynical outlooks? In short is this Psalm relevant to us anymore?

10am - The Lord is my shepherd

6.30pm- Open To God

Quote for the week: *"We shall aim at sound scholarship, we shall pursue prowess at games, we shall encourage a love of the beautiful and of creative skills, but above all we are determined to lay such foundations of character as will send our pupils out to play an effective part in a world that stands in need of people of sterling Christian worth."*

John Mayor, founding Headmaster of St David's College

What's on

16th May 8pm at Hale Rd—Church Meeting

The budget will be brought to the church meeting on the 16th May. Some detailed information as to the proposed budget has been sent out for information and prayer.

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June - Church weekend @ Home—Don't forget to check out the details of the weekend @ home via the email invite sent last week from Sarah Hayes or on your My ChurchSuite page. You can access the programme and book online or via the office. Paper copies of the programme will also be made available at church on Sunday, when there will also be opportunity to book after church in the foyer. Tickets £10 per person.

We are looking for people to host breakfasts on the two mornings of the weekend. If you can provide a venue please contact Sarah Brandt in the church office pa@altrinchambaptist.org. It's a bring and share breakfast so you don't need to provide all the food.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 4th July - Church AGM — change of date — The Church AGM has now been moved to Thursday 4th July 8pm at Hale Road.

Saturday 20th July - Acting on Impulse Film Premiere - Do keep the Saturday morning free for the premiere for Acting on Impulse's latest film, at HOME cinema in Manchester.

Saturday 19th October 2019—Reset Women's Day—Please join us! A group of ladies from ABC will be attending the Reset Women's day again this year and we would love it if you could join us Here is some more information on the event:

Reset is a time to come – as you are – to re-boot, re-fresh, pause and reflect.

Tickets will be £20pp if booked by 30th June. You can book via www.new-wine.org/events/reset-womens-day or request a ticket via My ChurchSuite and we will make a group booking.

Family News

Saturday 18th May Wedding – Helen Whittaker is marrying Harvey Bell on Saturday 18th May at Altrincham Baptist Church at 12noon. Anybody who would like to come to the service is very welcome. Coffee /Tea & cake will be served in the lower lounge before the service from 11am.

Life at ABC - news & info

Ordination and Induction of Andrew Hawksworth—Saturday 8th June

We are delighted to announce that a date has been set for the Ordination Service of Andrew Hawksworth. Regional Minister Phil Jump and Glen Marshall of NBC will be taking part in the service.

This brings to a close a significant chapter in Andrew's story; his calling, which was confirmed by ABC and the wider Baptist family, and then a period of training at Northern Baptist College.

It will be a significant day for the church as Andrew is consecrated - set aside for his role of ministry - and the support and welcome of the church to 'Revd' Andrew Hawksworth will be important to us all.

My ChurchSuite — the number of people accessing My ChurchSuite is slowly creeping up. If you haven't already, please dig out the 3 emails (Email 1: welcome, Email 2: My ChurchSuite login and Email 3: consent email) and action as necessary. We'd really appreciate it! Don't forget we need responses from people individually i.e. consenting for yourself does not mean we have consent for your spouse, as an example. They need to reply to their email. If you have any questions about My ChurchSuite do give the office a call, thanks.

Hale Rd office support—Are you organised, enjoy admin tasks and have a few hours free each week? Could you come and help in the church office on a weekly basis with some basic admin tasks? Have a chat to Sarah Hayes for more details.

New to ABC? Have you been coming to ABC for a while, not been receiving our weekly bulletin and emails but would like to? Are you keen to get more involved - join a group or serve, but don't know where or how? Contact the church office on 0161 941 3052 or info@altrinchambaptist.org and we can get you added to our mailing list or give you more information. Alternatively fill your details in on the welcome card in the back of the church seats and hand in to one of the stewards.

Relief caretaker cover for July.....can you help? We are looking for someone who would be available at certain points during the year to provide some cleaning cover when our caretaker, is on holiday. This is a paid role. The timing of commitments in terms of days and hours per day will vary during the year. **We next require some support w/c 15 July.** Please contact Sarah Hayes for more information sarahhayes@altrinchambaptist.org or 07947 600275

Tesco grant - more good news! We are pleased to say that as we came top in the Tesco Bags of Hope scheme we've been able to obtain some additional funding. As well as the £2,200 for the community defibrillator we have a further amount of £1,800 towards a replacement pathway outside of the Hub building.

UgandAid - Students need sponsors! We've recently shared with the church the enormous impact it makes when a young person receives vocational training at Nile Vocational Institute. We have many students who have just started and need someone to sponsor them for two or three year courses. If you, or someone you know, would like to consider this visit www.ugandaid.com or speak to one of the team. It really does change lives.

Prayer request — Since the UgandAid sponsorship scheme started in 2002 we have had the privilege of running the scheme as part of ABC. The decision has now been made to apply for independent charity status, starting a new chapter. We would very much appreciate your prayers as we embark on the process, in practical terms and especially around appointing trustees.

Regular Activities

These are at The Hub unless stated otherwise.

Sunday

10am	Children's provision @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	
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Tuesday

10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
	English Class	adult
2pm	Watercolour Class	adult

Wednesday

10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
1.30pm	Healthy Hips & Hearts	seniors

2.30pm	'First Wednesday'	adults
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2.30pm	Meeting Point (3rd Wed)	adults
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Thursday

10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
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12.15pm	Women Welcome for prayer & lunch (usually 2nd Thurs)	
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2pm	Knit & Natter	
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Friday

10am	Baby & Toddler Café	0-3yrs
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10.00am	Journaling - fortnightly	adults
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1.30pm	Healthy Hips & Hearts	seniors
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6.30pm	Transformers @Hale Rd	Rec-Yr 6
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Saturday

9.30am	Contact Centre	Referred places
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Youth Worker position - Disley Baptist Church

The youth work is currently run by experienced volunteers but the support of a professional youth worker has been lost since July 2018 when the minister left. The youth worker will support the volunteers with expertise and time and help to lead the groups and the volunteers. Please email disleybaptist@gmail.com with your details and why you might be suitable for the role and we will send you an application form. You can see more at disleybaptist.org.uk and on facebook we are at "disleybasement"

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, rfarnworth@twr.org.uk

TWR, PO Box 606, Altrincham, WA14 2YS

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Closing date: 9 August, 2019.

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