



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) and hand it in to one of the welcome team.

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.

Summer 2019

As I write this the mercury is rising and the UK is set to experience its hottest day on record. Few of us are likely to be operating at the same frantic pace with which contemporary busy lives are usually lived. So we slow down; we take some time, and make time for recreation, (re-creation).

As you take some time out over the summer the activities of church life also slow. Groups shut down over the summer, you only get one bulletin (this one) over several weeks and we hold no evening services through the month of August.

We hope that this will all be to our good. Physically and mentally restored, but also spiritually refreshed through doing something new, something different. That book you have been meaning to read, that book of the Bible - which might instil a new message from God, a new passion kindled. Inviting the neighbours over for a barbecue and actually having some time to get to really know people as they get to know you and your faith in Jesus. That new experience of God, at that event, on that walk, in your expectancy to hear God talk to you, as he has already done so to me in a flea market in Lisbon.

Whatever you are afforded, may it be good for you and good for your walk with Jesus.

Sunday services—see overleaf ...

Children's provision - Over the Summer holiday period there will be holiday provision on the 11th and 18th of August where there will be leaders running an altogether session in the lower lounge. All other weeks parents are welcome to come downstairs with their children and use the activities/ toys that are available.

We will be starting back on the 1st September with Children's Church

Pastoral Care Support - Please contact Andrew Hawksworth, 07771 798 533 for any pastoral support during the Summer holidays,

What's on - Sundays

Sunday 28th July

10am—Say to this mountain—Mark 11:23

6:30pm—Service to be held at The Hub—Extended communion

Sunday 4th August

10am —The Beatitudes, Matthew 5: 3&4

No evening service

Sunday 11th August

10am—The Beatitudes, Matthew 5: 5&6

No evening service

Sunday 18th August

10am —The Beatitudes, Matthew 5: 7&8

No evening service

Sunday 25th August

10am —The Beatitudes, Matthew 5: 9-12

No evening service

Sunday 1st September

10am—Sermon on the mount—Matthew 5:13-16—Salt & light

Children's Church & Breakfast Club will resume

6.30pm—Evening services back

Parking on Brown Street—The carpark in Brown Street has now been closed You can still use Bowdon Prep school car park (cnr Ashley Road & Cavendish Road), this car park is then locked again after the service. If you have requirements for disabled parking please contact the church office and we will assist where we can.

Life at ABC - news & info

29th, 30th, 31st July - Summer Holiday Club:

Adventure Island, 10am - 3pm Please pray for the children attending and all the leaders helping with the holiday club this year.

Saturday 19th October 2019—Reset Women's Day A group of ladies from ABC will be attending the Reset Women's day again this year. If you would like to join us you can book via www.new-wine.org/events/reset-womens-day

My ChurchSuite address book is live! You can now access the contact details for those in our church community (who have consented to sharing this info) via your My ChurchSuite login. Go to Menu > Search for Others and type in the name of the person you are looking for. We've only published info where consent was obtained. If you hadn't got round to responding you can still do so as the online app content is continually updated. Contact the office or reply to the consent email. Paper copies of the address book can be collected from church from this week, though please remember that the best place for the correct information is on the app.

Life at ABC - news & info cont.

Senior Hub—Help would be appreciated with refreshments for Senior Hub. If you could help with making sandwiches, a cake or scones for 1st Wednesday, once or twice a year, please contact Liz Bradley

If you would be willing to help serve refreshments at 1st Wednesday or tea and biscuits after Meeting Point, Liz would be delighted to hear from you too!

Finally, if you would like to join us at Senior Hub, meetings resume on 4th September with a quiz at 1st Wednesday, followed by Meeting Point on 18th September with Paul Morgan as our speaker. For more information please speak to Liz, Barbara Blake or Anne Boyers.

Listening Service: Are you a good listener?

Could you give a few hours of your time once a week or once a fortnight to chat and listen to visitors to the Hub Café?

We would like to set up a Listening Service in September/October this year, during Hub Café opening hours, where volunteers are available to welcome visitors, to spend time getting to know them and directing them to the services and activities in the Hub. If this is something that you would be interested in doing please contact Andrew Hawksworth at the church office or Sarah Hayes at the Hub office.

A farce about a musical court case—Thanks to all who came to the premiere of Acting on Impulse's latest film. We think it may be our best one so far, so if you'd like to see it, check our Acting on Impulse YouTube Channel. There's a lovely little Behind Scenes film to go with it.

Main film <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzV-xWWfRS8&app=desktop>

Behind scenes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XlsXfl4dPY>



CAP Life skills programme and vacancies - As talked about in last Sunday morning's service we've been successful at obtaining some grant funding to finance a CAP Life Skills programme for 2 years. We need to recruit a manager for the programme from November 2019. This is a paid role for 6 hours per week for a 2 year fixed period. We also have several opportunities to join the team as a life skills coach (volunteer role) for 2-4 hours per week. Check out the CAP website for more details of the programme and contact Sarah Hayes if you would like a copy of the job description for either role or Claire Gregory if you would like to find out more. The closing date for applications for the manager role is Friday 30 August 2019. Applications for the coach role can be made through to late October for the November training.

Last chance to purchase Stephen Birchall's book! This is what Ash says about *Dissent in Altrincham*— "Reading Stephen's book gave me a wonderful insight into the origins and early years of ABC. It contains themes which, for good and ill, have echoed through the decades and continue to shape us today. This is not just a book about history, but an account of church life, full of life and colour in which we can helpfully reflect on our own church experience today." Please contact Stephen if you would like to purchase a copy as it is now out of print.

Family News

Keyboard Gift—The church, and especially the worship team, would like to express their thanks to Steve, Becky and Rachel Yates for the gift of a new keyboard, (you'll see it at the front of church). This had previously belonged to Elaine and we trust that we will honour her memory as we continue to use it for the glory of God.

Church Office Summer Cover -

The office will be open most days through August. Please leave a voicemail or email and we will get back to you: 0161 941 3052, info@altrinchambaptist.org

Hub, Hub office and Hub Cafe summer dates:

The Hub will be closed to the public on **Fridays throughout August**, plus Mondays 12th, 19th & 26th (Bank Holiday) and Tuesday 20th August. (Unless you have a pre-booked activity)

Hub Cafe

The Hub Cafe will be closing on Friday 26th July, and re-open Tuesday 3rd Sept.

Hub Office

There will be limited staffing provision in the Hub office over the Summer, please leave a voicemail or email and we will get back to you: 0161 941 2018, info@ourhub.org For urgent matters please try calling Altrincham Baptist Church on 0161 941 3052 when the Hub is un-staffed

Other events being planned for the Autumn term are :

September -

10th Prayer night 8pm—9:30pm
29th Harvest Sunday

November -

3rd Remembering & releasing service—3pm
17th CAP Sunday—10th anniversary

December -

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| 5th | Eve (tbc) | The Hub Christmas event |
| 15th | 10am | Family Nativity Service |
| | 18:30 | Carol Service |
| 22nd | 10am | Normal service |
| | 16:30 | Carols in the Park |
| 24th | 16:00 | Christingle |
| | 23:00 | Communion service |
| 25th | 10:00 | Christmas Day |
| 29th | 10am | Normal service |
| | | No children's church |
| | | No evening service |

Some of these dates and events may be subject to change

Activities

Contact Centre will continue throughout the summer.

The other regular activities will be re-starting on the following dates :

Children's Church & Breakfast Club - 1st September

Watercolour - 3rd September

First Wednesday - 4th September

Healthy Hips & Hearts - 6th & 11th September

Knit & Natter - 5th September

Journaling - 7th September

English Class - 11th September

Toddlers - 10th September

Paddingtons- 29th September

Women Welcome - 12th September

Baby & Toddler Café /Messy Church - 6th September

Transformers- 14th September

Meeting Point- 18th September

Au Pairs 8th September

English Class 10th September

Inclusion 22nd September

Church Meeting for the Autumn

provisional date— Sunday 15th September after the morning service.

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