



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.

15th March 2020

What It's been quite a week. All of us have been involved in conversations about the virus and health which we never imagined we would ever have. In many ways we are seeing that 'normal' life and daily habits we have known are undergoing significant change and life ahead looks more uncertain. At such times people will be turning to various media and means to find hope and help. Some become news junkies, others... whatever the converse is. Some will be working their way through piles of information in great detail, others I have spoken to seem comparatively unmoved by events. What do we do as God's people? We have faith. We will pray and trust and care and act. We will go to the source of a peace that the world cannot know and from that place find renewed strength and restored purpose to be about the work of God.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not put it out.

10am - Acts 2:1-41 - **Life, real life**

6.30pm - Youth In—'Throw some stones!'

Quote for the week:

"Our task, as image-bearing, God-loving, Christ-shaped, Spirit-filled Christians, following Christ and shaping our world, is to announce redemption to the world that has discovered its fallenness, to announce healing to the world that has discovered its fallenness, to announce healing to the world that has discovered its brokenness, to proclaim love and trust to the world that knows only exploitation, fear and suspicion."

N.T. Wright, [The Challenge of Easter](#)

Life at ABC - news & info

COVID-19 – impact on church and the Hub

The elders and core team are monitoring the guidance being given by the Government and Baptist Union on measures to minimise the potential threat posed by the Coronavirus. Published advice is being reviewed regularly and acted upon accordingly. The Hub community centre and cafe remains open as of Friday 13 March. The specific measures that are being taken this week and for our Sunday service are as follows:

- Advice notices for handwashing have been posted in the Hub and Hale Rd
- Welcoming with a handshake is ceasing for the present time, but you will be welcomed with a warm welcoming smile!
- Wall mounted hand sanitisers are available in the Hub and a sanitiser will be available in the entrance lobby at Hale Rd this Sunday. These are very scarce at the present time so please use your own sanitiser and follow the Government advice to wash your hands regularly.
- We will not be serving drinks after the service.
An offering 'bucket' will be made at the back of church, rather than passing around.

Your health

Government guidance is that if you have mild symptoms of COVID-19 being a new continuous cough, or a high temperature, you should self-isolate for 7 days. Do refer to the Government's guidance documents online. If you have returned home from one of the high risk countries please follow Government advice which may include self-isolation.

Health advice also indicates that this virus is likely to have the most serious implications for those with underlying health conditions and the elderly. **If you are unwell, elderly or vulnerable to infection please consider your own health and the health of others and stay at home until you are feeling better.**

Keeping you updated

Can you please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details e.g. mobile number, email address so we are able to keep you updated of developments with regard to church. You can do this via My ChurchSuite (for those with access), by contacting the church office on 0161 941 3052 info@altrinchambaptist.org or if you are at church this Sunday by providing your details to Sarah Hayes who will be available at the back of church after the service.

Let us pray for all people across the world who have been, and are continuing to be, affected by the Coronavirus.

CAP Money Course Would you be interested a CAP Money Course which is a free 3 part budgeting course that will revolutionise your finances! We are considering running another course in the near future and we are establishing what interest there would be for it. If you are interested then please get in touch with Claire Gregory on 07894 728884 or email the capmoney team on capmoney@altrinchambaptist.org

Cafe team news - Further to the notices about our need to find a new Cafe manager to replace Bethan John when she steps down next month, we are pleased to say that Sharon Gleave will be joining the team as manager. We are looking forward to Sharon starting later this month. More news to follow shortly on our team staffing and also implementing a system so you can pay by card in the cafe soon.

Regular Activities

The following activities take place each week during term time and are at The Hub unless otherwise stated.

Sunday		
10am	Children's provision @Hale Rd	0-11yrs
10am	Breakfast Club	11yrs +
3pm	Au Pairs	
6pm	What's Next	11yrs +
Monday		
12.00pm-1:00pm	Jubilee lunch (term time)	
Tuesday		
10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
10:00—12:30	English classes (term time)	adult
1.30pm	Healthy Hips & Hearts	seniors
2pm	Watercolour Class	adult
Wednesday		
10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
10:30am	CAP Life Skills course—free!	adults
2.30pm	'First Wednesday'	adults
2.30pm	Meeting Point (3rd Wed)	adults
Thursday		
10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
10.00am	Journaling (fortnightly)	adults
12.15pm	Women Welcome for prayer & lunch (usually 2nd Thurs)	
2pm	Knit & Natter	
Friday		
10am	Baby & Toddler Café	0-3yrs
10.00am	Journaling (fortnightly)	adults
1.30pm	Healthy Hips & Hearts	seniors
6:30pm	Transformers & Transformers extra time (age 11+)	Recep— Yr 6
Saturday		
9.30am	Contact Centre	Referred places

The Wisdom House—*Because you don't always have to learn the hard way.*
An evening with best selling author, Rob Parsons OBE
Manchester—Thursday 19th March, 7pm
Message Enterprise Centre, M22 4RG
Tickets £7 / Group discounts available
For more information or to book please visit— cff.org.uk/wisdom / 029 2081 0800

Greater Manchester Prayer

See information regarding change of date for this event inside the bulletin. Pentecost Sunday 31st May 2020 an open air 'Thy Kingdom Come' event at St Anne's Square in Manchester city centre. Please encourage others to join in as we cry out to God.

Admissions Coordinator and Academic Administrator

(Full Time Preferred). Nazarene Theological College is looking for a new team member to help support the academic administration of the College. This role includes coordination of student applications and admissions, and provision of general academic administrative support, working closely with the Academic Office Team. For more information, please contact Pauline McKendrick (pmckendrick@nazarene.ac.uk)

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