



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.

Sunday 18th June 2017

Tim Farron's resignation as a Christian political leader came as a surprise to me. But just as there have been a whole series of political surprises over the past 12 months, after some reflection, we can see the seeds of these decisions if we look carefully enough. Placed under enormous pressure by the media and other politicians Tim Farron was placed in an invidious position and sadly he has come to the decision he has to resign.

At a time when many of us are praying for the Open Church as we use Open Doors excellent 30 day prayer guide, through the month of Ramadan, may we also be mindful of Christians in the public eye, and those within our number whose faith at work is scrutinised in similar ways

10am 'Kingdom Fruitfulness'

Isaiah 61: 1-4

6.00pm What's Next

6.30pm 'What Jesus actually Means When He says . . .

Quote for the week : *'To be a political leader, especially of a progressive, liberal party, in 2017 and to live as a committed Christian, to hold faithfully to the Bible's teaching has felt impossible to me. Now I am a liberal to my fingertips and that liberalism means that I am passionate about defending the right and liberties of people who believe very different things to me... Even so, I seem to have been the subject of suspicion because of what I believe and who my faith is in, in which case we are kidding ourselves if we think we yet live in a tolerant, liberal society..'*

Tim Farron, from his resignation speech as leader of the Liberal Democrats

What's on



Thursday 22nd June - Day time Alpha in Hale Rd, 9.30am -

11.30am Helen Roberts is running a day time Alpha course in Hale Rd for women. It is not too late to join! Breakfast and crèche provided. If you know anyone who

Saturday 24th June Church Walk - join us for a family walk up Shutlingsloe in the Peak District! We will meet at Trentabank Visitor Centre Car Park (Pay and Display), Macclesfield Forest at 10am - the postcode is SK11 0NE. A 6 ½ miles taking approximately 4 hours. A steady, fairly steep climb up to Shutlingsloe followed by a decent to the village of Wildboardclough and is then fairly level back to Macclesfield Forest. Bring a packed lunch, waterproof clothing and suitable footwear. For more information, contact Dave Arthur on



Thursday 29th June - Out of the Ashes, 7.30pm at Hale Rd

Tickets are available now. This is an incredible true story brought to life on stage by Regents Theological College & Searchlight Theatre Company. Tickets £10, are available online, www.searchlighttheatre.org (an admin fee will be charged) or from the church or Hub office

Saturday 1st July - Acting on Impulse, ABC's Associate Ministry, invites you to the premiere of their latest film 'Press Call for Help.', 11am at HOME cinema, 2 Tony Wilson Place, First Street, Manchester M15 4FN, an easy walk from Deansgate-Castlefield Metro station. Why not meet up at this comfortable venue for coffee first, from 10am. The film is the culmination of 7 months of workshops with marginalised and ex-homeless actors, led by Artistic Director Rachel Muter. It links the stories of 4 strangers trapped in a lift. Tickets are free but limited, so need to be booked early to avoid disappointment—book online via Eventbrite, www.eventbrite.co.uk. then search for 'press call for help'. If you don't do online, contact Sue Tomlinson 0161 904 0685 and she will reserve tickets for you.



Saturday 1st July - Acoustic Session, Hale Rd, 7pm Calling all our PA, Song Pro and Worship Team Community (and other halves!). We're gathering together for an Acoustic Worship Session followed by wine, cheese, and blather in the Upper Lounge, Hale Road, as a thank you for all your service. If you aren't part of our Worship Community, serving the wider ABC family in any of these ways, but would like to be, then we'd love you to come too, as a chance to get to know us better. Contact Jenny Breton for food purposes



14th -16th July - Church Weekend at Home Church If you were at the church meeting on Thursday or are at church on today, you will have the opportunity to see the high quality promo video for the weekend!! Booking forms are available and will be emailed out next week. Tickets are £10 per person. Come and be a part of what will be a great weekend!

Help needed for the church weekend. We are in need of a number of people who would be willing to make their home available for breakfast on either the Saturday or Sunday, hosting 10-15 people. It will be a bring and share breakfast. Contact Adrian Hallett if you can assist.

Dates for your Diary

31st July, 1st & 2nd August - Summer Holiday Club : Epic Explorers, 10am - 3pm

Life at ABC - news & info

Church AGM - was held this last Thursday, 15th June. The Annual Report has been emailed out and there are hard copies available.

Operations Leader at ABC

We are now inviting applications for the post of Operations Leaders at ABC. This is a paid, permanent post, for 14hrs p/w of which the main duties will be to facilitate effective and efficient structures and systems so that ABC's vision can be delivered.

The Job Description, Person Specification and application form can be requested from Sheila Jump, sheilajump@altrinchambaptist.org. The closing date for applications is Monday 3rd July.

Offering Counters - We are grateful to those who faithfully form part of the rota and week by week help our Assistant Treasurer, Fiona count and bank our weekly offering. We are in need of someone to join the rota. The role involves about 2 hours, once a month usually on Monday mornings at the Hub, counting and then accompanying Fiona to the bank. If you feel you could help in this way, please contact Fiona at the Hub on Monday or email her at assisttreasurer@altrinchambaptist.org.

Do you enjoy tea or coffee on Sundays? - it's great to be able to offer hospitality to the congregation **but** we need volunteers to make this happen. If you can help on the rota for either service, but we especially need people for the evening, contact Dot Rochford., 07773 426 677 or dotrochford@gmail.com

Summer Holiday Club Helpers - We are holding a 3 day holiday club at the start of the school summer holidays, 31st, 1st & 2nd August. We need helpers for groups and lots of other activities planned. If you are available and would like to help please contact Sarah Court asap, sarahcourt@altrinchambaptist.org

CAP - Our CAP Debt Centre is reopening to new clients very soon! We have a superb group of supporters dedicated to this life changing ministry, but we are looking at widening this support within the whole ABC family. The service is unable to run without your vital support. Are you someone who is able to get alongside people and offer a listening ear? Do you love to serve others through hospitality? Are you good at inspiring people and drawing others in? Are you good at engaging with the media? Do you enjoy administrative tasks or making fliers/posters/newsletters? Are you a prayer warrior? There are many ways to get involved and we'd love to hear from you! If you'd like more information then please do contact Claire Gregory on clairegregory@capuk.org or on my work mobile 07894728884.

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 +
6pm	What's Next	11yrs +

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
12.30pm	Women Welcome for prayer & lunch (2nd Wed)	
1.30pm	Healthy Hips & Hearts (weekly except 1st week of month)	seniors
2.30pm	Good Companions (1st Wed)	seniors
	Meeting Point (3rd Wed)	seniors
8pm	Soul Sisters (contact youth leaders)	Yr 9 up

Thursday

10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
2pm	Knit & Natter	
8pm	Church Meeting (3rd Thurs) @Hale Rd	

Friday

10am	Baby & Toddler morning	0-5yrs
10.30am	Journaling - fortnightly	adults
1.30pm	Healthy Hips & Hearts	seniors
6.30pm	Transformers @ Hale Rd	7-11yrs

Saturday

9.30am	Contact Centre	Referred
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Barnabus Trust - Social Enterprise Project ReNu Relaunch, 13th, 14th & 15th July, 11am - 4pm at The Message Trust Centre, harper Rd, Sharston. This venue relocation gives us extra space and the ability to open up the workshop to our friends off the streets 3 days a week rather than 1 and we have greater capacity to train our friends and produce more furniture. All Welcome to come along meet some of our friends off the streets, view our workshop and buy some furniture

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