



# 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.

### 10th September 2017

One of my nephews recently posted a video on his Facebook page. It was of him and his two brothers boarding a flight to Portugal. The thing is, that it ends with him spinning round to film the final passenger boarding the plane and asking them, 'How are you doing Bob?' It was Bob Geldof. I guess that when Bob Geldof's obituary is written, reference will inevitably be made to his arresting appeal for money at the 1985 Live Aid event at Wembley Stadium.

This morning we are also talking money, (but probably not as it happened at Live Aid.) In week two of our short series 'The Disciplined Disciple' we are looking at Giving. Christianity has very clear expectations when it comes to giving and it also identifies the inner struggle we have as we wrestle over letting go. Although this morning may not be an entirely easy ride for us, the goal is that we find a place of generosity and liberty which was always far better than the limited life of self-interest.

#### 10am The Disciplined Disciple: The Dual Life

We will be including Baptism in our service this morning. Breakfast Club will be staying in for the service and Children's Church will be joining.

#### 6pm What's Next

#### 6.30pm Open to God : 'Seeking Earnestly'

Come along with expectation that God will speak & you will hear from Him.

**Quote for the week :** *"If you ask people who don't believe in God why they don't, the number one reason will be suffering. If you ask people who believe in God when they grew most spiritually, the number one answer will be suffering.*

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# What's on



**Friday 15th September - Messy Church, 10.30am at the Hub** A fun structured session with music, bubbles, lights, dance and craft for pre-school children.

**Saturday 16th September - Memorial Service for Muvunyi Samson from DCR, 2pm at Hale Rd.** Samson attended ABC during 2011/12, whilst living in the UK, and it is an honour to be able to celebrate his life along with the others living in the Manchester area that new him.

**There will be refreshments after the service** - if you can help by baking a cake or serving drinks please contact Sheila Jump asap.



**Sunday 17th September - Newcomers Tea, 4pm at Hale Rd** If you are new/newish to ABC come along and find out more about our church community. We look forward to seeing you.

**Thursday 21st September - Church Meeting, 8pm at Hale Rd.** This is a time when we come together as a community to pray, discern and discuss what God may have for us.

**Monday 25th September - ABC Crowd, 8pm at Hale Rd.** Would you enjoy doing some Drama Workshops? Why not join a new creative group starting at ABC. Contact Martin Smedley to find out more information.

**Tuesday 26th September - ACT Annual General Meeting, 10.30am** at Westleigh, next to St Vincent's Church, off Groby Road, Altrincham, WA14 2BP. All Welcome

## Dates for your Diary

**6th October - Parenting course, 9:30 - 10.45 at Hale Road** 6 week early years (0-5 years) course. There will be provision for children. To book a place ring Alison McKay-Smith.

Also, we need some help! If anyone is willing to come and make tea and coffee and someone else to help with the children we would be so grateful. Contact Alison or Sarah Court.

**Saturday 14th October - Pamper Evening, 7.30pm at the Hub.** This is a key outreach event in the church's calendar. People love coming to this event! Yes it's a 'Pamper evening', but it's also about building community and inviting people to join us. Missional Communities, this is for you - and can be an 'out event' to invite people along to. Tickets £5 from the Hub. And whilst it is for women, we definitely need lots of help before, during and after that anyone regardless of gender can get involved in.

**But we need a team!** This is a big event to put on and we need shed loads of help. Plus, if you've got a heart for reaching out to women and can be involved in some of the planning, PLEASE get in touch. (Contact Lindsay Grant, Anna Mackenzie or Helen Roberts)

**1st-3rd November - Shoebox Warehouse at Hale Rd.** This year the boxes will be for either Elderly people or for a Family. Please note the dates for filling the boxes in early November. Examples of suitable gifts for the Elderly or the Family boxes will be supplied shortly. Contact Liz Bradley if you can be involved.

## Life at ABC - news & info

### **Harvest Sunday 24th September**

This year ABC would like to support the three projects:

Manchester City Mission - reaching out to the city

Wonderfully Made - a BMS project helping the children with disabilities in Thailand

Water and Welfare - an Operation Agri project helping people recovering from conflict in Sri Lanka.

Your gifts will be divided between the three projects and HARVEST envelopes will be provided.

Children can help too by bringing gifts of non-perishable food for Manchester City Mission's homeless guests at the Narrowgate Shelter.

**Boaz Trust Women's Night Shelter** - ABC are considering helping the Trust with this new initiative. There are 7 churches across Manchester getting involved each to run a shelter one night a week from October 2017 through to April 2018 (inc Christmas Day). The clients will be by referral only.

We are looking at holding a shelter on Monday evenings at Hale Rd and we need to have a volunteer base to help run the shelter. Any volunteers are required to attend a training session, dates of which are 9/9 or 23/9. There are various ways people can get involved so if you want to find out more information and how you might help contact Sue Tomlinson ASAP.

**Address List 2017** - it's time to ask everyone who sees ABC as their 'spiritual home' to check out the contact details we hold. There is a copy of this information in the foyer so please have a look and amend/tick your entry. If there isn't an entry for you please use the flyer available next to the list to give us details and be included in our Address List. The information will be displayed for a few weeks but please check your details at your earliest opportunity.

**Internship 2017** - We still have an opening for an amazing opportunity to be a youth or children's work intern. This is an opportunity to dedicate a year to going deeper with God, focusing on your discipleship and getting to be involved with some really exciting work. For more details contact [robpeirson@altrinchambaptist.org](mailto:robpeirson@altrinchambaptist.org)

**Serving ABC Family** - we have a display in the foyer of various ways that you can serve the ABC family.

There is a lot of variety in the type of role, days & timing so have a look and see what God is pointing you to.

## Regular Activities

The following activities take place each week during term-time, mostly at The Hub unless stated.

### Sunday

10am	Children's Church @ Hale Rd	0-11yrs
	Breakfast Club	11-14yrs
6pm	What's Next @ Hale Rd	11yrs +

### Tuesday

10am	Toddlers restarts 5/9	0-3yrs
	English Class restarts 12/9	adult
2pm	Watercolour Class restarts 5/9	adult

### Wednesday

10am	Toddlers restarts 6/9	0-3yrs
12.30pm	Women Welcome for prayer & lunch (2nd Wed)	
1.30pm	Healthy Hips & Hearts (weekly except 1st week of month restarts 13/9)	seniors
	Good Companions (1st Wed) 6/9	seniors
2.30pm	Meeting Point (3rd Wed)	seniors

### Thursday

10am	Toddlers restarts 7/9	0-3yrs
2pm	Knit & Natter	
8pm	Church Meeting (3rd Thurs ) @Hale Rd	

### Friday

10am	Baby & Toddler Cafe	0-5yrs
10.30am	Journaling - fortnightly restarted 1/9	adults
1.30pm	Healthy Hips & Hearts restarts 8/9	seniors
6.30pm	Transformers @ Hale Rd restarts 15/9	7-11yrs
7pm	Friday Night Drop-in	11yrs +

### Saturday

9.30am	Contact Centre	Referred places
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## Higher Tour Manchester put together by The Message

Trust - there are various events this Autumn

### Higher Youth Conference, Higher Prayer Gathering, Higher Schools Tour, Higher Gigs, Higher

Manchester 2017 There are flyers available in the foyer or for more info and booking go to : [highertour.cmo/Manchester](http://highertour.cmo/Manchester)

## Nazarene Theological College Open Day, Saturday 30th September, 12noon - 3.30pm

Open Days are a great chance for you, or a friend/family member, to ask questions and explore further the possibility of coming to study with us.

## Ministering to Children, Young People & Families: 4-Day Course

Want to gain a better understanding of how to minister to children and young people? Luther King House Theological College have the course for you, taught by ABC's Sam Wright over four Saturdays in March 2018 (3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th). No prior knowledge is needed, and anyone can sit this module for just £150. Enrolment is open until the end of September 2017, so contact Paul at the LKH office to learn more: [Paul.Barrett@lkh.co.uk](mailto:Paul.Barrett@lkh.co.uk)

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