



# 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.

### 15th October 2017

So who are you fighting against? That person, that company, that situation about which you are completely convinced they are in the wrong. Indeed, their words and actions bring you nothing but harm, heart-ache and sleepless nights. They are against you and they are out to get you.

Or perhaps not.

Gamaliel was a Pharisee, mentioned in Acts 5, who puts Peter and the apostles out of the Council in Jerusalem and turning to the other religious leaders says, '...if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!'

Of course your battle, your opponent may well be of human origin, but it might also be God who, knowing you and loving you to the perfect degree, chooses this battle to be the means of great maturing, great fruit, great blessing.

### 10am 'Confidence in the Gospel'

John 4:5-42

### 6.00pm What's next

### 6.30pm Sports Chaplaincy UK Celebration Service

**Quote for the week** : *'When things seem really bad we might need to hesitate before assuming it's against us and out to get us. As Gamaliel (the pointed out, we need to be careful just in case it's God we'd be fighting in rejecting it.'*

Peter Marshall

## What's on



**Fridays - Parenting course, 9:30 - 10.45 at Hale Road** 6 week early years (0-5 years) course. There are spaces if anyone wants to join for week 3! Contact Alison McKay-Smith or Sarah Court.

**Wednesday 18th October CAP Head Office Tour in Bradford** - leaving the Hub at 9am and returning at 4.30pm. A Tour of Head Office and a Bradford curry followed by hearing John Kirkby recount his incredible story. This is for both clients and supporters as well as church members interested in joining in with the work of CAP. Please contact Claire Gregory ASAP if you are interested on 07894 728884 and she can book you a place!



**Thursday 19th October - Prayer and Vision, 8pm at Hale Rd**  
Come along to gather together to worship, hear testimonies of what God is doing, pray for the life and work of our church and hear Claire Gregory share some vision about how we might take a next step in our discipleship. All welcome.



**Sunday 29th October, Church Walk** - join us after church for a short walk at Alderley Edge. Meet at 2pm at the National Trust Car Park - the postcode is SK10 4UB. For more information, contact Dave Arthur.



**October 31st Hale Road LIGHT PARTY 5.30-8.00pm** Tricky Games and a Treat Shop - everyone welcome aged 0-100 years. Bring some food to share - eating at 6pm. WEAR BRIGHT CLOTHES. Book swop for adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Dates for your Diary



**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. See enclosed flyer for examples of suitable gifts for the 2 types of boxes. Contact Liz Bradley if you can be involved.

**Sunday 12th November - Sunday Lunch** Ola Pankiw is doing another roast chicken dinner after church. Her aim is getting people together to share chat, fun, love and home cooked food. ANYBODY is welcome; singles, couples, groups. Think of it a bit like a dinner party. There are only 8 places so book early directly with Ola to avoid disappointment. £5 small appetites, £8 normal appetites, +£1 to go large. Tea/coffee & soft drinks provided otherwise, bring your own wine or drink you prefer.

**Friday 1st December - UgandAid presents an evening with Colin Paul,** tickets available from the UgandAid Team.

## Life at ABC - news & info

### **Harvest Sunday—fund open until 22nd October**

Thank you for your gifts so far, which total £3035 excluding Gift Aid.

It is not too late to give to this year's Harvest offering. The three projects we are supporting are:

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. HARVEST envelopes are available in the foyer.

**Fundraiser** - ABC are looking for a Fundraising Officer to raise funds from grant giving trusts and foundations to support the cost of developing the Hub. If the following precis describes you, or someone you know who may be suitable, then contact Sarah Hayes, sarahhayes@altrinchambaptist.org. This newly created role presents a perfect opportunity for someone with experience of working for a charity or in a funding body and has a track record of success. The successful applicant will feel comfortable providing first-class stewardship which results in long-lasting relationships and sustained income growth for the Hub. They will have well-developed communication, admin and coordination skills, be good at collating and writing reports, and be great with people.

The job description and person specification for this part-time, fixed term appointment are available on request. This is a paid role, however, as a number of factors affect the remuneration, terms will be discussed with applicants.

**Boaz Trust Women's Night Shelter**— Running on a Monday evening. We have a volunteer base to help run the shelter but if you would like to get involved training is required and can be arranged. If you want to find out more information and how you might help contact Sue Tomlinson ASAP.

If you aren't able to help practically with the shelter please pray for the volunteers and ladies.

**Address List 2017** - This Sunday is the last week to check your entry in the address list in the foyer at church. The new address list will be produced shortly. If there isn't an entry for you and you see ABC as your 'spiritual home' please use the flyer available next to the list to give us details and be included in our Address List.

**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

## Regular Activities

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

<b>Sunday</b>		
10am	Children's Church @ Hale Rd	0-11yrs
	Breakfast Club	11-14yrs
6pm	What's Next @ Hale Rd	11yrs +
<b>Tuesday</b>		
10am	Toddlers restarts 5/9	0-3yrs
	English Class restarts 12/9	adult
2pm	Watercolour Class restarts 5/9	adult
<b>Wednesday</b>		
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
<b>Thursday</b>		
10am	Toddlers restarts 7/9	0-3yrs
2pm	Knit & Natter	
8pm	Church Meeting (3rd Thurs ) @Hale Rd	
<b>Friday</b>		
10am	Baby & Toddler Cafe	0-5yrs
10am	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 +
<b>Saturday</b>		
9.30am	Contact Centre	Referred places

### Fri 24th November - City Centre Ministries '60's Night' at The Life Centre,

**Sale** An evening of fun entertainment supporting . Tickets £5 More details from Stuart Whittle, Helen Whittaker or Steve & Irene Brown.

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**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

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