

BUILDING OF THE CHURCH SANCTUARY AND SPORTS HALL

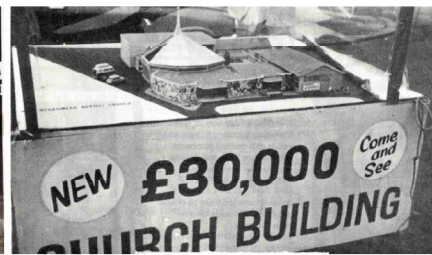
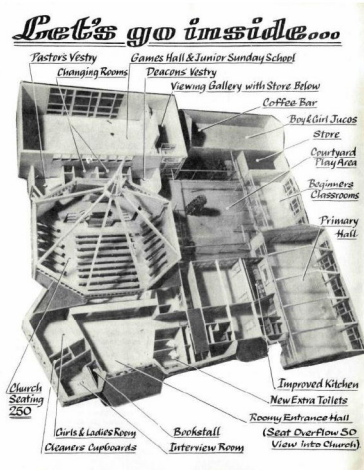
CHURCH PLANS AND FUND RAISING (1966 - 1968)

The church looked to Denis Hull to prepare plans for the new buildings. The outline specification was soon agreed – a fitting sanctuary for worship, separate spaces to meet with friends and visitors and ample classrooms for the Sunday School and youth departments.

The octagonal church sanctuary and games hall passed all appraisals and was finally adopted at an estimated cost of £30,000.

The church looked to different ways to raise funding and these included loans and grants from Baptist sources as well as sponsored activities and generous giving.

Plans for the new buildings had to be deposited with the Baptist Union so the church decided to make the occasion a 13 mile walk of witness. The event which was sponsored took 100 members of all ages to Baptist House with a model of the new buildings on a decorated cart accompanied by the George Lane Brass Band!

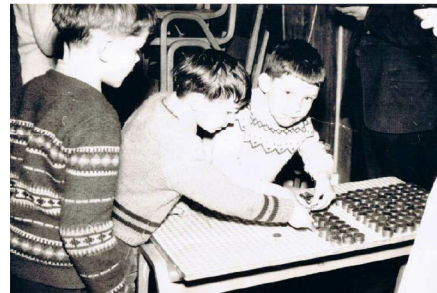


The Model the Church built and taken to Baptist House

13 mile walk to London (29th October 1966)



Miles of pennies around Brackley Square



Our young boys count the pennies

DIGGING OF THE FOUNDATION (1968)

The foundations were dug by the membership and volunteers. When a sponsored dig was advertised throughout the London Baptist Association areas, people came from far and wide to help, with one young man turning up all the way from America to drive a mechanical shovel.

Ken Sanders and others practically lived on the site, Rev Leslie Drew installed much of the wiring and all the while gifts and offerings poured in to help finance the project.

