

THE BAPTIST CHURCH
BECONTREE AVENUE, DAGENHAM
(In fellowship with the Dagenham Scheme)

NEW CHURCH BUILDING
STONE-LAYING CEREMONY

Saturday, 9th May, 1964, at 3.30 p.m.

ON THE SITE

Presiding Minister: Rev. J. J. BROWN, B.D.

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER

HYMN: Baptist Hymn Book 268

TUNE: *Melcombe*

1 FATHER of Jesus, by whose grace
Our souls are freed from sin and
shame,
Behold us gathered in this place
To build a temple to Thy name.

2 Lord, lest our toil be vainly done,
Be master-builder at our side;
Let Christ Himself be corner stone,
The one foundation, sure and tried.

3 Build us a holy house of prayer,
Where men with Thee may keep their
tryst,
And learn to cast their load of care
Upon the loving heart of Christ.

4 Build us a holy house of truth,
Wherein the blind shall come to see,
Where age shall hand the torch to
youth
And youth shall tell the world of Thee.

5 Build us a holy house of praise,
Where souls redeemed shall sing His
worth
Who walked of old our troubled ways
And brought salvation down to earth.

6 So shall these walls be girt with peace,
A shelter be from storm and strife,
A home where all earth's discords
cease,
A gateway to eternal life.

H. R. Moxley, 1881.

C. BROWN (Former Member)

M. BOWLER (Founder Member)
ESLIE WILSON (Church Secretary)

AM, M.A. (General Superintendent)

all blessings flow
ere below
venly host
oly Ghost.

IN THE CHURCH HALL

Chairman:

Mr. NORMAN W. ANDREWS

Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Dagenham Scheme

HYMN: Baptist Hymn Book 267

TUNE: *Harewood*

1 CHRIST is our Corner-stone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled;
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

3 Here, gracious God, do Thou
For evermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow,
And mark each suppliant sigh;
In copious shower
On all who pray
Each holy day
Thy blessings pour.

2 Oh, then with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious Name.

4 Here may we gain from Heaven
The grace which we implore;
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore,
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

From the Latin; tr. John Chandler, 1837.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

STATEMENT by Rev. J. J. BROWN, B.D., *Senior Minister*

SOLO by Mrs. EILEEN GARNER

SCRIPTURE read by Mr. JOHN EDWARDS, B.SC.

PREACHING OF THE WORD Rev. MELFYN W. POWELL, B.A.
President of the Essex Baptist Association

OFFERING for the New Church Building Fund

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. W. H. CAMPBELL, B.SC., B.D.
Associate Minister

HYMN: Baptist Hymn Book 258

TUNE: *St. Polycarp*

- 1 HEAD of the Church and Lord of all,
Hear from Thy throne our suppliant call:
We come the promised grace to seek,
Of which aforetime Thou didst speak.
- 2 “ Lo, I am with you ”—that sweet word,
Lord Jesus, meekly be it heard,
And stamped with all-inspiring power
On our weak souls this favoured hour.
- 3 Without Thy presence, King of saints,
Our purpose fails, our spirit faints;
Thou must our wavering faith renew
Ere we can yield Thee service true.
- 4 Thy consecrating might we ask,
Or vain the toil, unblest the task,
And impotent of fruit will be
Love’s holiest effort wrought for Thee.
- 5 “ Lo, I am with you ”; even so,
Thy joy our strength, we fearless go;
And praise shall crown the suppliant’s call,
Head of the Church, and Lord of all!

Joseph Tritton, 1880.

BENEDICTION

Buffet tea will be served at the conclusion of the service

THE OPENING SERVICE

will be held on

Saturday, 17th October, at 3.30 p.m.

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Dr. L. G. CHAMPION, B.A., B.D.

President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland

We record our gratitude to God who has called us into His Church and has given us the privilege of building a worthy sanctuary.



We express our thanks to those individuals and organisations who have encouraged us by gifts and loans, especially to the London Baptist Property Board, the Baptist Building Fund and the Essex Baptist Association.



The sum of over £1,000 has been given locally in twelve months. The Fund now stands at £2,600. Another £5,000 is needed quickly. The total cost of building and furnishing is £17,500.



We are fortunate in our architects (Messrs. Edwards and Company) and in our builders (Messrs. P. W. Clark), whose work is appreciated.

