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# TEMPORARY CHURCH TO BE DEMOLISHED

**A 'TEMPORARY' church that has stood for 50 years is to make way for a new place of worship later this year.**

The existing St Anne's Roman Catholic church and school building, on Camp Hill Road in Nuneaton, will be demolished to clear the site for a new building which includes an octagonal-naved church large enough to seat 150 people and community rooms.

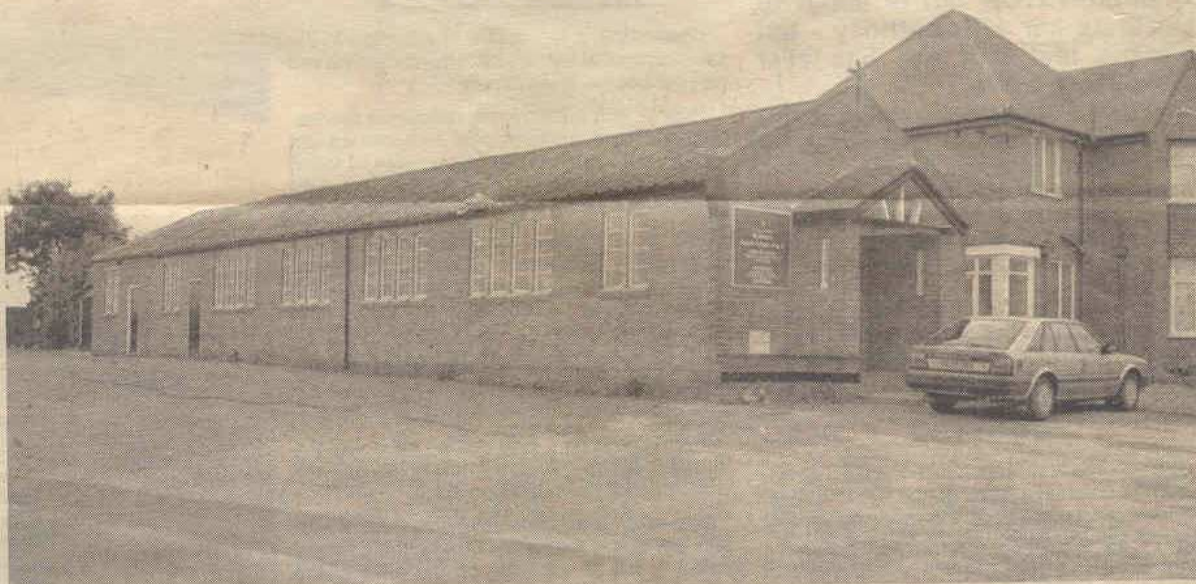
Planning permission for the new building was given by Nuneaton and Bedworth borough councillors last month, though the precise timetable for the work is "in the Lord's hands", parish priest, Fr Michael Stack, commented.

## Waiting

"We are waiting for building regulations and then will go out to tender," he said. "But we are hoping to start building soon. The present church was built in 1948 and is past its sell-by date.

It was built as a temporary church. The Archbishop of Birmingham has agreed we should replace it."

The new church, Fr Stack noted, will be: "Quite different in style. We thought we should have something that's more up-to-date. The roof height is quite low and there are lots of windows so it will be a light church.



□ The existing St Anne's Church building on Camp Hill Road which is soon to make way for a new parish church and community centre. B52822

"To the rear there's going to be a community room which will be available for any group within the area.

"We are hoping to encourage people to come to worship but it's not just a church for Catholics. It's for everyone who wants to come and pray and for everyone in the community."

He added: "It's nice to be part of these changes. The area is also expanding - there are a lot of new houses.

"Hopefully the church will be able to fulfill the needs of the developing community."