

A PEOPLE'S CHURCH

Just outside Nottingham, on the Clifton Estate, a simple wooden cross marks the beginning of a great new venture - the building of a church for the people, by the people. Willingly they gave their spare time to fashion with their own hands a building in which they may glorify their God. Bricklayers, stonemasons, electricians, the ordinary people of the estate, building a church, because, in their own words "we want it very much". Warehouseman Albert Smith - and his window-cleaner friend Mr. Walley lend a hand on the foundations. Close by, stonemason Henry Dransom is at work on a tablet.

The team of builders, led by the Reverend Verney study the plans of the Church which will accommodate about 500 people. Mr. Jackson is a newspaper clerk; Mr. Kirkham, a local schoolmaster. Now comes a moment they have worked for - the laying of the foundation stone and a service of baptism for nearly fifty people.

Conducting the service is the Bishop of Southwell.

A large congregation watches the foundation stone laid by a blacksmith and a bricklayer from the Clifton Estate.

Now follows the ceremony of Baptism. In their mothers' arms, the babies are carried to the Reverend Verney who christens them with Holy water.

In years to come the people of Nottingham will recall with pride the faith of their forebears who built their own church of worship to God.