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Planning application for new West Ealing church building granted

The planning application of the International Presbyterian Church (IPC) for modernisation of their church building to accommodate their growing activities has been approved by the council. The church is situated at 53 Drayton Green in the chapel and laundry buildings of the former St Helena's Home. The IPC has been in West Ealing since 1969 and at their current site since 1981. Over the last few years, the church has outgrown the chapel's capacity of 80 people and is meeting on Sunday mornings at the Drayton Manor High School. The approved planning application will allow the IPC to move back home to their West Ealing base.



The new building is a contemporary building with a clearly recognisable church character. The central courtyard will open up views to the existing, Grade II listed chapel, the only remaining part of the St Helena's Home. The new building will not only allow the IPC to move their Sunday services back to its home, but also give the space to accommodate the numerous other church and community related activities, such as a parent and toddler group on Mondays, Women's English language classes on a Wednesday and the Children's and Young people's programme catering from 5 year olds up to 18 year olds on Thursdays.

Rev Levy says "It has been a long journey and we are immensely pleased with the long awaited approval of our plans. We want to be a church at the heart of the community here in West Ealing. We have really good relations with local residents and we hope that the new building will allow us share and speak about the love of God more."