



Well someone has to do it! Adam, from Bolton, is actually an apprentice plasterer but on this occasion assigned to clearing and cleaning up around the site. This isn't plastering, but someone has to do it! And Adam did it cheerfully!

Another Adam, Adam the joiner, has been working on the south door for a while. He was not happy to find the new oak door had shrunk! He's been fitting new parts into the door which he is certain will look fantastic when it is completed!



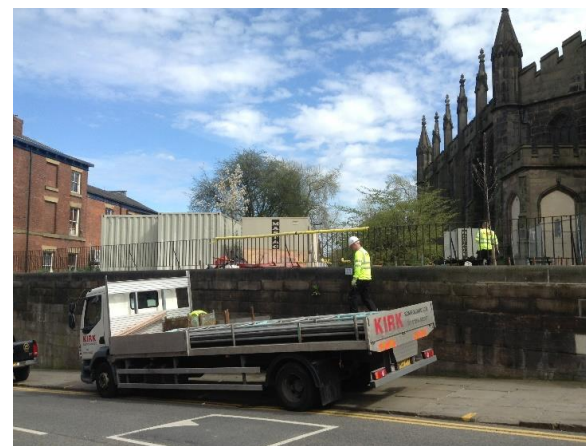
The new skylight in the Choir vestry is a state of the art fitting. The Architect has stipulated that it needs and is now receiving an inner panelling to give it a finished look from inside the room. More skilled joinery work, this time at high level.



Stockport Parish Church

[St Mary's in the Marketplace]

Phase 6 (Week 20)



Kirk's scaffolders are back in force dismantling the scaffolding this week, a clear indication that the job is nearly done.

The scaffolding has provided more than adequate protection for the contractors working on the vestries in all weathers since last September. It is coming down very speedily, to reveal the old building, now beautifully restored.





Adam, the joiner, is caught here, working away on the fitting for the south door, looking very much the same as the craftsmen who first built St. Mary's generations ago. The work of Adam and his colleagues is of the highest order, as was their's, and will last for many years to come.



The decision, some months ago, to retain the huge Victorian safe, was probably a good one. But the work entailed in removing it and putting it back in place was always going to take the skill and strength of the whole team, aided by a forklift hoist! The safe is now back in place, ready for continuing use for generations to come.



Once in place on its plinth the safe has had to be given the finishing touches, with the plinth pointed before a new skirting board is fixed around the base. Paul, the stonemason, who has been on this job since "Day One" always seems to be on his knees!

The electricians are working fast to get the wiring put in place before the safe is put back. Everything is happening at once, and the contractors are all very aware of the deadlines for the project to finish, any day now!



The Oratory Window has yet to receive it's glass and new security shield. For a moment, in the afternoon sunshine, spring can be seen through this attractive hidden space, which is so rarely seen by the general public.

At last, after many months, the Oratory has been revealed, with it's steep stone roof rebuilt and restored. In a few day's time the whole building will be seen in a new light.



now, it's looking good!

A broader view of the building is already offering the passer by a good idea of just how much has been achieved by the stonemasons over the past few months to bring this ancient building back to life. The best is yet to come! But even