



Once the work around the basin and fireplace are complete then comes the task of returning the safe to its final resting place – back where it was originally!

Not a light task, such a hefty chunk of metal needs serious lifting power – and there it is ready and waiting.

It should be back in place next week, won't be long now before we are able to use it again.



Stockport Parish Church [St Mary's in the Marketplace]



Phase 6 (Week 19)

We're nearly there with the stonework with final pointing taking place this week. Soon be time to get the covers off and take the scaffolding down.



There are however still signs of life...

Paul remains on-site but he's nearly finished and what a great job he's done! **All will be revealed in a few week's time!**

Nick the electrician is putting in the pyro insulated cable in the Choir Vestry, allowing more nuanced lighting and fittings to be installed into what will become a very useful room!



Paul is often on his knees in St.Mary's! He's happily getting on with the job of preparing the fireplace to receive the original stone surround. It will look very handsome, and Paul will undoubtedly be pleased with the result of his labours.



This is the original fireplace surround, though it is not known exactly when it was put in! Paul the stonemason has repaired the head with a dowel repair, before fitting back in place.



This is the mantle top, which he has also repaired. If you look closely you can identify the repaired area, three quarters of the way along. This he has skilfully achieved with two stainless steel dowels which are barely visible; very clever chap, our Paul!



Mike the electrician is busy fitting the new distribution board for the enhanced electrical arrangement in the two vestries. It will be neatly hidden away behind the Victorian panelling, so as not to intrude on the attractive room, which will one day soon be full of life again!

