



ST MARY'S IN THE MARKETPLACE

Phase 6 [week2]

From the outside it looks just like another building job as the scaffolding arrives and the protective sheeting is put in place.



Paul makes a start on a little stone cleaning, not over exciting on a damp day in Stockport, BUT..... there are much more interesting activities going on inside the vestries cleared of fixtures and fittings including much of the oak paneling, now in

temporary storage.

Give or take a few electrical problems (being plunged into darkness in the chancel and vestry areas) not to mention the “small” issue of moving the “big” green safe it has been a week of great interest.

Peter Middleton is a man with a



mission, to find out as much as possible about the history of the original vestry. He has already found some very interesting nooks and crannies..... as well as a hidden doorway!



We await with interest just what else is discovered and work continues.



On a lighter note and nothing at all to do with Phase 6, we are

delighted to have lights on one of the bigger trees in the graveyard this year – our new Holly “Christmas” tree being far too small as yet to support the weight of lights.



