



The new skylight was put in this week. It's best seen from beneath, in the Choir Vestry, into which light will pour in, but not the rain of previous decades, which Phase 6 of the work set out to remedy!



The cast iron guttering and drainpipes have been delivered, and some have already been fixed into place. They will not only look much better than their predecessors, but will also work a lot more efficiently. The overall look of the building will be greatly enhanced by the addition of these superior cast iron pipes.

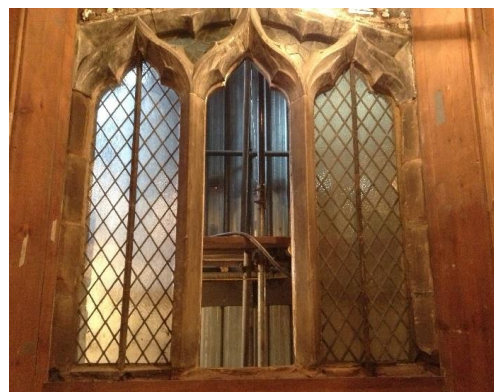
Speaking of pipes, of a different kind, back indoors and the plumber, Mark, has been busy again. The new washbasin and heater have been installed this week, and Adam the fitter has been busy making a small cupboard to hide the base, using the old cupboard, which stood for many years in the corn of the room. "Something old and something new"!



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



Phase 6 (Week 18)



Only three weeks left before works are due to be completed, but we have been able to add-back into the project, even at this late stage, restoration of the window in the Rector's Vestry. This is due to a fortunate plus (savings in

other areas) in the budgeting for the overall project.

The window is removed panel by panel and taken away for repair. The stone window is a very good example of Victorian restoration work, and with re-leaded glass and metal work, it will look much improved.

Presently devoid of its leaded glass the space has had to be made secure, but it will soon be looking quite different.





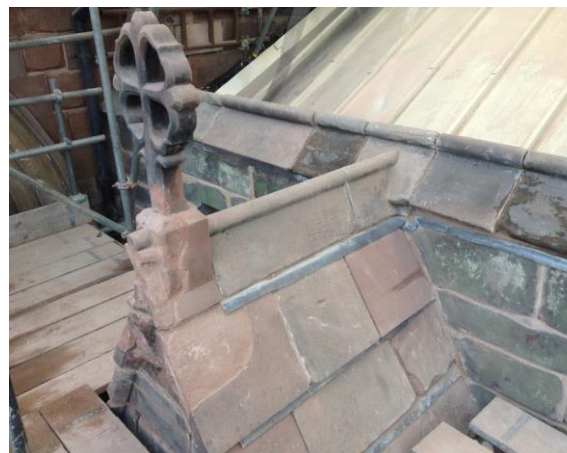
Our glaziers for this project are Pendleton Glass of Clitheroe, also working in the window in Oratory. Here they can be seen having made a template of the shape of the window before returning home to remake the leaded window, which will

look very nice from the outside.

The lovely little Gothic window, which has been fully opened up, both internally and externally, has now been



completed, with a beautifully carved stone, complimenting the old stone already in situ. The window will now be glazed, and internally a door will be created so that the window can be viewed from time to time. A charming feature.



The Oratory roof is now finished. The view of the roof from above and at close quarters is clear evidence, if evidence were needed, that our stonemasons, and in this instance, Paul, who has been working on this

phase of work since day One, is of the highest quality and matches the stone masonry of his forebears. This part of the building has now been rebuilt, to stand the test of time for generations to come!

This week may be Holy Week down below, but up above on the scaffolding it has been cleaning up week, clearing away all the workings of previous weeks, leaving the scaffolding clean and tidy for Easter.

