We still have access to the Rectors Vestry, but some of the floorboards are up whilst pipe-work is being traced and radiators moved – the Treasurer awaits the lifting of the grids in the Nave to see how many coins have fallen down over the years – a mini income stream maybe!

Away with the   
rubbish – not an  
easy task given our location.   
   
And…. We say goodbye to the  
rubble and rubbish – not an easy task given our  
location!

 St Mary’s in the Marketplace



**No 6 [26th August]**

Going Down….



The big event of the week must  
be the removal of the clock face  
from the east elevation of the  
Tower. Quite a task!

In professional manner, down it came ready for transportation by our clock-makers Smith of Derby. It will be shot-blast, painted and repaired as necessary before being returned to us later on in the project.

The hands of the clock are packed in the van - that was the easy bit!  
Then the main clock face….



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All aboard and ready to go -  
Roger takes a last look at the  
clock face with Lance from   
Smith of Derby.

The weekend brought a baptism and a large number of visitors to St Mary’s – again how fortunate to have so much space around the font for family and friends.



  
But the next baptism will have a different feel again with the removal of the radiator – both back radiators having now been taken out ready for re-positioning later  
on.

Our mechanical engineers are  
busy planning the re-routing of  
pipe-work and the re-location   
of the central heating controls.

Works continues at quite a pace.