

Feet firmly on the ground and some of the records previous held in the safe have now been delivered to the Cheshire Records Office, as recommended by our Archdeacon.



Seen here with Roger is Archivist Adam Shaw at the Duke Street Offices in Chester. Handed over for safe-keeping records include Baptism Registers from 1901-1947; Marriage Registers from 1905 – 1958, Banns Book Records from 1955 to 1988, Confirmation Registers from 1919-1987 and Register of Services from 1908 to 2009. In addition various Minute Books and other records.

Work will continue to sift through various boxes of files and papers to determine what else is appropriate to deposit at Chester, retain at St Mary's or otherwise disposed of. A look out is being kept for interesting articles and items of information that we can share in the Parish Magazine or other such publication.



St Mary's in the Marketplace



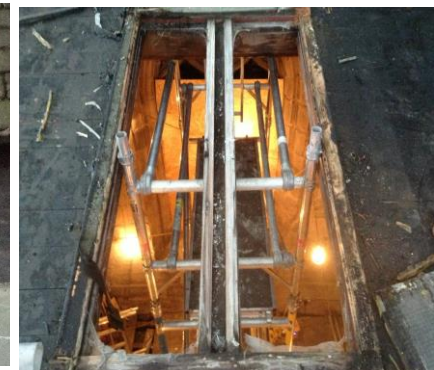
## PHASE 6 (Week 8) Continuing our look into the vestry areas as works continue



The scaffolding in the choir vestry provides a safe working area for the dismantling of the skylight.



Looking from the outside it can be seen just how much rot is having to be dealt with as Simon (seen working on the roof) was quick to point out.





Meanwhile, closer to earth, in the clergy vestry the medieval doorway (which was known to exist, but has not been seen for 150 years) has again been revealed, making it much easier to imagine just how it would have been entering through the door to an upper room. The original brick fireplace (though not as old as the doorway) has also been dug out and the area generally made tidy.



Found in the rubble, shards of pottery, pieces of glazed tiles and an intriguing piece of carved sandstone. Hopefully the historians will be able to date these finds in due course.

The next task however to sort out the panelling and determine how much repair work will be needed before it can be put back.

