



White and bright (but for how long remains to be seen) our new replacement flag of St George flutters in the breeze.



But before our newly donated flag was taken up the tower it was ceremonially displayed (for a few minutes at least) at the St George's Day "Bangers and Mash" Tea.



**Stockport Parish Church**

**[St Mary's in the Marketplace]**

**Phase 6 (Week 21)**



Work continues quietly in the background with lots of jobs still to be completed.

Andrew, the plumber from J.E.Deans, has been busy fitting the gas fire in the Rector's Vestry. The new fitting, with the handsome Victorian grate, will hopefully

provide a warm and welcoming focus to the room, which has long been known to be cold and unfriendly.

Jamie, another plumber, also from Hazel Grove, has been busy fitting the waste pipe from the wash hand basin in the Vestry, which eventually appears outside the Vestry door, where Jamie is seen admiring his work!

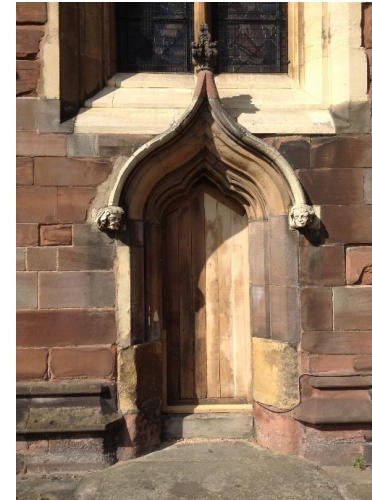






The question however is where exactly is the water going to go when we pull the plug in the basin! The thing with down-spouts and drains of course is actually getting rid of the waste

water and not allow it to simply flood the grounds – so flag stones are up and proper drainage is being put in place. This all looks most impressive and that previous drainage problems will be sorted.



The Rector's Door on the South side of the Chancel already has a very attractive look about it, even before it had received its final coat of varnish. You can see that it blends in well the surrounding stone, in the warm summer sunshine. Our decorating team have yet to arrive on site but we look forward to seeing the finishing touches to all the doors and to the panelling in the Rector's Vestry .

The grassed areas of the churchyard are beautifully cut by Stockport Council, and the shrub borders and trees equally looked after for us. However a little assistance is always appreciated to weed and look after the two flower beds that we tend ourselves and St Mary's "Chief Gardener" popped in this week (whilst the sun was shining) to make best use of the lovely weather.

