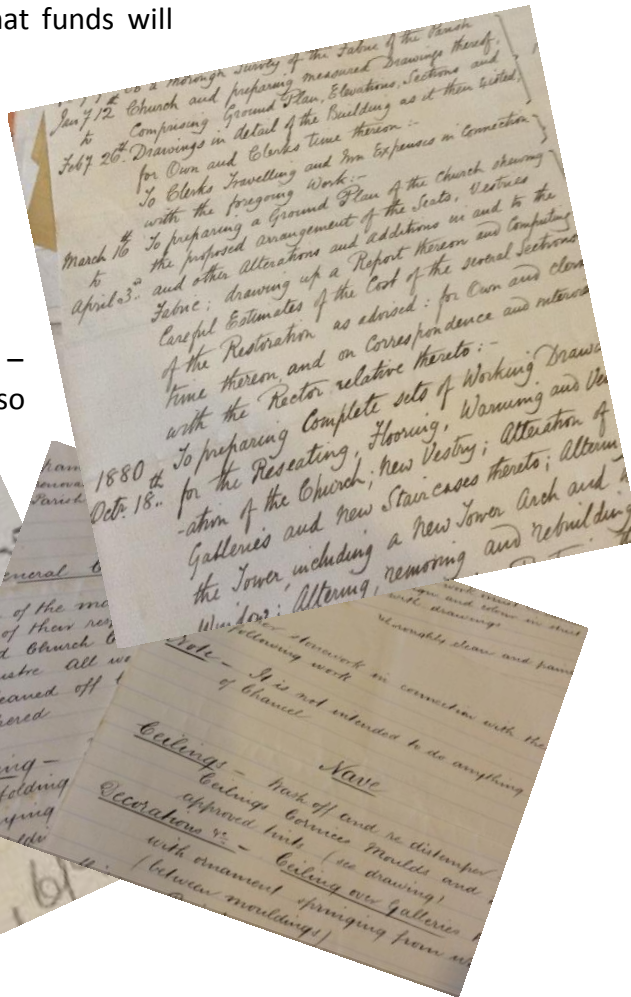




St Mary's in the Marketplace

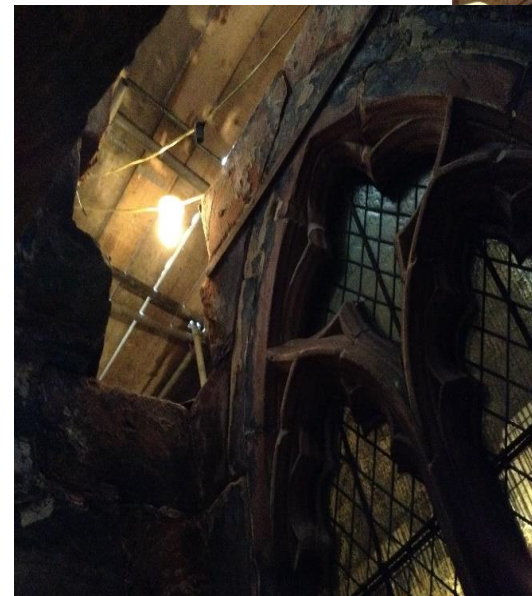
Our "Phase 6" appeal remains open, the more funding we receive the more work can be undertaken whilst we have the approvals to do so. Our existing facility permissions do have a time-frame for work to be completed so it is important to do as much as we can at this time and whilst the contractors are on-site. **We have also been able to authorise some additional lighting to be purchased for the Rector's vestry (additional electrical sockets to also be provided)** The next step is to review more fully the heating in that area – *heating and lighting being a "top" requirement for the room to be fully utilised* – and to determine what funds will allow us to do.

Meanwhile back at St Mary's Rectory the "sifting and listing" of files and records continues with many interesting plans and documents – and some not so interesting of course!



PHASE 6 (Week 9) *It's all a bit like a big jigsaw puzzle fitting all the pieces together and looking in the box (portacabin outside) for the missing ones....*

In the Rector's vestry the time has come to temporarily replace the timber panelling in order to determine the amount of repair work that will be needed before it is replaced permanently



BUT - You only need to look upwards (this photo being taken from the Oratory) to see just how much work still needs doing at roof level.

It has been reported that a substantial number of individual stones have crumbled when handled, more complex work needed to rectify the problems to



ensure that the restored area will be as watertight as it possibly can. When the roof was taken off, it was found that the timbers were placed at a distinct

angle, with a slope from north to south. The joiners were puzzled by this but unable to come up with an answer, except to say that "someone has done something strange here at sometime!" Maybe that's as much as we shall ever know!

Whilst it is very interesting to go up into the roof space and to see the remarkable work which has already been carried out, one has to mind the gap, to avoid a disaster! The roof space above the Rector's Vestry has different layers, and a number of holes, which must be avoided at all costs!



Off-site our Architect, Quantity Surveyor, Structural Engineer and members of the project team have been busy reviewing the work so far; assessing the financial situation and trying to determine an "up-to-date" picture of where additional works have/will be necessary and if any savings have been achieved elsewhere.

The team needed to establish if sufficient funds were yet available to "add-back" into the contract the restoration of the four doors – the main purpose of our Christmas/New Year Appeal. **GOOD NEWS funding is now available for this - so work on the two internal and two external doors will now go ahead.**

