

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OVERVIEW

Romans 0-476	0	Birth of Jesus
	34	Jesus' crucifixion
	34-313	Rapid growth of the Christian church
	34-313	Persecution of Christians
	312	Constantine becomes Roman Emperor
	410	End of Roman rule in Britain
Celts 476-1066	461	Death of St. Patrick
	563	St. Columba founds Iona
	589	Death of St. David at St. David's Cathedral
Saxons 476-1066	597	St. Augustine lands in Kent and founds Canterbury Cathedral
	878	King Alfred defeats Guthrum
	1054	Orthodox and Catholic churches separate
Normans 1066-1216	1066	Norman invasion. William I crowned at Westminster Abbey
	1066+	New cathedrals and churches built throughout England
	1170	Thomas Becket murdered at Canterbury Cathedral
Middle Ages 1216-1485	1239	Wells Cathedral dedicated
	1266	Death of St. Francis of Assisi
	1266+	Many monasteries established
	1478	Canterbury Tales published about pilgrims to Canterbury
Tudors 1485-1603	1536	William Tyndale murdered
	1517	Martin Luther begins the Reformation
	1525	William Tyndale first English New Testament published
	1534	Henry VIII becomes 'Supreme Head of the Church in England'
	1536	Dissolution of the monasteries
	1547	Edward VI, first protestant English king
	1553-1558	Mary Tudor --- Catholic queen of England
	1558	Queen Elizabeth I --- Church of England restored
Stuarts 1603-1714	1608	John Smyth starts the 'Baptists'
	1652	George Fox starts the 'Quakers'
	1653	Loughwood Meeting House built
Georgians 1714-1837	1739	John Wesley starts the 'Methodists'
	1778	Wesley's Chapel built
	1793	William Carey sails to India
	1811	Church of England starts providing a church school for each parish
	1831	Elizabeth Fry starts prison reform
	1833	Death of William Wilberforce. Abolition of slavery.
	1835	George Müller's first orphanage in Bristol
Victorians 1837-1901	1861	Metropolitan Tabernacle built
	1865	William Booth starts the 'Salvation Army'
	1870	Thomas Barnardo's first children's home
20th Century	1903	Westminster Catholic Cathedral opened
	1906	Pentecostal Movement begins, Azusa Street revival in the USA
	1944	Youth for Christ started in the USA
	1950	Mother Teresa founds 'Missionaries of Charity'
	1968	Martin Luther King assassinated