

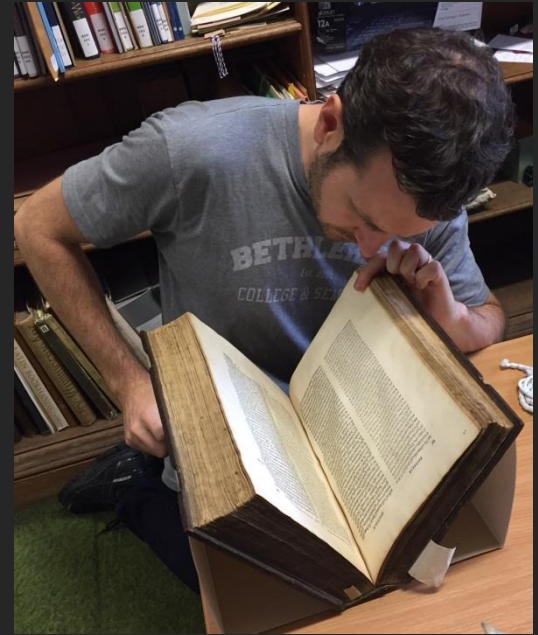
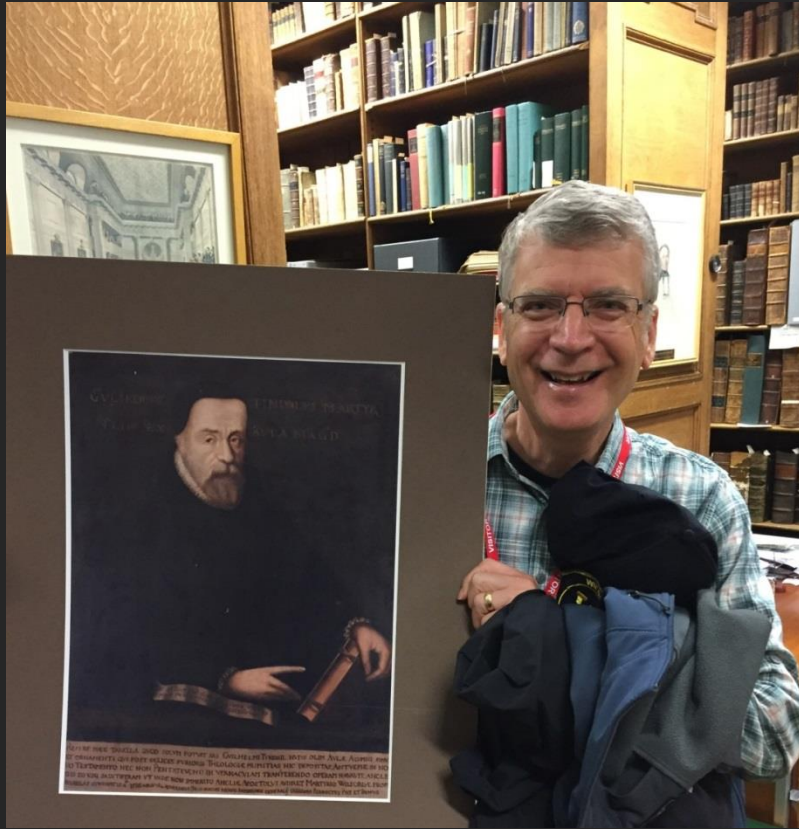
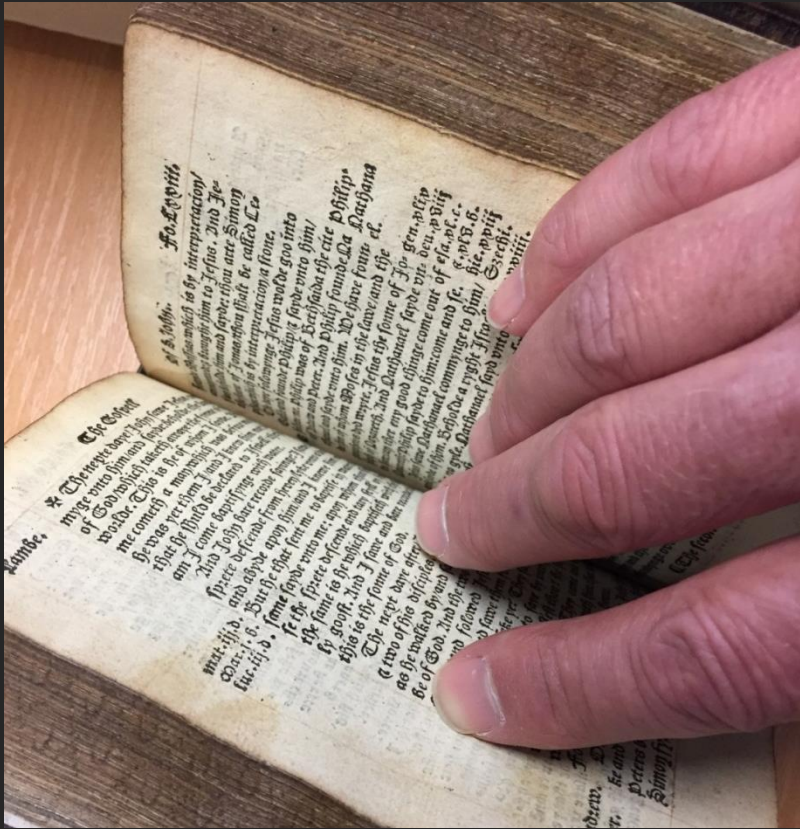
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William Tyndale

1494-1536



King Henry VIII & Anne Boleyn

Formally Married on January 25, 1533

16th Century English Monarchs

The House of Tudor

1509-1547

1547-1553

1553-1558

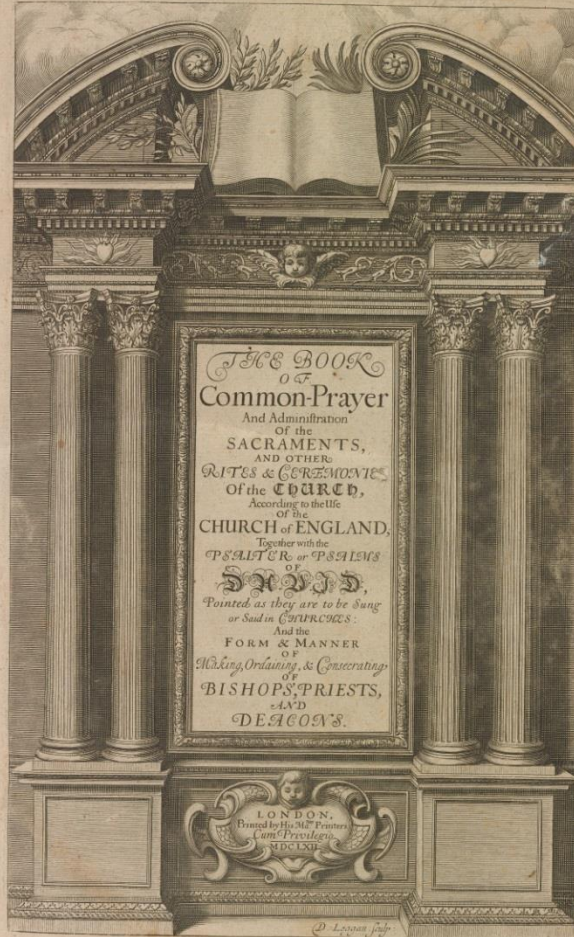
1558-1603





Queen Elizabeth I
1558-1603

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The Book of Common Prayer 1549

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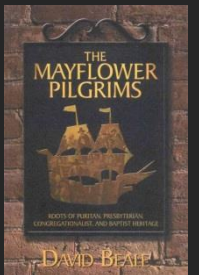
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“all persons above the age of sixteen, refusing to come to church, or persuading others to deny her Majesty’s authority in causes ecclesiastical, or dissuading them from coming to church, or being found present at any conventicle or meeting, under pretense of religion, shall, upon conviction, be committed to prison without bail till they shall conform, and come to church;” and that, should they refuse to recant, “within three months, they shall abjure the realm, and go into perpetual banishment; and that if they do not depart within the time appointed, or if they ever return without the queen’s license, they shall suffer death without benefit of clergy.”

The Mayflower Pilgrims, David Beale, p. 15





King Henry VIII
Reign: 1509-1547



Queen Elizabeth I
1558-1603



Queen Elizabeth II
Reign: 1952 – Present
*The Supreme Governor of
The Church of England*



HRH Charles, Prince of Wales
b. 1948
Heir Apparent to the British Throne

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John Bunyan



The Abbey Church of St
Mary and St Helena
Elstow, England



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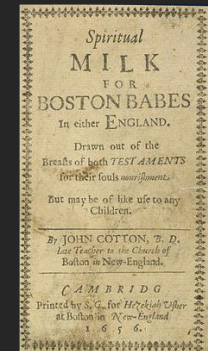
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Q. What is a church?

A. “It is a congregation of **saints** joined together in the bond of the **covenant**, to worship the Lord, and to edify one another, in all His Holy Ordinances.”

Spiritual Milk for Babies, John Cotton, 1646



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Important Questions

- *Should the state and the church be united?*
- *Should people be compelled to attend specific churches?*
- *How should people join churches?*
- *Who should be allowed to join a church?*
- *What is a church?*

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