

## Timeline

100 BC – 44 BC	Julius Caesar, Roman general and writer
27 BC	Death of Marcus T., author <i>On the Affairs of the Countryside</i>
55-117 c.120	Tacitus (P. Cornelius Tacitus) 97/98 Publication of <i>On Germany</i>
70	Death of Lucius Junius Columella, author of <i>On Agriculture</i>
c.100	Mithraism appears as a cult in the Roman Empire.
c.155	Martyrdom of Polycarp of Smyrna
c.232-c.303	Porphyry, Neoplatonic philosopher
235-84	The ‘third-century crisis’ of usurpations and revolts
284-305	Reign of Emperor Diocletian 286 Empire divided between two <i>augusti</i> : Diocletian in the East, and Maximian in the West 301 Edict of Prices, shortly after an edict on tax-reform
c.311-83	Ulphilas, missionary to the Goths, translator of the Bible into Gothic
306-37	Reign of Emperor Constantine
306	306 Constantine elected emperor (‘raised to the purple’) at York 312 Battle of Milvian Bridge; Conversion of Constantine to Christianity 313 Edict of Milan 314 Council of Arles on Donatism 324 Victory over the eastern emperor Licinius; founding of Constantinople 325 Council of Niceaea on Arianism <i>Basilica Nova</i> , Rome Church of Santa Constanza, Rome
c.315/c.336-397	St Martin, bishop of Tours c. 360 Monastery of Ligugé founded
c.345-402	Symmachus, senatorial aristocrat in the West
c. 330-79	St Basil ‘the Great’ 357-8 Visits monks in Egypt and the Holy Land 358-9 <i>Rule of St Basil</i>
c. 339-97	St Ambrose, bishop of Milan
c. 360-after 430	John Cassian, monk, author of the <i>Institutes</i> and the <i>Conferences</i>
353/5-431	Paulinus, founder of the monastery of Nola (southern Italy)
357	Battle of Strasbourg
360-3	Reign of the pagan Emperor Julian the Apostate 363 Julian killed in the course of a Persian campaign
364-78	Reign of Emperor Valens in the East 372 Monastery of Marmouëtiers founded 376 Visigoths cross the River Danube and settle in the Roman province of Thrace 378 Valens defeated and killed by the Goths at the Battle of Adrianople. 379-88 Ruler in the East
c.375	Arrival of the Huns east of the Roman Empire
379-95	Reign of Emperor Theodosius I the Great 381 Council of Aquileia 383 Attempted usurpation from Britain of Magnus Maximus 388-94 De facto ruler of the whole empire 391 Prohibited pagan worship 391/2 Council of Capua

	394 Battle of the Frigidus and defeat of the usurper, Eugenius
	394-5 Sole emperor
354-430	Augustine of Hippo
	395-8 <i>The Confessions</i>
	416-22 <i>The City of God</i>
c.343-420	St Jerome, translator of the Bible into Latin (the Vulgate)
	382-5 Secretary to Pope Damasus
	386 Settled as abbot in Bethlehem
395-408	Reign of Emperor Arcadius in the East
395-423	Reign of Emperor Honorius in the West
5th century	Martianus Capella, author of <i>The Marriage of Philology and Mercury</i>
405	The Goths cross the River Rhine led by Radagaisus
406-7	Attempted usurpations from Britain of Marcus, Gratian, and Constantine III
407	The Vandals, Burgundians, and Suebi cross the River Rhine
c. 410	Honoratus founds a monastery on the island of Lérins near Marseilles (France)
408-50	Reign of Emperor Theodosius II in the East
	410 Alaric, king of the Visigoths, sacks Rome
	411 Settlement of the Suebi in north-west Spain
417	Orosius, author of <i>History against the Pagans</i>
418	Settlement of the Visigoths in south-west Gaul
425-55	Reign of Emperor Valentinian III in the West
429	The Vandals cross the Straits of Gibraltar to North Africa.
437	Code of Theodosius issued
439	The Vandals capture Carthage
440-61	Leo I, pope
443	Settlement of the Burgundians in Switzerland and neighbouring areas
449	Date given by Bede for the arrival of the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes in Britain.
Mid-/late 5th century	St Patrick evangelises Ireland
451	The Huns invade Gaul under Attila
454	Settlement of the Ostrogoths in Pannonia.
c.457-81	Childeric, king of the Franks
c. 470-542	Caesarius, bishop of Arles
473-5	Reign of Julius Nepos, emperor at Rome
475-6	Reign of Romulus Augustulus, emperor at Rome
	476 Deposition by Odoacer
476-93	Reign in Italy of Odoacer
c. 480-c. 550	St Benedict of Nursia
	c. 540 <i>Rule of St Benedict</i>
480-524	Boethius, author of <i>The Consolation of Philosophy</i>
481-511	Reign of Clovis, first Christian Merovingian king of the Franks
	496 or 503, 506, 508 Baptised
	507 Victory over the Visigoths at Vouillé
485/90-c.580	Cassiodorus, author of the <i>Variae, History of the Goths</i> (lost), founder of Vivarium
492-6	Gelasius, I, pope
493-526	Reign in Italy of Theoderic, king of the Ostrogoths
522	Council of Orléans

524	Killing of King Sigismund of the Burgundians
527-65	Reign of Justinian, emperor of Byzantium
	536 Invasion of Italy Haghia Sophia, Constantinople San Vitale, Ravenna
532-4	The Franks invade and destroy the kingdom of Burgundy
c.530-c.610	Venantius Fortunatus, author of Latin poetry and a <i>Life of St Martin</i>
c.540-604	Gregory the Great, pope
c.540-94	Gregory of Tours, author of <i>The History of the Franks</i> , and <i>The Lives of the Fathers</i>
543-late 7th century	Plague
	543-6 in the Byzantine Empire
	563 in the Auvergne (France)
	570 in North Italy, Gaul, and Spain
	592 at Tours and Nantes Mid- to late 7th century: in England
c.560-636	Isidore of Seville, bishop of Seville, author of the <i>Etymologies</i> , and the <i>Great Chronicle</i>
561-84	Reign Chilperic I, king of the Franks Killing of Queen Galswinth
561-92	Reign of Guntram, king of the Franks (welcomed by Syrians)
568	Establishment of the kingdom of the Lombards in Italy
575-95	Childebert I, king of the Franks
590-604	Pope Gregory the Great, author of <i>The Pastoral Care</i> , <i>The Dialogues</i> , <i>The Commentary on Job</i>
	597 Pope Gregory the Great's missionary Augustine arrives in Kent
591	Eusebius the Syrian becomes Bishop of Paris
7th century	Book of Durrow
613	Killing of Brunhild, regent for Childebert II (575-91), Theudebert II (595-612), and Theuderic II (595-613)
615	St Columbanus, abbot, founder of monasteries of Luxeuil and Annegray (France) and Bobbio (Italy)
616	Death of Æthelberht, king of Kent
c.620-30	Burial mounds at Sutton Hoo, Suffolk, England
619	Life of John the Almsgiver
627	Edwin, first Christian king of Northumbria, baptised at York Marriage to Æthelburg of Kent
	627 Baptism
633-42	Oswald, king of Northumbria
	634 Battle of Heavenfield
634-709	St Wilfrid, bishop and abbot
	635 Foundation of the island monastery of Lindisfarne (Holy Island) as the bishopric for Northumbria by the missionary Aidan and King Oswald
635-c.750	Arab military and political expansion
642-70	Oswiu, king of Northumbria
	655 Killing of King Oswine of the southern Northumbrians (Deira)
	642 Battle of the <i>Winwaed</i>
	664 Synod of Whitby
648	Cenwealh, king of Wessex, founds church at Winchester
657-73	Reign of Chlotar III, king of the Franks
662	Emperor Constans II uses the coast-road from Constantinople to Athens
670s	Relics of St Birinus translated to Winchester
687	St Cuthbert, bishop of Lindisfarne, dies as a hermit on Inner Farne (England)

689	Benedict Biscop 673/4 founds Monkwearmouth 681/2 founds Jarrow
688-716 c.673-735	Ceolfrith, abbot of Monkwearmouth-Jarrow Bede, monk of Monkwearmouth-Jarrow, author of the <i>Ecclesiastical History of the English People</i> and <i>The Reckoning of Time</i> 731 <i>Ecclesiastical History of the English People</i> 734 Letter to Bishop Ecgberht of York
c.675-754 690/720	Boniface (Wynfrith), missionary, archbishop of Mainz Dumps at the Crypta Balbi, Rome 690 First dump 720 Second dump
8th century Early 8th century Early 8th century	Naranco, palace near Oviedo The Franks Casket, Northumbria Lindisfarne Gospels Ruthwell Cross Bewcastle Cross (or monument) St Andrews sarcophagus Church of Santa Maria, Cividale Pippin (from 751 King Pippin III) conquers Frisia
c.700-84 c.700-c.787 c.705-44	Virgil, missionary, bishop of Salzburg Willibald, English missionary and pilgrim to the Holy Land Daniel, bishop of Winchester, author of a letter of advice on conversion to the missionary Boniface
c.720-c.800	Paul the Deacon, scholar at Charlemagne's court, author of the <i>Deeds of the Bishops of Metz</i> , and <i>The History of the Lombards</i>
c.730-802 c.740-804 711 716-57 744 751-68	Paulinus of Aquileia, scholar at Charlemagne's court Alcuin of York, scholar at Charlemagne's court, abbot of St Martin's, Tours Moslem invasion of Spain and destruction of the kingdom of the Visigoths Æthelbald, king of Mercia Sturm founds the monastery of Fulda (Germany) Reign of Pippin III, king of the Franks 751 Replacement of Childeric III, last Merovingian king of the Franks, by the first Carolingian king, Pippin III, and his anointing by Archbishop Boniface 754 Anointing of King Pippin III by Pope Stephen
754	Martyrdom of the English missionary Boniface, archbishop of Mainz, in Frisia
757-96 c.750-821	Offa, king of Mercia Theodulf, bishop of Orléans, scholar at Charlemagne's court, author of <i>The Caroline Books</i>
768-814	Reign of Charlemagne, king of the Franks and from 800 emperor 770s Conquest of Lombardy 778 Expedition to Zaragoza 782 First Saxon capitulary 789 General Admonition 794 Coinage reform (class III to class IV) 794 Synod of Frankfurt; reform of coins from 1.3g to 1.4g 799 Deposition of Pope Leo III and his flight to Charlemagne's court at Paderborn c.800 Polyptych of St Germain des Prés 800 Coronation of Charlemagne as emperor in Rome 802 Reform of <i>missi dominici</i> 805/6 Capitulary of Diedenhofen (Thionville)

	806 Capitulary of Nijmegen
773-96	Offa, king of Mercia
794	Killing of Æthelberht, king of the East Angles Construction of Offa's Dyke
Late 8th century	Venice emerges as a trading centre
Early 9th century	Coppergate Helmet, York
c.801-65	Anskar
	829 Mission to Birka (Sweden)
	831 Archbishop of Hamburg
c.806-82	Hincmar, archbishop of Rheims, author of <i>On the Organisation of the Palace</i>
808	King Godefrid of the Danes moves the merchants from Reric to Haithabu
c.810-c.877	John the Scot, Eriugena, author of <i>On the Division of Nature</i>
814-40	Reign of Louis the Pious, king of the Franks and emperor
817-24	Paschal I, pope
829	Jonas of Orleans writes <i>On the Office of the King</i>
831-2	First journey recorded via the Gulf of Corinth
839	Greek ambassadors come to Louis the Pious in company with <i>Rhos</i>
840-3	Civil Wars between the sons of Louis the Pious leading to the Treaty of Verdun
840-70	Charles the Bald, king of the Franks and emperor
	841 Oaths of Strasbourg between Louis the Pious's sons, Charles the Bald and Louis the German, and their followers
	844-8 Polyptych of Saint-Bertin
	848 Anointing as king of Aquitaine
	869 Anointing as king of Lotharingia
Mid-9th century	Dorestad ceases to function.
c.850	Swedish campaign in Kurland, south of Baltic Sea
860s	Papal envoys cross the Balkans overland
866	Arrival in East Anglia of the Viking Great Army
867	Bernard the Frank's journey to Jerusalem
870	Treaty of Meerssen absorbs the Middle Kingdom in the kingdoms of East Frankia and West Frankia
871-99	Reign of Alfred the Great, king of Wessex
	887 Grimbold of Saint-Bertin at King Alfred's court
	890 John the Old Saxon at King Alfred's court
	893 Asser of St David's writes <i>The Life of King Alfred</i> Winchester street-plan laid out
10th Century	Gosforth Cross, Cumbria, England
c.900	Compilation of the Burghal Hidage
902	Death of Hoger, abbot of Werden, author of <i>Musica enchiriadis</i>
913	Repopulation of San Juan de las Abbadessas (Spain)
918	Death of Æthelflæd, lady of Mercia
919-36	Henry I the Fowler, king of Germany
921-2	Embassy of Ibn Fadlan from the caliph of Baghdad to the king of the Bulgars
927-39	Æthelstan, king of England
Mid-10th century	Southampton replaces Hamwih.
c.950-c.1010	Ælfric of Eynsham, author of homilies and saints' lives in Old English

936-73	Otto I, king of Germany 936 Coronation at Aachen
c.958-c.987	Harald Bluetooth, king of Denmark, establishes Christianity in Denmark
961-83	Otto II, king of Germany 961 Crowned king 962 Crowned emperor in Rome 967 Crowned emperor 972 Married the Byzantine princess, Theophanu 973 Came to power on Otto I's death 978 Murder of Edward the Martyr, king England
978-1016	Æthelred the Unready, king of England
983-1002	Otto III, king and emperor 983 Crowned king at Aachen 996 Crowned emperor in Rome by the pope
991	Battle of Maldon
996-1031	Robert the Pious, king of France
c.987-1014	Swein Forkbeard, king of Denmark (c.987-1014), king of England (1013-14)
995	Foundation of Durham
995-9	Olaf Tryggvason, king of Norway, establishes Christianity in Norway
c.995-1022	Olof Skötkonung, king of Sweden, establishes Christianity in Sweden 999 Initiates conversion of Iceland
1002-24	Henry II, king of Germany 1014 Emperor
1014-35	Cnut, king of England, king of Denmark (c.1018-35), king of Denmark (c.1018-35)
1015-28	Olaf Haraldsson, king of Norway 1024 Christianity made compulsory
1030	Death in battle of King Olaf of Norway
1042-66	Edward the Confessor, king of England
1050	Haithabu abandoned
1073-85	Gregory VII, pope
1086	Domesday Book
1170	Death of St Godric of Finchale