

# How did Elizabeth's reign affect Morebath church?

Enquiry: In what ways did the Reformation matter to ordinary people?

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# Storyboard Task

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## Objects come and go

Morebath church quickly got rid of the statues of their saints, just like Elizabeth had told them to. However, they chose to hide their statues and stayed hopeful that they would soon be allowed to have them again. Over the coming years, Sir Christopher kept reminding the villagers where their beautiful statues were kept.

Morebath church also bought all the new Protestant books, like they were told to. They bought an English Bible, the new Protestant Prayer Book and some other Protestant books as well. However, this did make Lucy Scely and others in charge rather stressed as they could be fined if they didn't buy these objects quickly enough!



# Protestant church services

Morebath church now had to get used to Protestant services, rather than the Catholic services they had always had. Sir Christopher had to use the new Protestant Prayer Book in the church services, which were now in English rather than Latin.

Over time, Sir Christopher got used to doing the Protestant services. He started to **preach** during church services, which involved him explaining Protestant ideas to the people of Morebath. In 1564 a special seat was even built by the door for Sir Christopher to **preach** and pray from. Over time it became clear that Morebath church would never have Catholic services again.



## Morebath's way of life was over

Once again Morebath church was left struggling for money. They had to pay for all the new Protestant books and items. People were also less interested in giving to the church, because they couldn't give money or objects to decorate the church like they had always done. As a result, Morebath church was left low on money. Thomas Norman and the 'Four Men' even had to use their own money to pay for things for the church.

The **ales** continued, but they weren't the same as before. They were now focused on raising money above everything else. People were now made to go, and so they couldn't simply enjoy drinking ale and feasting together. It was clear Morebath church would never be the same again.



# Glossary

**ales:** a village event, where people drank ale together

**preach:** to give a talk in a church



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