

# How did Mary's reign affect Morebath church?

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

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## What was the same as before? Objects come and go

Now that Mary was queen, some things were the same as they had been before. Morebath church could get back many of their decorations. The beautiful statues of Saint Mary and Saint George came back from hiding and all the candles came back out again. Margery Lake could even pray with her **rosary beads** once again.

Morebath church could also get rid of all the Protestant things they had been forced to buy. The villagers happily packed up the Protestant Prayer Book, the English Bible and the locked box to raise money for the poor. Sir Christopher could now go back to doing the Catholic services in Latin, like he had always done.



## What was the same as before? Community projects back

The people of Morebath could also go back to decorating their church, like they had done before. The villagers worked together to raise money for different projects. Young women, like Margery Lake, and young men, like John Timewell, collected money around the village so they could paint a beautiful new ceiling at the front of the church.

Morebath Church could finally enjoy having **ales** again! Young men, like John Timewell, enjoyed organising the **ales** and the villages enjoyed feasting together. These **ales** also helped raise money, which the church needed. Thomas Norman and the 'Four Men', along with Lucy Scely, were kept busy planning what to buy with all this money.



## What was different to before?

However, not everything was the same as before. Morebath church was still missing some of their most special objects. Some of the statues were still missing, like Elenor Nichol's favourite statue of Saint Sidwell. The beautiful golden **crucifix** had been burnt and couldn't be easily replaced. The church decided to pay for a new simple **crucifix**, whilst William Popell was carving a better one. Finally, Sir Christopher's beautiful **vestments** were still missing! The villagers couldn't find them. Most of the **stores** never returned. Young women, like Margery Lake, had enjoyed working together to raise money for their **store**, but they couldn't do this in the same way anymore.



# Glossary

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

**crucifix:** a cross with Jesus hanging on it

**rosary beads:** a special necklace, which people could use to help them pray

**store:** a pot of money, which was used to look after a saint's statue.

**vestments:** special robes for Sir Christopher to wear during church services.



# Questions

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