

# How did Edward's reign affect Morebath church?

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

Mrs Goullée



# Storyboard Task

As you read the story you need to create a storyboard. You just need to draw little pictures to show what happened to Morebath church. I would aim for one or two pictures for each paragraph.



## Special objects gone

Every single statue was removed from Morebath church. Some, like Saint Sidwell, were destroyed. The beautiful golden **crucifix** was burned to ashes. The villagers were devastated, especially William Popell who had spent years carving the **crucifix**.

As if that wasn't enough, Sir Christopher's new **vestments** had to go as well. The villagers had spent twenty years saving up for the **vestments**. Now all this time, money and effort had gone to waste.

Meanwhile, women were no longer allowed to pray with their **rosary beads**. Margery Lake missed the comfort they provided. Meanwhile, Elenor Nicholl missed praying to Saint Sidwell.



# Community projects gone

The people of Morebath were no longer allowed to raise money to decorate their church. This meant there was no need for all the village **stores**, which had raised money for candles for each statue. As a result, every store closed down. All the young men, like John Timewell, and all the young women, like Margery Lake, had raised money for a **store**. They now lost their chance to contribute to village life.

After 1548 Morebath church had no more **ales**. These had been special village events, where everyone came together to drink ale and enjoy a feast. The villagers had now lost this chance to come together as a community.



# Struggling for money

Morebath church was now struggling to raise money. The church had relied on the **ales** to provide most of their money. Without the **ales**, Morebath church had no reliable way of raising the money they needed.

Morebath church also had to keep spending money on new Protestant things. King Edward forced them to buy a new locked box for the poor and the new English Prayer Book. These were expensive and Morebath church was left with no money at all. Thomas Norman and the 'Four Men' had to use their own money to pay off the church debts. Lucy Scely even sold some of the church belongings to try and raise money. This made the other villagers very angry with her.



# 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.



# Storyboard Task

As you read the story you need to create a storyboard. You just need to draw little pictures to show what happened to Morebath church. I would aim for one or two pictures for each paragraph.

