

Elizabeth

1533

Elizabeth is borne to Anne Boleyn

1558

Elizabeth succeeds to the throne
William Cecil appointed as Secretary of State

1559

Acts of Supremacy & Uniformity passed by parliament
Royal injunctions issued
Matthew Parker appointed as Archbishop of Canterbury

Anthony Jenkinson in Russia

1560

Death of Amy Robsart

1561

March - New coinage issued

1562

Elizabeth seriously ill with smallpox
Robert Dudley becomes Privy Councillor

1563

February - Tension around Queen's marriage
April - Statute of Artifices
Alms Act
June - Merchants Adventurers granted a new Charter

Trade embargo with Netherlands

1564

September - Dudley made Earl of Leicester

1565

1566

Parker's *Advertisements* are published
Tension around Queen's marriage

1568

May - Mary Queen of Scots arrives in England, put under house arrest
September - Hawkins & Drake ambushed at San Juan de Ulua
October - Seizure of Spanish bullion by Elizabeth
Trade embargo with the Netherlands

1569

Northern Rebellion

1570

February - Elizabeth excommunicated

1571

William Cecil made Lord Burghley
Treasons Act passed
Act to ban the import of Papal Bulls
Walter Strickland introduces bill to reform Book of Common Prayer

1572

June - John Field & Thomas Wilcox publish *An Admonition to the Parliament*
Vagabonds Act
July - Lord Burghley made Lord Treasurer

1573

Sir Francis Walsingham becomes Secretary of State

1574

May - First seminary priests arrive from Douai

1575

Edmund Grindal becomes Archbishop of Canterbury

1576

February - Trouble in parliament over free speech
March - Act for the Relief of the Poor

1577

Grindal confined to house for refusing to act against prophesyings
First execution of Catholic priest as traitor

Drake's circumnavigation

1579

Courtship of Alencon

1580

First Jesuits arrive in Britain

1583

August - John Whitgift becomes Archbishop of Canterbury
October - Whitgift issues Three Articles

1585

Act against Jesuits, seminary priests and 'other such like disobedient persons' passed by parliament

1587

February - Mary Queen of Scots executed
Anthony Cope presents his 'bill and book' in the House of Commons

1588

Defeat of Spanish Armada
First *Marprelate Tracts* published

1589

Protests in parliament about purveyance
Drake's expedition to Portugal

1591

Sir Robert Cecil becomes Privy Councillor

1593

February - Wentworth presses for settlement of the succession
Essex becomes Privy Councillor
June - Plague in London causes fairs to be closed

1594

Elizabeth refuses to make Bacon Attorney-General

1595

June - Riots by apprentices and others in London

1596

Death of Drake
Essex goes to Cadiz
Cecil made principal private secretary to Queen
Very poor harvests lead to food riots in Kent
Oxfordshire rising

1597

November - Protests in parliament about monopolies

1598

Act for Relief of the Poor
Act for the Punishment of Rogues
Lord Burghley (William Cecil) dies
Tyrone defeats English troops at the battle of the Yellow Ford

1599

March - Essex to Ireland
September - Essex returns without permission

1600

Mountjoy to Ireland

1601

February - Essex's Rebellion
Execution of Essex
November - Some monopolies cancelled
December - Act for the Relief of the Poor

1603

Surrender of Tyrone
Death of Elizabeth