



# Conversion to Christianity



**Read through the sentences and fill in the missing words using the word box to help you.**

When the Anglo-Saxons first came to Britain they followed the \_\_\_\_\_ religion but over a period of about one hundred years they were converted to \_\_\_\_\_.

In 597AD Pope Gregory the Great from \_\_\_\_\_ sent a Roman monk called \_\_\_\_\_ to Britain to persuade the Anglo-Saxons to become Christians.

Augustine converted \_\_\_\_\_ of Kent to Christianity soon after his arrival. Ethelbert was \_\_\_\_\_ and became the first Anglo-Saxon Christian king.

Augustine founded Canterbury \_\_\_\_\_ and became the first \_\_\_\_\_ of Canterbury.

Rome	Cathedral	King Ethelbert
Archbishop	Christianity	baptised
pagan	Augustine	

A famous Irish abbot called \_\_\_\_\_ helped to convert people in Scotland to Christianity.

In 563AD Columba founded an \_\_\_\_\_ on the island of \_\_\_\_\_, just off the west coast of Scotland and around \_\_\_\_\_, he converted the Northern Pictish King Bridei to Christianity.

Iona	abbey
565AD	Columba

Oswald was the King of \_\_\_\_\_ from 634AD until he was killed in battle in 642AD.

In 635AD King Oswald asked the \_\_\_\_\_ at Iona to help him teach the people of Northumbria about Christianity.

A monk called \_\_\_\_\_ was sent from Iona to Northumbria to help with the \_\_\_\_\_. Oswald made Aidan into a \_\_\_\_\_ and gave him the island of \_\_\_\_\_ where he founded a monastery.

monks	Aidan	bishop
Lindisfarne	Northumbria	mission



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**Use your Saintly Information notes sheet to answer the questions about the Anglo-Saxon conversion to Christianity.**

1. What religion did the Anglo-Saxons follow when they first came to Britain?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did Pope Gregory the Great from Rome send Augustine to Britain in 597AD?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Who became the first Anglo-Saxon Christian king?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What important building did Augustine build?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Which famous Irish abbot helped to convert people in Scotland to Christianity?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Where did Columba build his abbey in 563AD?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What was the name of the Pictish king who Columba converted to Christianity around 565AD?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Who was Oswald?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Who did King Oswald ask to help him teach the people of Northumbria about Christianity in 635AD?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What was the name of the monk who was sent from Iona to Northumbria to help with the mission to convert the people there to Christianity?  
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11. What did Aidan build on the island of Lindisfarne?  
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12. Draw a picture of each of the Christian saints: Augustine, Columba, Oswald and Aidan on the back of this sheet.

# Conversion to Christianity Answers

Use your **Saintly Information** notes sheet to answer the questions about the **Anglo-Saxon conversion to Christianity**.

1. Paganism.
2. To teach and try to convert the people of Britain to Christianity.
3. King Ethelbert of Kent.
4. Canterbury Cathedral.
5. Columba or St.Columba
6. The island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland.
7. King Bridei.
8. King of Northumbria, 634AD to 642AD.
9. Monks from Iona Abbey.
10. Aidan or St.Aidan.
11. A monestary/Lindisfarne Priory.





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Use your Saintly Information notes sheet to write about each of the four men who were influential in converting the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity.

- Augustine
- Columba
- Oswald
- Aidan

For each person, make sure you include the following details:

- Who they were
- When they lived
- What they are known for
- What building they built

