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Anglo-Saxon Archbishops





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Biographical Sources for Archbishops of Canterbury from 597 to the Norman Conquest

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1 Introduction

This is a complete list of the Archbishops before the Norman Conquest. The biographical information includes dates in office, birth and death dates (where known), places of burial and modern sources of biographical information.

Brief bibliographies of works published before 2005 exist for some Archbishops in the entries for *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* listed below.

Some primary sources are printed in A.W. Haddan and W. Stubbs, *Councils and Ecclesiastical Documents relating to Great Britain and Ireland*, 3 vols. (Oxford, 1869-71)

2 Abbreviations Used

Cantuar: E. Carpenter, *Cantuar: The Archbishops in their Office*, 3rd ed. (London, 1997).

DNB: *Dictionary of National Biography*, ed. H.C.G. Matthew and B. Harrison, 60 vols. (Oxford, 2004), and *Dictionary of National Biography*, ed. L. Stephen and S. Lee, 63 vols. (London, 1885-1900)

Hook's Lives: W.F. Hook, *Lives of the Archbishops of Canterbury*, 12 vols. (London, 1860-76).

DCB: *Dictionary of Christian Biography*, ed. W. Smith and H. Wace, 4 vols. (London, 1877-87).

ODCC: *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 3rd ed., ed. F. L. Cross and E. A. Livingstone (Oxford, 2005)



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3 Archbishops of Canterbury 597-1070

Augustine (597-c.604-9)

Died: c.604-9

Burial place: St. Augustine's, Canterbury

Biography: Cantuar pp. 2-11; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 42-79; DCB v. 1, pp. 225-8; ODCC

Laurence (or Laurentius or Lawrence) (c.604-9-619)

Died: 619

Burial place: St. Augustine's, Canterbury

Biography: Cantuar pp. 11-12; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 79-90; DCB v. 3, pp. 631-3.

Mellitus (619-24)

Died: 624

Burial place: St. Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury

Biography: Cantuar p. 12; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 91-9; DCB v. 3, pp. 900-901; ODCC

Justus (624-c.627/31)

Died: c.627-31

Burial place: St. Augustine's, Canterbury.

Biography: Cantuar p. 12; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 100-110; DCB v. 3, pp. 592-3; ODCC

Honorius (c.627/31-653)

Died: 653

Burial place: St. Augustine's, Canterbury

Biography: Cantuar p. 12; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 111-25; DCB v. 3, pp. 153-5

Deusdedit (655-663)

Died: 663

Burial place: St Augustine's, Canterbury

Biography: Cantuar pp. 14-15; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 126-41; DCB v. 1, pp. 821-2; ODCC

Theodore (668-90)

Born: c.602

Died: 690

Burial place: St. Augustine's, Canterbury.

Biography: Cantuar pp. 16-21; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 146-76; DCB v. 4, pp. 926-32; ODCC



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Berhtwald (693-731)

Born: c.650

Died: 731

Burial place: St. Augustine's, Canterbury.

Biography: Cantuar p. 22; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 178-95; DCB v. 1, pp. 315-6

Tatwine (731-34)

Died: 734

Burial place: St. Augustine's, Canterbury.

Biography: DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 195-207; DCB v. 4, pp. 804-5

Nothelm (735-39)

Died: 739

Burial place: St. Augustine's, Canterbury.

Biography: DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 207-17; DCB v. 4, pp. 54-5

Cuthbert (740-58)

Died: 758

Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral

Biography: Cantuar p. 24; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 217-35; DCB v. 1, pp. 729-30

Bregowine (759-65)

Died: 765

Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral

Biography: Cantuar p. 25; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 235-42; DCB v. 1, p. 334

Jaenberht (765-91)

Died: 791

Burial place: St. Augustine's, Canterbury.

Biography: Cantuar p. 25; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 242-54; DCB v. 3, pp. 336-8

Aethelheard (793-805)

Died: 805

Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral.

Biography: Cantuar pp. 26-8; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 255-70; DCB v. 4, pp. 223-5; ODCC

Wulfred (805-32)

Died: 832

Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral.

Biography: Cantuar pp. 29-30; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 270-83; DCB v. 4, pp. 1195-7



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Feologild (832)

Died: 832

Biography: DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 283-4; DCB v. 2, p. 504

Ceolnoth (833-70)

Died: 870

Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral.

Biography: DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 284-97

Aethelred (870-89)

Died: 889

Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral.

Biography: DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 298-313

Plegmund (890-914 or 923)

Died: 914 (or 923)

Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral.

Biography: DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 313-34

Aethelhelm (or Athelm) (914-23 (or 923-926))

Died: 923 (or 926)

Biography: DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 334-9

Wulfhelm (923-41 (or 926-941))

Died: 941

Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral.

Biography: DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 339-59

Oda (942-59)

Died: 959

Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral.

Biography: Cantuar p. 33; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 361-82; ODCC

Aelfsige (958-59)

Died: 959

Biography: Cantuar p. 33; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, p. 402

Byrthelm (or Beorhthelm or Brithelm) (959-60)

Biography: Cantuar p. 33; Hook's Lives v. 1, p. 402

Dunstan (960-88)

Born: c.924

Died: 988



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Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral.

Biography: Cantuar pp. 33-7; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 383-427; ODCC

Aethelgar (998-89)

Died: 989

Biography: Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 428-32

Sigeric (or Serio) (989-994)

Died: 994

Biography: DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 432-40

Aelfric (995-1005)

Died: 1005

Burial place: Abingdon, moved to Canterbury Cathedral in Cnut's reign.

Will: Printed in *Codex diplomaticus aevi saxonici*, ed. J.M. Kemble, 6 vols. (1839-48), v. 3, pp. 351-2. Translation is printed in Hook's Lives, v. 1, pp. 454-5.

Biography: DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1 pp. 440-56.

Aelfheah (or Alphege or Elphege) (1006-12)

Born: 954

Died: 1012

Burial place: St. Paul's Cathedral, London, then moved by Cnut to Canterbury Cathedral.

Biography: Cantuar pp. 37-8; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 457-72; ODCC

Lyfing (or Aelfstan) (1013-20)

Died: 1020

Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral.

Biography: Cantuar p. 38; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 472-8.

Aethelnoth (1020-38)

Died: 1038

Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral.

Biography: Cantuar p. 38; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 478-88.

Eadsige (1038-50)

Died: 1050

Biography: Cantuar pp. 38-9; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 489-93.

Robert of Jumièges (1051-52)

Died: c.1052-70

Burial place: Jumièges Abbey, France.

Biography: Cantuar pp. 39-40; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 494-506



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Stigand (1052-70)

Died: 1072

Burial place: Winchester

Biography: Cantuar pp. 40, 44; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 506-32; ODCC