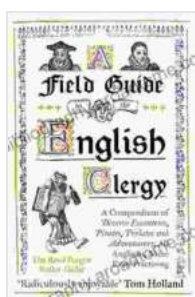


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## **History of the Church of England**

The Church of England traces its roots back to the early days of Christianity in Britain. The first Christian missionaries arrived in Britain in the 1st century AD, and by the 4th century, Christianity had become the dominant religion in the country.

The Church of England was formally established in 597 AD by Pope Gregory I. The church was initially under the authority of the Pope, but it gradually gained independence over the centuries.

The English Reformation, which began in the 16th century, marked a major turning point in the history of the Church of England. The Reformation led to the break between the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church, and the establishment of the Church of England as an independent body.

## **Structure of the Church of England**

The Church of England is a hierarchical organization, with the Archbishop of Canterbury at its head. The Archbishop is the spiritual leader of the church and has authority over all other clergy members.

Below the Archbishop are the bishops, who are responsible for overseeing the dioceses of the Church of England. There are currently 44 dioceses in the Church of England, each of which is led by a bishop.

Below the bishops are the priests, who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the parishes of the Church of England. There are currently over 20,000 priests in the Church of England.

The lowest rank of clergy in the Church of England is the deacon. Deacons are responsible for assisting the priests with the liturgy and other duties.

## **Beliefs of the Church of England**

The Church of England is a Protestant church, and its beliefs are based on the Bible. The church's official creed is the Thirty-Nine Articles, which were adopted in 1563.

The Thirty-Nine Articles affirm the authority of the Bible, the Trinity, the Incarnation, and the Resurrection. They also reject the doctrines of transubstantiation and purgatory.

The Church of England is a broad church, and there is a wide range of theological views within the church. However, all clergy members are required to subscribe to the Thirty-Nine Articles.

## **Biographies of Clergy Members**

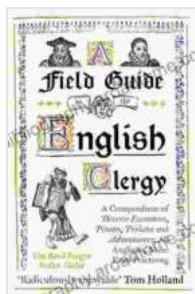
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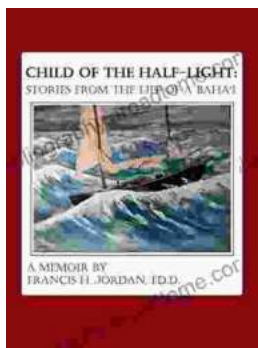
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