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

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

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

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

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
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.

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

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
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.

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

Byrthhelm (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
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.

**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.

**Aethelnoth (1020-38)**
Died: 1038
Burial place: Canterbury Cathedral.

**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
Stigand (1052-70)
Died: 1072
Burial place: Winchester
Biography: Cantuar pp. 40, 44; DNB; Hook's Lives v. 1, pp. 506-32; ODCC