

A TIMELINE OF EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF ST JAMES PRIORY

535-540: Rule of St. Benedict set down.

1066: Battle of Hastings.

1124-37: St James Priory is founded.

1140: Bristol Cathedral (originally St Augustine's Abbey) was founded.

1160: Money given to St. James to hold a fair, now known as St. James Fair.

1170: Oculus window is thought to have been added.

1215: Magna Carta signed.

1241: Eleanor of Brittany died. She was initially buried at St James Priory.

1348: "Black Death" enters Britain.

1374: The Tower is built at St. James.

1387: Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales appears.

1415: Henry V defeats the French at the Battle of Agincourt.

1455: The War of the Roses begins.

1533: Henry VIII marries Anne Boleyn, following the divorce of Catherine of Aragon.

1535: Henry VIII starts to dissolve the monasteries in England.

1540: Dissolution of St. James Priory.

1580: Charles Somerset inherits the mansion of St. James.

1588: The defeat of the Spanish Armada under Elizabeth I.

1605: Gunpowder Plot, plans to assassinate James I, and Guy Fawkes arrested.

1616: William Shakespeare dies.

1666: Great Fire of London destroys two thirds of the city.

1768: Captain James Cook leads the first expedition to the Pacific.

1805: Battle of Trafalgar.

1837: Queen Victoria ascends to the throne.

1837: Suppression of St. James Fair

1843: SS Great Britain launched.

1854: Crimean War begins.

1864: Clifton Suspension Bridge opened.

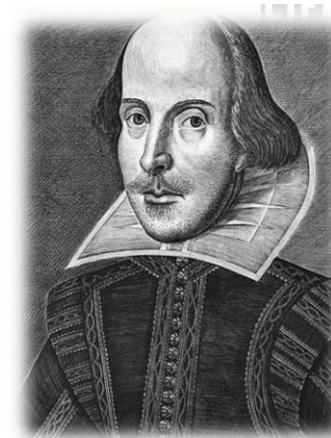
1859: Charles Darwin publishes Origin of Species



The Bayeux Tapestry depicting the Battle of Hastings.



An image of a Doctor during the Black Death.



William Shakespeare



Queen Victoria in her Coronation robes.

1899: Second Boer War begins.

1901: Queen Victoria dies.

1912: The Titanic sinks and 1503 lives were lost.

1914: Britain declares War on Germany.

1918: World War I ends when Germany signs armistice.

1922: Memorial Stained glass windows were added to St. James.

1929: Wall Street Crash sparks the Great Depression.

1939: Britain declares War on Germany.

1940: Evacuation of Dunkirk, France and the Battle of Britain begins.

1945: World War II ends and Britain celebrates VE Day.

1952: Elizabeth II comes to the throne.

1973: Clifton Roman Catholic Cathedral opened.

1979: Conservative Margaret Thatcher becomes Britain's first female Prime Minister.

1982: Argentina invades Falkland Islands that belong to the British.

1984: St James Priory closes, becomes redundant church.

1989: Fall of the Berlin Wall, representing the end of the Cold War.

1992: Little Brothers of Nazareth sign a 99 year lease for St. James.

1996: Walsingham House opens .

1999: St James House (the old Almshouses) opens.

2004: St James put on English Heritage 'Buildings At Risk Register'

2005: Royal visit to St James by Duchess of Gloucester .

2007: December awarded Heritage Lottery Stage 1 Grant

2008: Barack Obama is elected to be President of the USA.

2009: March, St James Awarded Stage 2 Heritage Lottery Grant

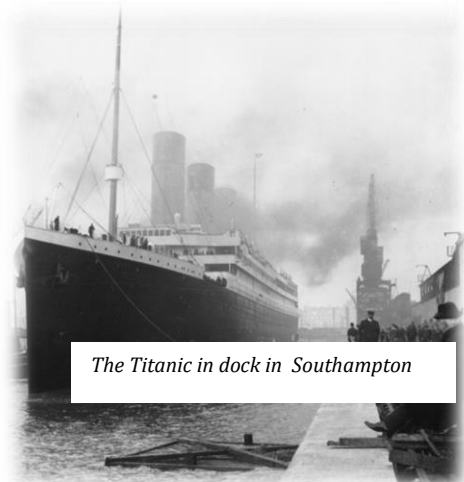
2009: November 1st work begins on site.

**2011: July 25th re-opening of St James Priory
St James is nominated for an English Heritage Angel Award.**

2012: Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee.

2014: Hidden Heritage Grant from HLF awarded.

2016: St James Fair takes place again -179 years after it was closed down.



St James Priory

