

It is true that for many years the English Church was under the dominion of the Bishop of Rome. And first one error, and then another, were forced upon her, until the truth of God almost vanished. During this dark and unhappy period, many sighed for a purer light. Many of her members longed to see her free herself from the shackles that bound her. And at length, about three hundred years ago, a few bold champions were raised up by God to protest against the errors which they saw around them, and to restore His truth.

Then it was that the Church of England was reformed; and error, wherever it was seen to exist, was cast out. The Public Services, which had been in Latin, were now used in English. The Bible, which had long been almost a sealed Book, was now translated, and was read freely in all our churches. And the false doctrines and practices, which had gradually crept in, were at once given up.

This was what is called *the Reformation*.