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Thomas Cranmer led the English church through the Protestant Reformation under King Henry VIII. By 1552, the Anglican Church was fully Protestant, not only separated from the Pope in Rome, but theologically Protestant. He was Archbishop of Canterbury throughout this period. He helped write and compile *The Book of Common Prayer*, drawing on scripture and many earlier Christian resources. He also wanted to shape the spiritual lives of ordinary people, so he ensured that The Prayer Book and the Bible should be read in English so people could understand them.

When the Roman Catholic Queen Mary I came to power, Cranmer was arrested and punished for his teachings. He was burned at the stake in 1556 and is remembered today as a hero of the Faith.



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- **Founder of the Anglican Church**
- **Compiled *Book of Common Prayer***
- **Feast Day: March 21, the date he was martyred in 1556**

