

Archbishop Alphege



Can you put these events in order to tell the story of the capture of Archbishop Alphege.

- a. Pilgrims came to visit his tomb next to the High Altar in the Cathedral.
- b. The Vikings took Alphege hostage and took him to their base in Greenwich.
- c. In 1011 the Vikings invaded Kent and came to the Cathedral to steal their wealth.
- d. King Canute took Alphege's body back to Canterbury Cathedral where he was buried.
- e. When Canterbury tried to pay the ransom money Alphege refused to be ransomed.
- f. His body was taken to Saint Paul's Cathedral in London where it stayed until 1023.
- g. Saint Alphege became the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1005.
- h. One night the Vikings attacked Alphege with ox bones and killed him.



1. G 2.C 3.B 4.E 5.H 6.F 7.D 8.A

Should you..?



Imagine you are these characters in the Alphege story.

What would you do?



Who?	Yes because...	No because...
A Viking raiding off the coast of Kent - should you invade Canterbury?		
A leader of the town of Canterbury – should you pay the Vikings Danegeld, a bribe to stay away?		
A Viking raiding Canterbury – should you capture Archbishop Alphege?		
The prior at Canterbury Cathedral – should you pay a ransom to get Alphege back?		

Stop the press



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You may choose to write for:

1. The Canterbury Express

2. The Viking Times

How would you tell the story differently depending on who you were writing for?

Write your headline and story in the spaces provided.

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