

# Christianity through the Ages

## Reading together: Teacher notes

Four reading together texts are provided. These are all using real world examples of writing, and writing from the past. Short or long texts can be used according to the reading attainment of the pupils.

CTTA5 and CTTA6 are extracts from “The Life of Blessed Francis” written by the monk Thomas of Celano just after 1228. This work was commissioned by Pope Gregory IX following St Francis’ canonization.

CTTA7 and CTTA8 are extracts from “The Fall of Roche Abbey and the Provenance of Cambridge University Library” written by Michael Sherbrook, the Rector of Wickersley, sometime in the 1590s. Although Michael was a child at the time of the dissolution, his father and uncle both participated in its destruction, despite having a good opinion of the Abbot and the monks.

Reading together can either be a class activity with the text on the whiteboard or a group activity with printed texts to read. In either case it may aid comprehension if you pause after each paragraph and discuss the meanings of unfamiliar words and what the writer is saying.