

The Reformation

The revolution that changed the world

This exhibition celebrates the 500th anniversary of the Reformation which has had a major impact on British and European History. At the time it made a big difference to our forefathers in Guildford and its effects have rippled down through history to influence the way we live now.

The exhibition and the talks have been organised by Life Matters, a group from several churches in Guildford that meet informally to study God's word, the Bible, which was first made available in printed form at the Reformation.

The panels show some of the changes in our culture that are attributed to the Reformation. The Latin tag *Post hoc ergo propter hoc* assumes that since things happened after some event, they are therefore due to that event: this is a logical fallacy, since some of them may have happened anyway. However, historians assert that many of the events that followed the Reformation were definitely caused by the change in religious perspective that occurred then. Our forefathers in Guildford lived through these momentous times and it is worth looking back at how their lives were affected.

- 1 The Reformation starts in Europe
- 2 The political background to the Reformation in England
- 3 The political background to the Reformation in England
- 4 How the English Bible came to us
- 5 The course of the Reformation in the church in England
- 6 The development of faith in England after the Reformation
- 7 The Reformation – opposition, persecution and war
- 8 The Reformation and society
- 9 The Reformation and education
- 10 The Reformation and business and commerce
- 11 How the Reformation affected politics and rights
- 12 The Reformation and the birth of modern science
- 13 The impact of the Reformation on art
- 14 The impact of the Reformation on music