

The Medieval Church



- In Medieval England, the Church _____ everybody's life.
- All Medieval people - be they village peasants or towns people _____ that God, Heaven and Hell all existed.

- The people were taught that the only way they could get to Heaven was if the Roman _____ let them.
- Everybody would have been terrified of _____ and the people would have been told of the sheer horrors awaiting for them in Hell in the weekly services they attended.

- The control the Church had over the people was _____.
- Peasants worked for free on Church _____.
- They paid 10% of what they earned in a year to the Church (this tax was called _____).



↳ Tithes could be paid in either money or in goods produced by the peasant farmers.

- As peasants had little money, they almost always had to pay in:

- seeds
- harvested grain
- animals etc.

↳ This usually caused a peasant a lot of _____ as seeds, for example, would be needed to feed a family the following year.

- What the Church got in tithes was kept in huge _____; a lot of the stored grain would have been eaten by rats or poisoned by their urine.

- A failure to pay tithes, so the peasants were told by the Church, would lead to their _____ going to Hell after they had died.

- This is one reason why the Church was so wealthy.

- One of the reasons _____ wanted to reform the Church was get hold of the Catholic Church's money.

- You also had to pay for baptisms (if you were not _____ you could not go to Heaven when you died), and burials - you had to be buried on _____ if your soul was to get to heaven.

- The Church also did not have to pay _____.

The sheer wealth of the Church is best shown in its _____:

- cathedrals
- churches
- monasteries.

- Important cities would have _____ in them.

- The most famous cathedrals were at _____

- Their sheer size meant that people would see them from miles around, and remind them of the huge _____ of the Catholic Church in Medieval England.

