

1295 Birth of Isabella, daughter of Philip IV 'The Fair' of France

1312 Birth of Edward, later Edward III

1307 Accession of Edward II to the throne

1308 Marriage of Edward II and Isabella of France



The marriage of Edward II and Isabella (detail).

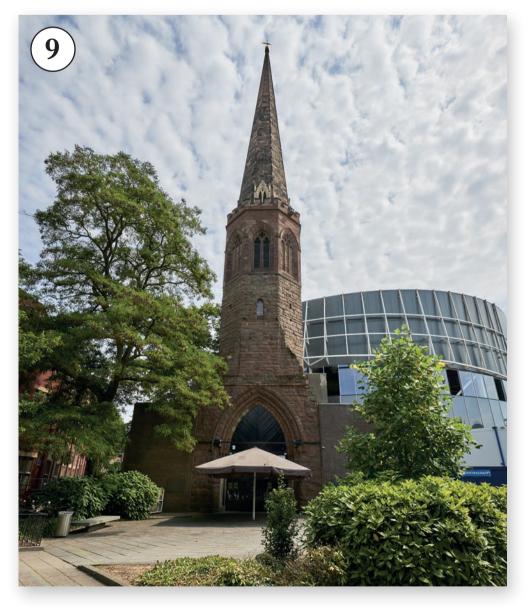
1327 Abdication of Edward II and rule of Isabella and Roger Mortimer

> 1330 Edward III assumes power; Mortimer killed



Seal from Coventry's Charter of Incorporation. depicting Edward III.

1230s Franciscans – or Greyfriars – established in Coventry



14th-century tower and spire of the former Greyfriars Church.

1043 St Mary's Priory founded by Earl Leofric of Mercia and Godiva

1330 Isabella briefly imprisoned but released and estates restored, including Cheylesmore Manor

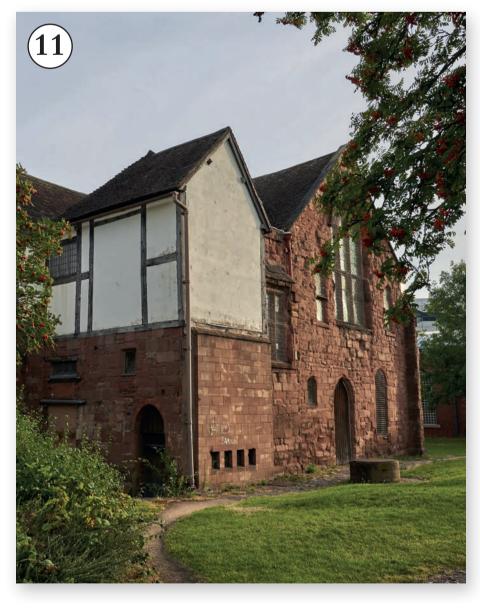
1342 Foundation of Coventry's Carmelite Whitefriars



The rear of the gatehouse to Cheylesmore Manor.

12th and 13th centuries

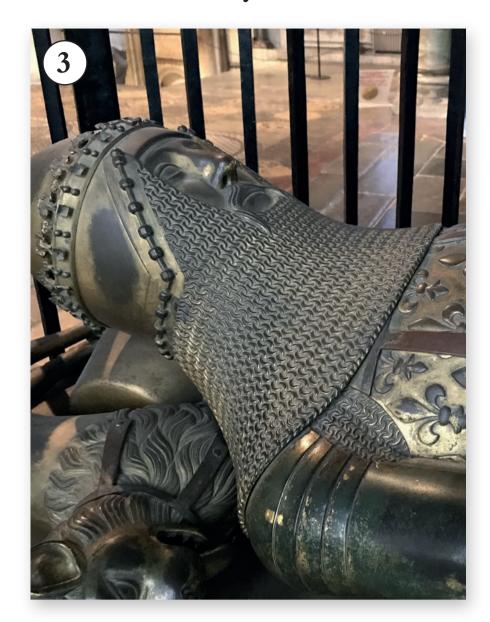
consecrated, having been Coventry develops as a woolproducing town. Divided into 'Earl's Half' and 'Prior's Half'



1337 Start of Hundred Years War

1346 English victory at Battle of Crecy

1358 Death of Queen (4) Isabella. Black Prince's victory at Poitiers



Gilded effigy of the Black Prince in Canterbury Cathedral.



Alabaster tomb of King Henry IV and Queen Joan in Canterbury Cathedral.

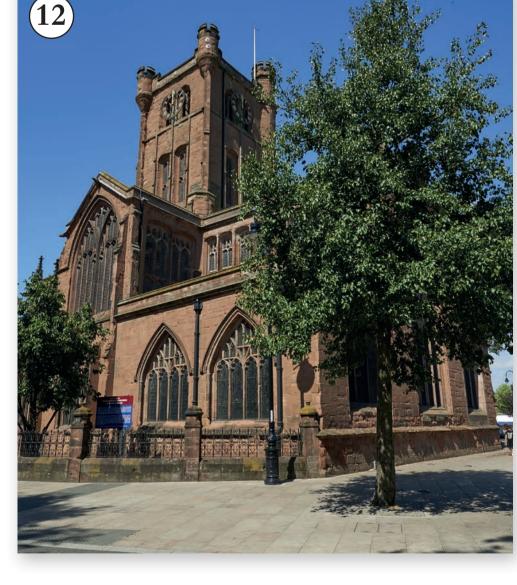
1399 Henry IV deposes Richard II: start of House of Lancaster

1348–9 Black Death

1377 Accession of Richard II

Remains of Whitefriars.

1352 Isabella gives land at Bablake for chapel of St John the Baptist



St John the Baptist Church.

1345 Edward III grants Coventry the Charter of Incorporation

1355 Tripartite Indenture and defeat of the Prior

1377 Poll tax returns shows Coventry to be the fourth wealthiest city in England



St Michael's Church.

1370s Start of the building of St Michael's Church tower and spire

1392

Coventry Holy Trinity Guild formed; foundation of Coventry Charterhouse

1404 'Unlearned Parliament' held St Mary's Hall. in Coventry

1413 Death of Henry IV; accession of Henry V

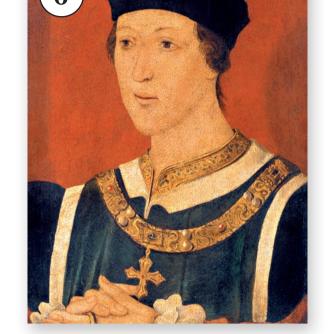
> **1415** Henry V leads the English victory at Agincourt



Henry V, featured in

St Mary's Guildhall.

1422 Birth of Henry VI and death of Henry V; regency of Duke of Bedford



Henry VI, unknown artist, *c*. 1540.

1444–5 Treaty of Tours to end the Hundred Years War; marriage between HenryVI and Margaret ofAnjou

1430 Birth of Margaret, daughter of Rene, duke of Anjou

> 1428–9 Seige of Orleans; first major setback for English in France

> > 1431 Death of Joan of Arc



Henry VI with Margaret of Anjou.

1449 Resumption of hostilities in France

> **1450** Unrest in the country, including 'Cade's Rebellion'





1422 Start of proceedings in the Coventry Leet Book 1451 Coventry given county status

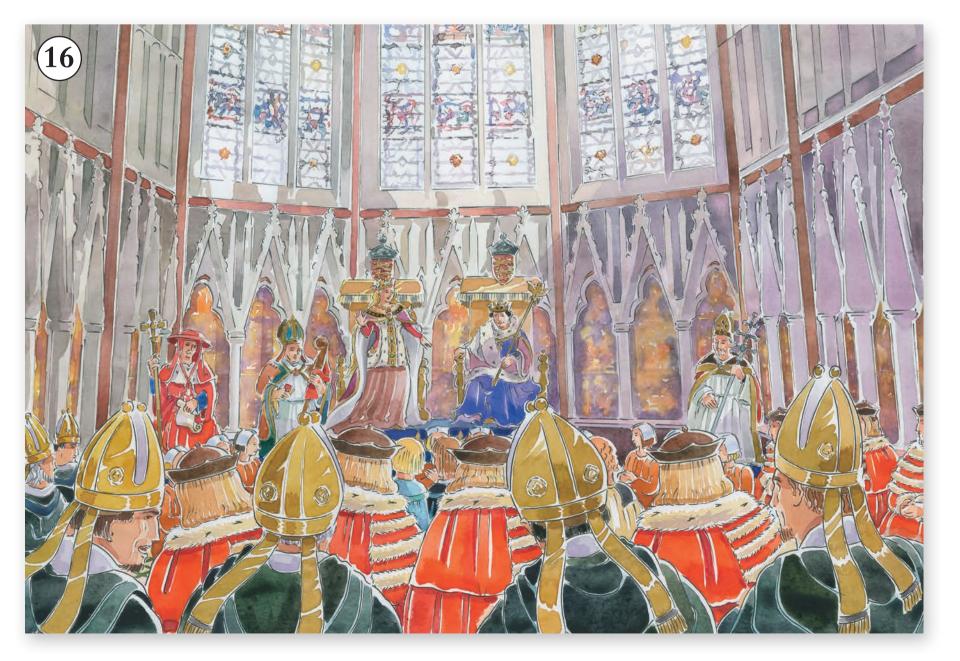
1456 Henry VI, Margaret and Prince Edward move to Coventry; beginning of a four year period of Coventry as the effective capital of England

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Coventry Leet Book.

1420s Completion of St Mary's Hall



Artist's impression of the 'Devil's Parliament', 1459.

1453 Loss of English territories in France and end of Hundred Years War; collapse of Henry VI; birth of Prince Edward

1455 Battle of St Albans

1461 Battle of Towton; victory for the Yorkists; Henry VI deposed; Edward IV crowned; Margaret in exile



Henry VII, unknown artist.

1470 Earl of Warwick deposes Edward IV, puts Henry VI back on the throne as a 'puppet' king; makes agreement with Margaret, his former enemy

1471 Edward defeats and kills Warwick at Barnet; Margaret defeated at Tewkesbury; defeat of Lancastrians – both Henry VI and Prince Edward killed

> **1482** Death of Margaret of Anjou in France

1483 Death of Edward IV; brief reign of EdwardV; accession of Richard III

> 1485 Battle of Bosworth – Richard III defeated by Henry Tudor, who becomes HenryVII

1471 Edward invades and challenges Warwick at Coventry

1459 'Devil' Parliament Coventry



The Earl of Warwick, Beauchamp tomb chest (detail), Beauchamp Chapel, St Mary's, Warwick.

1538–9 Closure of Coventry Priory Cathedral, Whitefriars and Greyfriars during the Dissolution

> 1547 Coventry Trinity Guild disbanded under Edward VI's orders

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