



Winchester Cathedral Anglo-Saxon Time Line Year Event

Year	Event
400s	End of Roman rule; Angles, Jutes and Saxons begin their migration from Europe and settle in England.
597	The Pope sends Augustine to Britain as a missionary to bring Christianity to the people.
625	King Redwald buried at Sutton Hoo.
648	Built on the orders of King Cenwalh, Winchester's Old Minster is finally completed and dedicated to St Peter and St Paul.
672	Bede (scholar, teacher, monk and historian) is born.
676	Bishop's throne transferred from Dorchester to Winchester because of the threat of war between Mercia and Wessex.
750's	King Offa's reign. Bede writes History of the English Church and the people.
787	First Viking raid on Britain 800 Vikings raid Lindisfarne.
828	Winchester is the capital city.
849	Alfred the Great is born.
852-862	Swithun is Bishop of Winchester.
871	Alfred becomes King of Wessex. He rules from Winchester, and during his reign unites the Saxons and resists the Danes.
890	Alfred orders the compilation of the Anglo Saxon Chronicles, which are written in Old English. These are added to until the 12th Century, and are the primary source for history of the Anglo Saxons in Britain.
900	New Minster is founded by King Alfred and completed by his son Edward the Elder.
954	Vikings defeated in York.
971	St Swithun's bones moved to a new shrine inside Old Minster.
1066	Battle of Hastings – Harold Godwinson is defeated and William the Conqueror becomes King of England.
1079	Present Cathedral started.
1093	Anglo-Saxon Old Minster demolished as priests and monks move into the new Norman Cathedral, taking the bones of the Anglo Saxon Kings, Queen, Bishops and St Swithun into the new, bigger building.