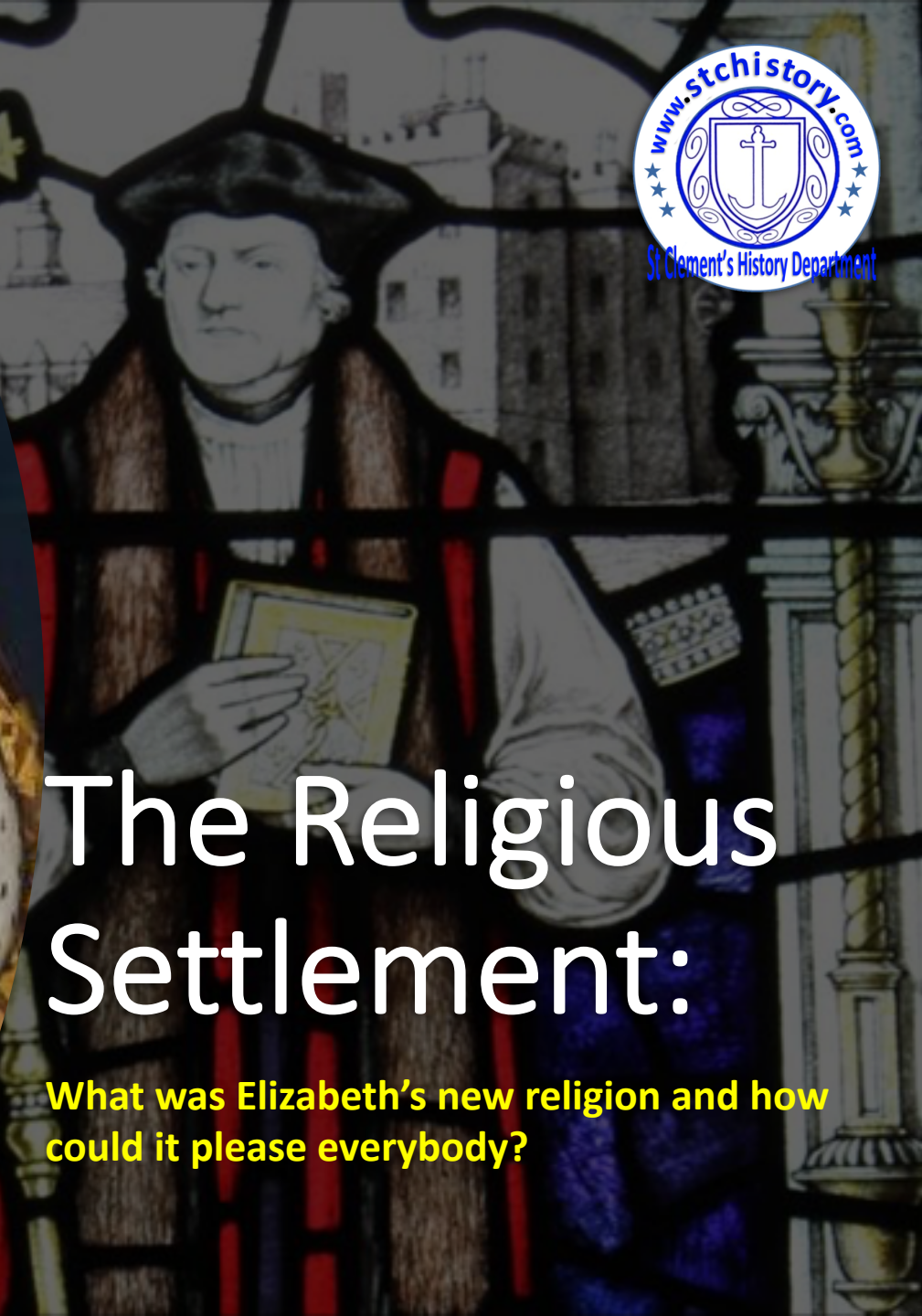




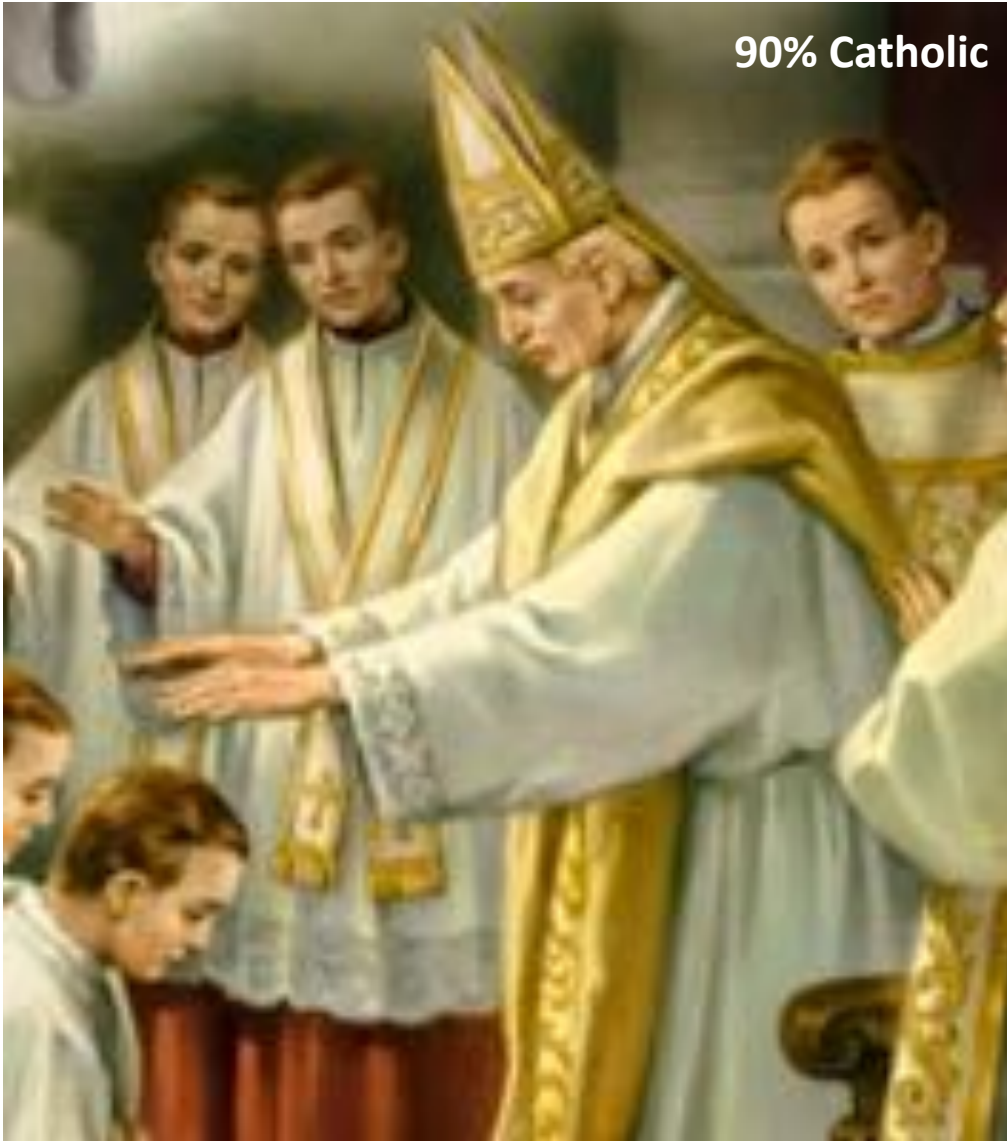
The Religious Settlement:

What was Elizabeth's new religion and how could it please everybody?



What was England like in 1558?

90% Catholic



10% Protestant / Puritan



Why is Mary, Queen of Scots a threat?



Advise the Queen...



I am protestant and so cannot restore the authority of the Pope

Most people in England are Catholic, but most of my government are Protestant

The most powerful countries in Europe are Catholic

Mary, Queen of Scots claims she is the rightful Queen of England and Catholics are supporting her

Religious changes in the past have caused rebellions



What did the Queen think?

I want the country to be united and don't want to punish people just for their religious beliefs

I need a national Church which most of my people can accept

Elizabeth's Religious Settlement:

We now have the job of helping Elizabeth create her new religion. Remember she is more moderate than her brother and sister and wants to try and please everyone, if possible...

In pairs, come up with some ideas for Elizabeth's new religion that might be a good compromise...



Elizabeth's Religious Settlement:

It was vital that Elizabeth could find a **MIDDLE GROUND** in religion. There had to be a form of Protestantism that the Catholics could accept.

Elizabeth ruled out a Puritan religion:

- This is because she herself didn't believe in the extreme ideas of the Puritans
- She didn't want to turn her Catholic subjects against her

**Would protestants expect Elizabeth to now burn Catholics?
Maybe in revenge?**

- Elizabeth actually liked some decoration in the churches

The people needed to follow the religion of the monarch to avoid a moral choice of who to be most loyal to, choosing wrong could have led to death!



Elizabeth's Religious Settlement, the new Church of England...

Religious Settlement 1559

Queen Elizabeth I will be the supreme governor of the Church of England, not the Head of the Church of England.

A new Church court will be set up to maintain discipline in the new Church of England

Every Parish had to have a copy of the Bible in English.

Priests can now get married.

Every church should look the same and use the same COMMON BOOK OF PRAYER. All services will be in English

Ornaments and decorations are allowed, including crosses and candlesticks. Some Puritans won't like this.

The wording of the services will be deliberately vague so Catholics and Protestants can interpret them to suit their own desires

Priests had to wear special clothing as a compromise to Catholics. Some Puritans won't like this.

Elizabeth I

On your copy of the Settlement, highlight anything you think will have pleased Catholics, Pleased Protestants or pleased both.

** It was also clear that some Catholics still practised their own services in Latin and had the Catholic mass at home, but Elizabeth allowed this to try and ensure there was a relative peace **

THE ELIZABETHAN RELIGIOUS SETTLEMENT

Royal Injunctions:

- All Clergy must teach the Royal Supremacy (the Monarch is the Head of the Church)
- Anyone refusing to go to church was to be reported to the Privy Council. These people were called **Recusants**
- You could also be fined a shilling (12p) – for a labourer that is about a weeks pay!
- No one could preach without a licence from the Government – **Why?**

What do you think of Elizabeth's Settlement? Does it achieve her aims of 'middle ground'?

She still needs to get it through Parliament though as an Act of Law.

What do you think her chances are?

What are the sticking points? Where might it fall down in Parliament? Why?

The vote passed 21 - 18