

William
Calverley
1507-1572

What happened
to William in
London and
why?

Do you think
William was
Catholic or
Protestant?

Why do you
think William
might have
written 'A
dyalogue'?

Describe one of
William's
achievements

What did
William do at
Calverley Old
Hall?

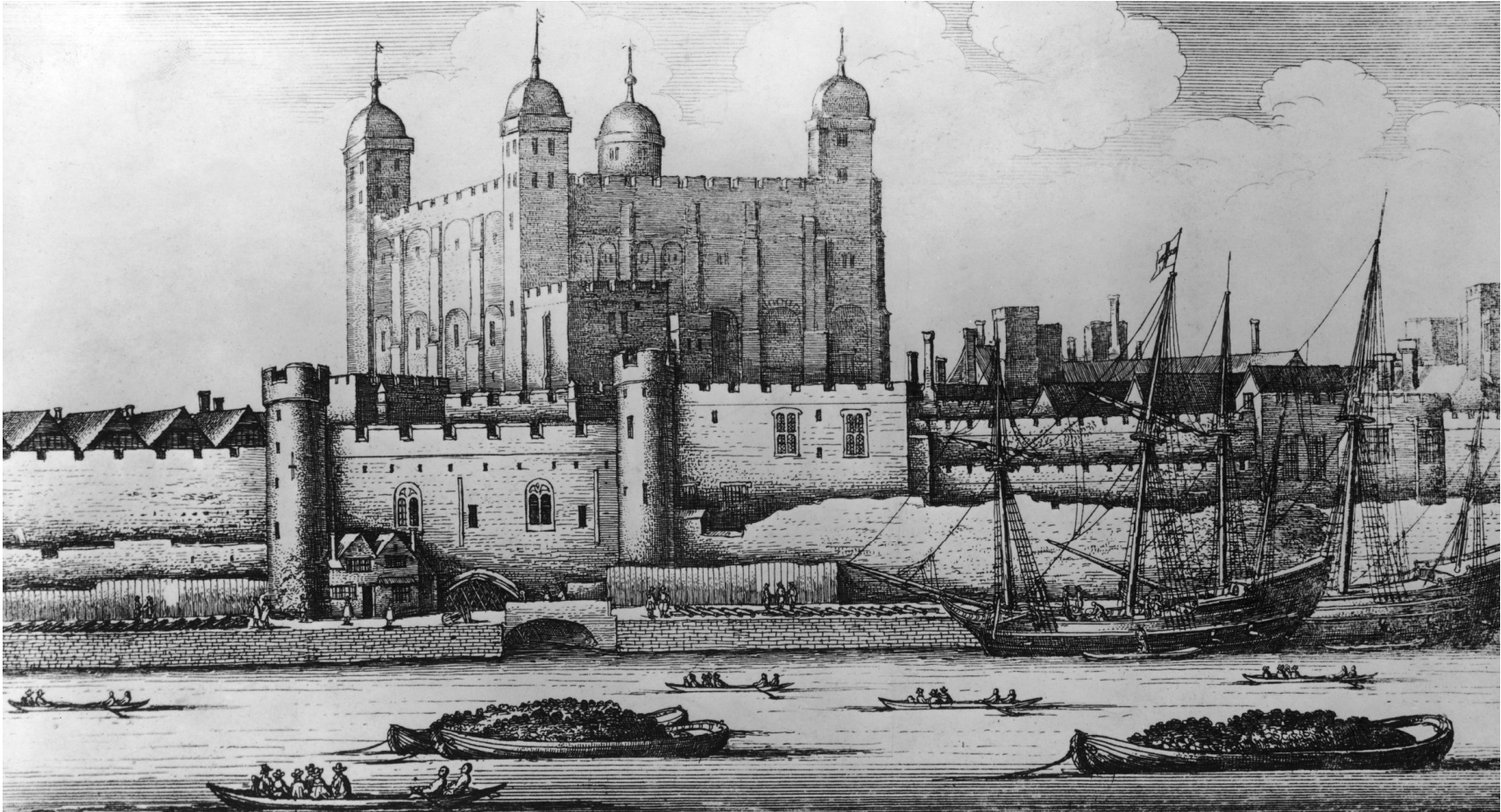


Edward VI was strongly Protestant. This picture shows Edward VI as a child with his father, Henry VIII on his deathbed beside him. Many Catholics were imprisoned during his reign and the Catholic Mass was made illegal in 1549.

Much like today, wealthy people liked to decorate their houses with the latest designs. The Landmark Trust have found intricate wallpaintings (see photographs) in one of the bedrooms, which may have been William's privy chamber or his wife's private parlour.

William Calverley was made Sheriff of York in 1549. A sheriff was an important position, usually given to male landed gentry.

Their duties included executing the king's writ, holding local courts, managing county and municipal prisons, arresting suspected felons, hanging convicted criminals and traitors, collecting and accounting for royal revenue, seizing forfeited property, mustering soldiers, making proclamations and holding parliamentary elections.



William was imprisoned here in the mid 1530s after the Pilgrimage of Grace.

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and the Defendaunt by William
Calverley

Written by William Calverley in the mid 1530s.

It is a story of an imprisoned rebel who is persuaded to give up his Catholic faith by a ghostly voice.



The Banner of the Pilgrimage of Grace 1536, a Catholic rebellion which William may have been part of.