Britain:
Anglo-Saxons through the Norman Conquest

Terms

- Celtic Christianity
- Anglo-Saxons
- Heptarchy
- Synod of Whitby
- William the Conqueror
- Norman Conquest
- Domesday Book
- Bayeux Tapestry

Anglo-Saxons

- Viking invasions beginning 300s of Roman Britain

- After Romans left – push the Celts out.

- By 600s 7 kingdoms – Heptarchy

- Saxons
  - Essex
  - Sussex
  - Wessex
- Angles
  - East Anglia
  - Mercia
  - Northumbria
- Jutes
  - Kent

Heptarchy

- 6th Century – Kent
- 7th Century – Northumbria
- 8th Century – Mercia
- 9th Century – Wessex
  - 830 King Egbert of Wessex calls himself King of all England

The Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms c. AD 650

Northumbria
Gwynedd
Mercia
East Anglia
Dyfed
Powys
Gwent
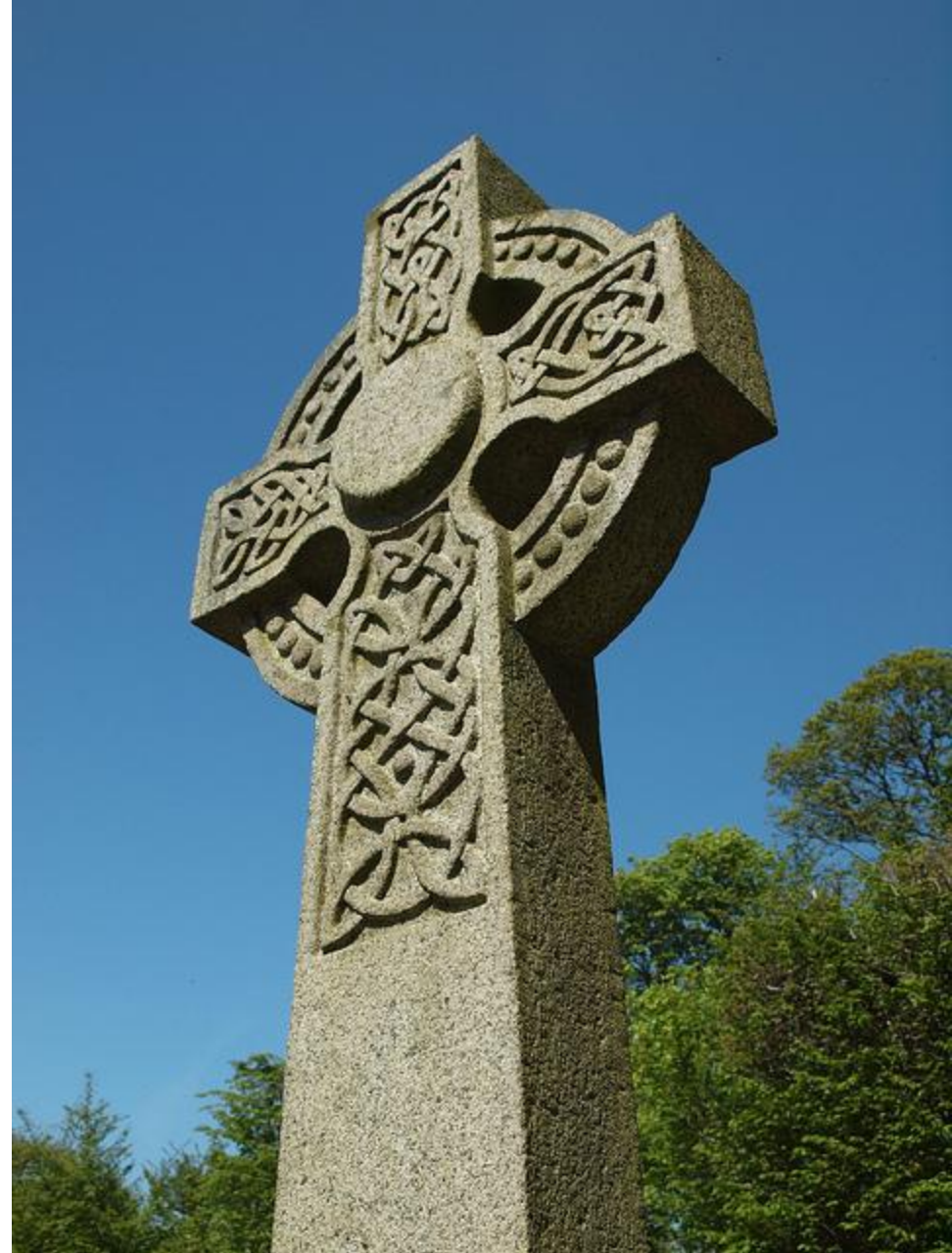Wessex
London
Essex
Kent
Sussex
Dumnonia

Celtic Christianity

- Ireland and St. Patrick (400s)
- Style of monasticism
  - Tonsure
  - Female and Male monks – Convent in Kildare
- Female Saints – St. Brigid
- Illuminated Manuscripts – Book of Kells
- Different date for Easter
  - 664 Synod of Whitby and King Oswy of Northumbria

Book of Kells c. 800 AD,
Folio 292r

Celtic Cross headstone: Castle Grounds, Antrim

Invasions of the Danes

- 8th Century – Mercia
- Invasions from the Danes
- 9th century – Wessex
- 870 Danes push into Wessex
  - King Alfred and the Danegeld
  - Thegns
  - Rotational System for Army
- 878 Alfred goes to war against Danes
  - Wessex and the Danelaw

The *witan*

- *Witan* – Group of society leaders normally responsible for electing the king
- Cnut   1016-1035
- Edward the Confessor 1042 - 1066

Norman Conquest 1066

- Harold and Tostig
- William of Normandy (1066-1087)
- Battle of Stamford Bridge Sept 25, 1066
- Battle of Hastings October 14, 1066
- Why Normans won
- Bayeux Tapestry
- Motte-and-Bailey castles
- Norman Style
- Domesday Book 1086

William's legacy

- Sons
  - Robert Curthose – Duke of Normandy
  - William Rufus – King of England
  - Henry – Paid a sum of money to renounce claim to either
- William Rufus (William II) 1087-1100
- Henry I – Both King of England and Duke of Normandy
- Characteristics of Anglo-Saxon government gone
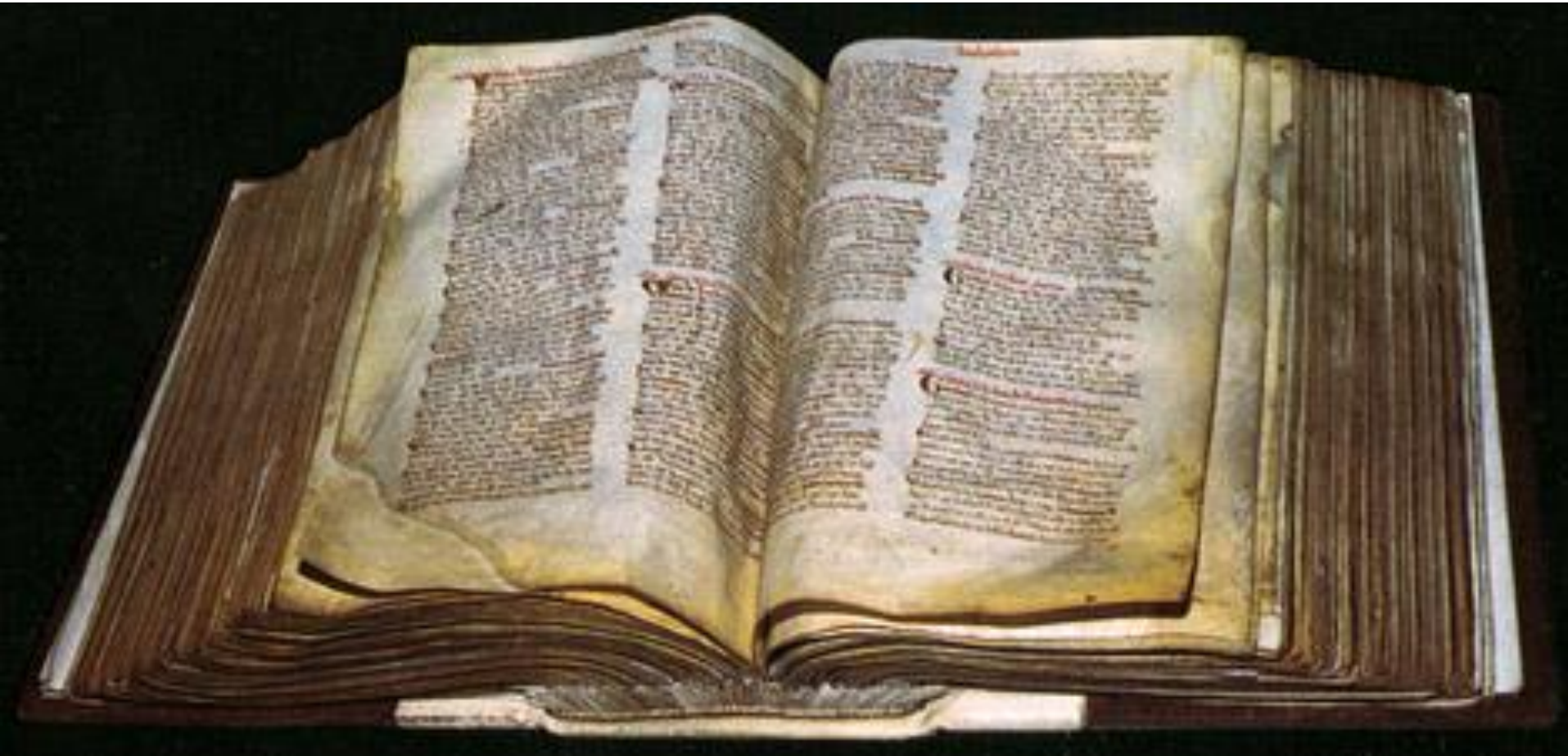
Bayeux Tapestry

Motte-and-Bailey Castles

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Norman Style Architecture

Church: St. Mary the Virgin – completed c. 1170, Oxford, UK

Domesday Book