- At the beginning of the 11th century England was a very religious Catholic country. The Catholic religion is led by the Pope in Rome.
- Ordinary people many who were Illiterate (couldn't read or write) were so worried about going to Hell they would be careful to follow the teachings of the church to make sure they went to Heaven. They also paid thes to ensure they went to Heaven.
- ∉<sup>#</sup> The church played a really important role within society. They were involved with births, deaths, weddings, sickness and educa on.

## Henry II;

- ## Henry became King of England in 1154.
- ∉ # He disliked how much power and control the church had and wanted that power for the Monarchy.
- to do this he gave a life long friend the most important role in the English Church, The Archbishop of Canterbury.

## Thomas Becke;

- <sup>##</sup> Thomas became the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162.
- ∉ # Becke took his role very seriously and did not want to be a puppet for Henry.