

wrytyng, whiche also by the meanes of the sayd Holt, came to the handes of Ihon Frith. Ihon Frith then perceiuyng that the thing that he was so loth to write or meddle in (for it was a matter that none could get him to talke of, sauynge suche that he as much trusted as him selfe) was nowe so farre spred abroade that it was answered vnto, after he had not a litle rebuked the negligence and folye of his frende whom he trusted, stode to the defence of his first treatise, and made a farther declaracion of his mynde vpon the same matter as appereth in a booke whiche beareth his name. For the which opinion vnto other he was after diuers and sondry examinacions (aswell at Lambeth with the Bishop of Cauntorbury as also at Croydon, and likewyse with the bishop of Wynchester) brought vnto the Consistory in Paules Church in London before diuers bishoppes, where after muche disputyng, for that he would not yelde nor submit himselfe to them, they cōdemned him and deliuered him to the seculer power to be brent as an heretike.

At thesame time was one Andrew Hewet a very simple and vtterly vnlearned yong mā a Taylor, which was also betrayed by the foresayd Holt: This yong man beyng in like maner accused in the Consistory before thesayd bishoppes for holding opinion against the Sacrament. One of the bishoppes asked him how he beleued in the Sacrament: he answered, he beleued therein as Master Frith did: why sayd they, doest thou not beleue that it is y very body of Christ really fleshe and bloud euen as he was borne of the virgyn Mary: No sayd he, why so sayd the bishop: because sayd he, that Christ byd me y I should not beleue them that say here is Christ and there is Christ, for false Christes & false prophetes shall arise to deceiue you sayth Christ. Then certain of y bishops smyled, and doctor Stokesley then bishop of Lōdon sayd: Frith is an heretike & is cōdemned & deliuered to the temporal power to be brent, if thou wilt not submit thy selfe & acknowlege thyne error, thou shalt likewise be condemned & deliuered. I am content sayd he. Wilt thou not abiure thyne heresie q<sup>d</sup> the bishop: No sayd he, for I will do as Master Frith doth. Then we will condempne thee sayd y bishop: do so sayd he. And so they pronounced sentence on him, and deliuered him to the Shiriffes: and from thence they were sent to Newgate where they remained till the xxii. day of Iuly, & that day were both brent at one stake in Smythfelde. Where at thesame tyme one doctor Cooke which was person of Hony Lane, & one that was the Master of the Temple, willed the people to pray no more for them then they would pray for dogges, at whiche vncharitable wordes Frith smyled & prayed God to forgeue them, and the people sore grudged at them for so sayyng.

The xiiii. day of August was a great fyre at Temple barre & diuers houses brent. And the xvi. day of thesame moneth was burned the kynges stable at Charyng crosse otherwise called the Mowse, wherin was brent many great Horses and great store of haye.

In this yere the third day of Nouēber the kynges highnes helde his high court of Parliament, in the whiche was cōcluded and made many and sondry good, wholsome, and godly statutes: but among al one special estatute, which authorised the kynges highnes to be supreme head of the Church of Englād, by the whiche the Pope with all his College of Cardinales with all their Pardons and Indulgences was vtterly abolished out of this realme, God be euerlastyngly prayed therefore. In this Parliament also was geuen to the kynges highnes the fyrst frutes and tenthes of all dignities & spiritual promociōs. And in the ende of the same Parliament the kynges Maiestie mooste graciously graunted (and wylled it by thesame Parliament to be established) his mooste gracious and general free pardon.

This yere also came in the great Admyrall of Fraunce: whiche Admyrall was honorably receiued, and at his departyng was liberally rewarded.

In this tyme dyed the Erle of Kyldare prisoner in the Tower. And euen at thesame tyme Thomas Fitzgarard his sonne begāne to rebell against the kyng and tooke all the kynges Ordinaunce, and sent Ambassadors to the Emperour to haue intreated him to take part with him. Also he slewe the bishop of Deuelyn and brent and robbed all suche as would not obeye him: But at the last he was apprehended and had as he deserued as after shall appeare.

The Pope  
abolished.