

## Significant Dates

- 1199 William Bonion is named as holding land at Wilsamsteade  
1219 Henry Buignan and John Buignon mentioned in article in Dunstable Chronicle  
1219 Ralph Buignon of Dunstable hanged for killing a clerk
- 1257 A John Boynun of Pullokeshille mentioned in Dunstable Chronicle
- 1327 William Boynon and wife Matilda are named as living at Harewedon (Harrowden)
- 1502 Thomas Bonyan 1<sup>st</sup> (John's Great-great Grandfather?) born  
1542 William Bonyan named on Elstow Manor court roll as holding land at Elnestow  
1547 Thomas Bonyan 1<sup>st</sup> appeared on manor court roll as breaking assize of beer  
1548 William and Thomas Bonyan 1<sup>st</sup> named on court roll as selling land at Bonyan's End to John Gasciogn, Knight  
1554 Thomas Bonyan 1<sup>st</sup> summoned to appear before Privy Council at Westminster  
15?? Thomas Bonyan 2<sup>nd</sup> (John's grandfather) born  
159? Elizabeth Bonyan born  
1600 Edward Bonyan born  
1603 Thomas Bunyan 3<sup>rd</sup> (John's Father) born (baptised in Feb) and mother dies (in childbirth?). In same year, Margaret Bentley (later to become Thomas 3<sup>rd</sup>'s wife) is born  
1617 Thomas I appears before court at Ampthill for a minor ecclesiastical misdemeanour
- 1623 Thos Bunyan 3<sup>rd</sup> marries Anne Pinney (Purney) 10<sup>th</sup> June  
1627 Thomas 3<sup>rd</sup>'s 1<sup>st</sup> Wife Anne dies in April  
1627 Thomas 3<sup>rd</sup> marries Margaret Bentley 23 May  
1628 **John Bunyan born** at Bunyan's End, Harrowden. Baptised 30<sup>th</sup> November at Elstow Church  
1630 John's sister, Margaret, is born  
1632 John's brother, William, is born His mother-in-law, Mary Bentley dies.  
1641 Thomas Bonyan 2<sup>nd</sup> (John's grandfather) dies  
1644 John's Mother, Margaret, dies in June. In July, his sister, Margaret, dies.  
Then his Father, Thomas 3<sup>rd</sup> marries 3<sup>rd</sup> wife, Anne (surname not known).  
John's stepbrother, Charles, is born. John reaches 16 and is enlisted into Parliamentary Army for few months, probably garrisoned at Newport Pagnall
- 1646 Parliamentary army is disbanded  
1647 John's stepbrother, Thomas 4<sup>th</sup>, is born  
1649 John moves into Bunyan's cottage, High Street Elstow

1650 John marries 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Mary (surname unknown)  
1650 John's 1<sup>st</sup> Daughter, Mary, born -she is blind. John Gifford becomes minister at St. John's rectory.  
1654 John's 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter, Elizabeth, is born. John formally received into St.John's church.  
1655 John moves home to Bedford. John Gifford dies. Bunyan starts speaking in public.  
1656 John's son, John, is born. 1<sup>st</sup> book "Some gospel truths" published. John Burton appointed minister at St Johns  
1657 John is appointed as a deacon at St.Johns. "Vindication" published.

1658 John marries 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Elizabeth. John publishes his 3<sup>rd</sup> book "A few sighs from hell". John is indicted for preaching at Eaton.  
1659 John's 2<sup>nd</sup> son, Thomas 5<sup>th</sup>, is born. John's 4<sup>th</sup> book "The doctrine of the law and grace unfolded" is published.  
1660 Minister of St. Johns, John Burton, dies. St. Johns Church buildings are taken from congregation by Restoration of King Charles. 12<sup>th</sup> November John is arrested at Lower Samsell for preaching and he is imprisoned at County Goal (on corner of High/Sliver Street?)  
1661 John is tried by magistrates in Chapel of Herne (on corner of now Horne Lane) for not attending the parish church and holding unlawful meetings. Jailed for 3 months, would not promise not to re-offend so is left in goal. John publishes "Profitable meditations".  
1661 Jailer lets John out of goal for while, to go preaching  
1662 John publishes "Praying in the Spirit"  
1663 John publishes "Christian behaviour" on 17<sup>th</sup> April  
1664 John publishes "Serious meditations" & "Ebal & Gerizm",  
1665 John publishes "The Holy City", "Resurrection of the dead" & "Prison meditations"  
1666 John publishes "Grace abounding" and has a few weeks release from goal  
1667 John's 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter, Sarah, is born  
1668-72 Jailors sometimes let John have his liberty. Publishes "Confession of faith" & "A defense of the doctrine of justification by faith"  
1672 Declaration of indulgence - John is released from prison and 9<sup>th</sup> May was licensed as a teacher. Officially pardoned by king Charles in september. His 3<sup>rd</sup> son, Joseph, is born. John is elected chrch pastor. Barn at end of Mill Street becomes new chapel.  
1675-6 Preaching licences recalled. John is imprisoned for six months (winter 75-spring 76) in Bedford goal (on Bridge) and writes first part of "Pilgrim's progress"

1676 Thomas Bunyan (John's father) dies  
1677 John's daughter, Elizabeth, marries Gilbert Ashley on 16<sup>th</sup> April  
1678 1<sup>st</sup> and second editions of "Pilgrim's Progress" published  
1679 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of "Pilgrim's Progress" published  
1680 John's 1<sup>st</sup> daughter, Mary, dies. His step-mother, Anne, also dies. "Life & death of Mr Badman" published

- 1681 "The Holy War" is published
- 1684 Second part of "Pilgrim's Progress" is published
- 1687 John's 1<sup>st</sup> grandson, Stephen, is born (to son Thomas)
- 1688 **John Bunyan dies** on 31st August
- 1692 John's 1<sup>st</sup> granddaughter, Elizabeth, is born (to son Thomas)
- 1694 John's great-granddaughter, Hannah, is born (through son, John)
- 1695 John's step-brother, Thomas 5<sup>th</sup>, dies
- 1696 John's 2<sup>nd</sup> grandson, Stephen is born (to son Thomas, through 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Katherine)
- 1707 Barn pulled down and Bunyan meeting hall built
- 1765 Goal on town bridge pulled down.
  
- 1801 County goal pulled down