

## THE PILGRIM FATHERS - SELECTED READING

The place of publication is London unless otherwise stated.

**Bradford, William. *Of Plymouth Plantation*. (Modern edition by Samuel E. Morison). Alfred Knopf. New York. 2015.**

Bradford travelled on the Mayflower and helped found the Pilgrim Fathers' settlement at Plymouth on the east coast of America. His journal contains his thoughts and experiences as a young man in Austerfield and Scrooby and his central position as the Second Governor of the colony. Samuel E. Morison provides an accessible version of Bradford's journal in modern English.

**Bunker, Nick. *Making Haste from Babylon: The Mayflower Pilgrims and their World*. The Bodley Head. 2010.**

Bunker offers a modern interpretation of the Pilgrim Fathers story. Using a wealth of evidence from overlooked or neglected historical documents, Bunker provides a detailed narrative which combines religion, politics and finance in the life of the Pilgrims in the East Midlands and later in America.

**Coward, Barry. *The Stuart Age: England 1603-1714*. Longman's. 1994.**

A broad history providing the social and political context of England during this period.

**Caffrey, Kate. *The Mayflower*. Andre Deutsch. 1974.**

Provides a modern, readable account of the beliefs and experiences of the Pilgrim Fathers in England, Holland and America.

**Evans, James. *Emigrants: Why the English sailed to the New World*. Weidenfeld & Nicolson. 2017.**

During the course of the seventeenth century nearly 400,000 people left Britain for the Americas, most of them from England. A significant number left for religious reasons, either on the Mayflower or as part of the Puritan migration to New England.

**Hunter, Joseph. *Collections concerning the church or congregation of Protestant separatists formed at Scrooby in north Nottinghamshire in the time of King James 1: the founders of New Plymouth. 1854*. (Available online at [Archive.org](http://Archive.org) and other sites).**

Hunter's study is an important attempt to trace the background of leaders of secret separatist groups including William Bradford, William Brewster, John Smyth and John Robinson in the East Midlands. Hunter used his position as deputy archivist at the Public Record Office in the 1850s to trace these individuals, meeting in villages in the Bawtry area, including Austerfield, Scrooby, and Babworth.

**Hylson-Smith, Kenneth. *The Churches in England from Elizabeth 1 to Elizabeth 11: Vol. 1. 1558-1688*. SCM Press. 1996.**

The first of a three-volume history of church groups in England from the reign of Elizabeth 1 onwards. The narrative seeks to portray the transformation from a country dominated by traditional Catholicism to a predominantly Protestant country. This provides the religious context of the period in which the Pilgrim Fathers developed their ideas.

**Kirk-Smith, Harold. William Brewster: The Father of New England: His Life and Times 1567-1644. Richard Kay, Boston, Lincolnshire. 1992.**

A detailed study of William Brewster's importance in acting as the Ruling Elder of the separatist group in Scrooby and Bawtry and continued leadership role in Holland and America. The author has made extensive use of local documentary sources.

**O'Day, Rosemary. The Longman Companion to the Tudor Age. Longman. 1995**

This provides important background information on every facet of the Tudor Age from the working of the courts, the structure of government, important individuals including statesmen and religious leaders, and ecclesiastical and religious developments.

**Philbrick, Nathaniel. Mayflower: A Voyage to War. Harper Press. 2006**

This widely available and popular book from a bestselling author looks at the Pilgrim Fathers in England before concentrating on the voyage of the Mayflower and the difficult early years of the Pilgrims in America. Philbrick paints a compelling picture of their grim determination to survive in an unforgiving and dangerously alien environment.

**Routley, Erik. English Religious Dissent. CUP. 1960.**

The book gives special attention to the origins of various Dissenting and Puritan groups, which include the Pilgrim Fathers. The Mayflower's historic voyage is seen as a judicious blend of business and religion.

**Willison, George F. Saints and Strangers. Heinemann. 1966.**

An important analysis of leaders of the Pilgrim Fathers and their lives in the East Midlands. There are extensive appendices providing details of all the individuals who sailed on the Mayflower and on the later vessels including the Fortune, Anne, Little James and Handmaid.