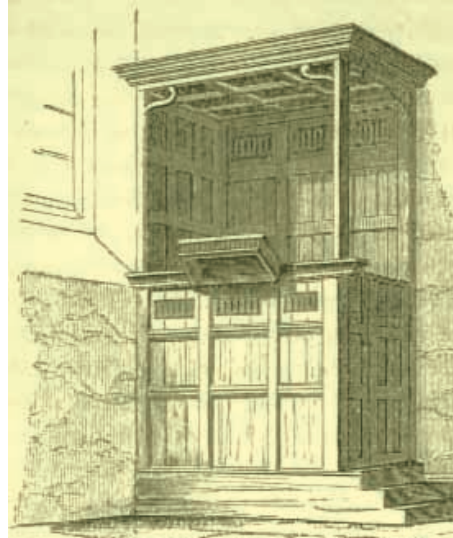


Did You Know? An Anglican Glossary

Reading Pew

The Royal Injunction of 1538 issued by Edward VI ordered that an English Bible of the largest size be set up in every church in a convenient place for those parishioners who wished to read it. From this came the reading pew. The Injunction also ordered a very good thing: from henceforth all Bible readings in the churches were to be in English.

The king banned quite a few items, but he did permit two lights upon the high altar before the Sacrament to signify that Christ is the light of the world.



Reading Pew Langley Chapel, Salop, 17th century.