

Kings of Mercia

Very little is known of the early Mercian kings, sometimes only their name.

500's

ICEL - 20 yrs. An Angle invader, the first true king of Mercia.

CNEBBA - 10/18 yrs. Actual reign unknown.

CYNEWALD - 35 yrs.

CREODA - 15 yrs. the first king able to hold Mercia securely after giving up part of East Anglia.

PYBBA - 13/22 yrs. Actual reign unknown, expanded the Mercian kingdom westwards.

600's

CEARL - 19 yrs. Possibly lost his kingship after a disastrous battle against the Northumbrians.

PENDA - 30 yrs. Last pagan ruler, a battle hungry king who took his kingdom from 2nd rate to the most powerful in England, killed in battle.

OSWIU of Northumbria - 3 yrs.

WULFHERE - 17 yrs. First Christian king restored Mercian dominance in England.

ÆTHELRED I - 29 yrs. Abdicated, retired to a monastery at Bardney, Lincs. that he had set up.