

# *The Black Death*

*1347-1351*

*The Black Death or Bubonic and Pneumonic plagues to give its proper names, was thought to have originally started in China and quickly found its way through Europe in the year 1347 and finally into England in the first part of 1348.*

*It is probably through the Port of Southampton that the Black Death arrived to these shores, and quickly spread throughout England*

*Between 1347-51 the clergy of Winchester lost 48.8% to the plague.*

*By April 1349 there were 64 clergy appointments, the Basing Deanery was hit particularly hard. In 1350 Monk Sherborne Priory was shown in*

*“desolation” through lack of income.  
The plague finally subdued in 1351, but  
would return in later centuries. It is  
estimated that 25million of the  
population of Europe between 1347 and  
1351 succumbed to the plague and 1000  
villages disappeared.*