



What were the popular religions in England in the 1800's?

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Answer

The Church of England, now often known as the Anglican Church, was the established church of England in the 1800's (and it still is). Therefore, most English people were members of the Church of England. However, the Church of England went through a period of decline, further hampered by its inability to create a new parish without an Act of Parliament.

In 1787, Methodist chapels were licensed under the Toleration Act. The church grew rapidly, and there are about 30 million Methodists today.

Quakers and Unitarians received freedom of worship in 1813. Unitarians had emerged in the mid-17th century and first Unitarian church was opened in 1773. By the second half of the eighteenth century, they had a major impact on the English Presbyterian and General Baptist Churches, which enjoyed significant popularity in the 1800's.

In 1829, measures were passed for Catholic Emancipation. A number of influential clergy defected from the Church of England, and one (Manning) was appointed a cardinal in 1875.

There was also a significant Jewish community. Disraeli became Prime Minister of the country.

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