500-1100s:

At the start of this period, Merovingian Franks rule France and possibly Guernsey. At some time during this period the island becomes known as 'Guernsey'.

c.560
St Sampson lands in Guernsey and builds a church

570
Birth of the Prophet Muhammed

768
Charlemagne becomes King of the Franks

867
Channel Islands given to Saloman, king of the Bretons

933
The Normans are given control of the Cotentin ('Normandy')

1066
The Battle of Hastings. Duke William of Normandy becomes King of England

1195-1198
Richard I 'Lionheart' makes his brother John 'Lord of the Islands'. Guernsey is part of the Gascon wine trade route

565 + 580
St Magliore builds an Abbey in Sark and a chapel in the Vale (respectively)

751
Carolingian Franks rule France, and possibly Guernsey

c.850
Vikings destroy St Magliore's Abbey and build a fort in Guernsey

871
Alfred the Great becomes king of Wessex

1034
Restaud the pirate owns Jethou

1048
Earliest mention of St Peter Port church by name

1096
The First Crusade is launched

1156
Benedictine monks found priory on Lihou