

Anglicanism

Anglican Identity from the Reformation to the Episcopal Church

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This course is intended to enable students to deepen their understanding of the course and character of Anglicanism from its sixteenth-century beginnings to the eve of the twenty-first century. The Episcopal Church in the United States will provide the vantage point from which to view Anglicanism as a particular way of believing and practicing the Christian faith as it grew from the national religion of England and Wales to the world-wide communion of 2011.

Reading requirements:

James E. Griffiss, *The Anglican Vision* [volume 1 of *The New Church's Teaching Series*; Cambridge, Massachusetts: Cowley Publications, 1997]

Part I of *The Study of Anglicanism*, ed S. Sykes, J. Booty, J. Knight [2nd edition, London and Minneapolis: SPCK and Fortress, 1998]: 1. William P. Haugaard, "From the Reformation to the Eighteenth Century" and 2. Perry Butler, "From the Early Eighteenth Century to the Present Day." –a copy of these essays will distributed by Archdeacon Alday

David Lynn Holmes A brief history of the Episcopal Church : with a chapter on the Anglican Reformation and an appendix on the annulment of Henry VIII [Valley Forge, Pa.. Trinity Press International, 1993].

Preface to the 1789 *Book of Common Prayer*, An Outline of the Faith, Chalcedonian Definition of the Person of Christ, Quicunque Vult, Preface to the first *Book of Common Prayer*, Articles of Religion (including the English forms given in notes), the 1886 and 1888 forms of the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral, all to be found in the current *BCP* of the Episcopal Church [pp. 9-11 and 844-878].

Reading suggestions:

Students may find copies of the three required books in parish libraries. Other sources: Amazon.com, The Book Shoppe at the Canterbury Conference Center [407-365-5571], other bookstores or on in line.

Some may wish to read more of the essays in the *Study* volume. Among the other informative articles in the volume, for this unit of study, the most relevant are those by Louis Weil, "The Gospel in Anglicanism"; Reginald H. Fuller, "Scripture"; A. S. McGrade, "Reason"; John S. Pobee, "Non-Anglo-Saxon Anglicanism"; and Paul Avis, "What is 'Anglicanism.'"

The 2010 edition of *Our Anglican Heritage* by Bishop Howe. now joined by Sam C. Pascoe and George Carey, and the centerpiece of a new CSI class, is also relevant to this unit.

Writing requirements (for course credit):

A. **Brief** paragraphs to each of the sets of required readings, responding, as appropriate, to the questions below. Return these to instructor no later than All Saints Day, Tuesday, 1 November in an e-mail message or e-mail attachment to the above e-mail address or, if necessary, by postal mail to 1365 Twin Rivers Blvd, Oviedo, Florida 32766, Do **not** send it to the diocesan office. *Be sure to indicate the specific sections in the readings to which you refer in your paragraphs.*

1. What did you find in *each* of the readings that surprised you? Why?
2. What topics so intrigued you in *each* of the readings that you would like to explore them further? Why?
3. What did you find most difficult to understand in the readings?

B. One of the following "papers" of 700 to 1,200 words to be submitted to instructor (by mail or by fax, as above) before Friday, 4 December, 2011.

1. A sermon or address to be given on the of one of the days in the church calendar dedicated to an Anglican person in which you describe how that person's life, work, character, and/or ministry contributed to or illustrated Anglican understanding and practice of Christian faith and life.
2. A conversation with a friend who has asked you "What is the Episcopal Church?"
3. A letter to an acquaintance who has asked you "How in the world can you belong to a Church that was started by a king who wanted to get rid of his wife?" [In your answer to this question, deal with Henry VIII's problems in no more than 100 of your 700 to 1,200 words!]
4. A topic concerning Anglicanism of your choice [Please submit the topic to the instructor for approval before beginning work on the paper -- phone numbers and e-mail address to be found above].