

Books about the Episcopal Church

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CHURCH HISTORY

A History of the Church in England, by John R.H. Moorman

ISBN: 081921406X, \$26.00

Format: Paperback, 485pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 1980

This authoritative account of the Church in England covers its history from earliest times: the Roman, Celtic, Anglo-Saxon, Norman and Medieval periods before a description of the Reformation and its effects, the Stuart period and the Industrial Age, with a final chapter on the Modern Church. Dr. John Moorman, former Bishop of Ripon, writes a scholarly book in a narrative style suitable for theology student and general reader alike.

A Brief History of the Episcopal Church, by David L. Holmes

ISBN: 1563380609, \$39.95

Format: Paperback, 256pp

Publisher: Continuum International Publishing Group 1994

A readable and accurate account of the beginnings of the Anglican Church in America at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607, to the establishment of the Protestant Church in America after the War of Independence to the present day. All who are interested in American church history and in the influence of the Episcopal Church on American history will find Holmes' book most enlightening.

History of the Episcopal Church, by Robert W. Prichard

ISBN: 0819218286, \$28.00

Format: Paperback, 368pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 1999

INTRODUCTION TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Looking at the Episcopal Church: For Persons Beginning to Discover the Episcopal Church, by William Sydnor

ISBN: 0819212792, \$16.00

Format: Paperback, 142pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 2002

In this simple yet comprehensive account, William Sydnor provides essential material for persons who are new to the Episcopal Church.

101 Reasons to be Episcopalian, by Louie Crew

ISBN: 0819219258, \$10.00

Format: Paperback, 128pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 2003

Two of the 101 Reasons were submitted by our own Rector, the Reverend M. Sylvia O. Vasquez

Welcome to the Episcopal Church: An Introduction to Its History, Faith, and Worship, by Christopher L. Webber, Frank T. Griswold (Foreword by)

ISBN: 0819218200, \$14.00

Format: Paperback, 144pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 1999

Welcome to Sunday: An Introduction to Worship in the Episcopal Church, by Christopher L. Webber

ISBN: 0819219150, \$14.00

Format: Paperback, 144pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 2003

For puzzled newcomers to the Episcopal Church -- and even for long-time members sitting in the pews -- this book offers a step-by-step introduction to the Sunday liturgy with an emphasis on how lay people can participate.

Welcome to the Book of Common Prayer, by Vicki K. Black

ISBN: 0819221309, \$14.00

Format: Paperback, 160pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 2005

Welcome to the Church Year: An Introduction to the Seasons of the Episcopal Church, by Vicki K. Black

ISBN: 0819219665, \$14.00

Format: Paperback, 130pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 2004

This book-written for newcomers to the Episcopal Church as well as lifelong members-takes readers by the hand and leads them through the Church year, from the first Sunday of Advent through the last Sunday of Pentecost, answering questions like "Why do we use purple in Lent?" and "What does Maundy Thursday mean?" In an easy to read conversational style, *Welcome to the Church Year* introduces readers to the traditions of the Church seasons and explains why we do what we do. Its insights can help readers participate in the liturgies of the Church year in a deeper, more meaningful way.

Dictionary for Episcopalians, by John N. Wall, Philippa J. Goodwin (Illustrator), Philippa J. Anderson (Illustrator)

ISBN: 1561011789, \$17.95

Format: Paperback, 141pp

Publisher: Cowley Publications 2000

This entirely new edition has been expanded, revised, and updated to include new terms that have come into use since it was first published, as the language Episcopalians use to describe their faith, worship, and common life continues to evolve.

An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church: A User-Friendly Reference for Episcopalians, by Don S. Armentrout (Editor)

ISBN: 0898692113, \$40.00

Format: Paperback, 578pp

Publisher: Church Publishing, Incorporated 2005

This thoroughly researched, highly readable resource contains more than 3,000 clearly written entries about the history, structure, liturgy, and theology of the Episcopal Church and the larger Christian church worldwide. An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church is an indispensable, quick reference for all Episcopalians, both lay and ordained.

FIRSTS IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Yet with a Steady Beat: The African American Struggle for Recognition in the Episcopal Church, by Harold T. Lewis

ISBN: 1563381303, \$39.95

Format: Paperback, 272pp

Publisher: Continuum International Publishing Group 1996

The Episcopal Church was the first in the American colonies to baptize blacks, to ordain black ministers, and to establish an African American congregation. Yet membership by blacks in the Episcopal Church has always been viewed as an anomaly. ***Yet With a Steady Beat*** argues that blacks have remained in the Episcopal Church because they recognized it as a catholic and therefore inclusive institution.

Religious Signing: A Comprehensive Guide for All Faiths

by Elaine Costello, Lois A. Lehman (Illustrator)

ISBN: 0553342444, \$20.00

Format: Paperback, 219pp

Publisher: Bantam Books

Edition Description: Newly Updated 1997

NOTE: The Episcopal Conference for the Deaf was begun over 150 years ago at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in New York City, thought to be the first organized church of deaf people in any denomination.

Thomas Gallaudet was born in 1822, in Hartford, Connecticut. His mother, Sophia was deaf, and his father, Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, was the founder of the West Hartford School for the deaf, which was the principal institution for the education of the deaf in America from 1806 to 1857 (the year of the founding of Gallaudet College in Washington, DC). The father had intended to become a priest, but had become an educator of the deaf instead. The son also intended to seek ordination, but was persuaded by his father to work for a while first as a teacher of the deaf. He did, and so met and married Miss Elizabeth Budd, who was deaf. He was ordained in 1851, and the next year **established St. Ann's Church in New York, especially for deaf persons, with services primarily in sign language.** As a result of his work, congregations for the deaf were established in many cities.

(Alternatively, some congregations that are mostly hearing will have someone standing near the front and signing the service for the benefit of

deaf parishioners.) Gallaudet died 27 August 1902.

One of Gallaudet's students and parishioners was Henry Winter Syle, deaf from an early age, who had attended Trinity College (Hartford, Conn), St John's (Cambridge, England), and Yale. Gallaudet encouraged him to become priest, and **in 1876 he became the first deaf person to be ordained by the Episcopal Church in the United States**. He established a congregation for the deaf in 1888, and died 6 January 1890.

The Miter Fits Just Fine: A Story about the Right Reverend Barbara Clementine Harris, Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of Massachusetts, by

Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones

ISBN: 1561012203, \$10.95

Format: Paperback, 86pp

Publisher: Cowley Publications 2003

Describes the life of Barbara C. Harris, **an African American, and the first woman** to be ordained a bishop in the Anglican Communion.

Going to Heaven: The Life and Election of Bishop Gene Robinson,

by Elizabeth Adams

ISBN: 1933368225, \$14.95

Format: Paperback, 292pp

Publisher: Soft Skull Press, Inc. 2006

A sharecropper's son, Gene Robinson rose to become an Episcopal priest and later, **the first openly gay bishop in the Anglican Church**. His election set off a worldwide firestorm of reaction, both positive and negative. Based on extensive interviews with Bishop Robinson and the people around him, ***Going to Heaven*** paints a portrait of the man who is, as he puts it, "neither the angel nor the devil some would make me out to be." The book illuminates his early life; his struggle with his sexual orientation; his calling into the church; and finally, the tumultuous events surrounding his election and consecration. Gene Robinson's life is a compelling story of challenges overcome by hard work, humor, and deep faith, but it is also a story of one man's journey into his own "otherness" and the emergence of a ministry that speaks to countless people who believe in a Gospel of love and inclusion.

Gospel in the Global Village, by Katharine Jefferts Schori

ISBN: 9780819223432, \$20.00

Format: Paperback, 181pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 2009

In her second book, Katharine Jefferts Schori, the **first woman elected Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States** takes readers along on a spiritual journey from Canterbury to Kansas, from the Bronx to Brazil, as she reaches out to communities of faith around the world with a message of justice and peace.