

## **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

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

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, Morehouse Pub. Co.

ISBN: 0819218286

Format: Paperback, 368pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 1999

***One, Catholic, and Apostolic: Samuel Seabury and the Early Episcopal Church***, by Paul V. Marshall

ISBN: 0898694477

Format: Paperback, 300pp

Publisher: Church Publishing, Incorporated 2004

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH and REFERENCE**

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

ISBN: 0819212792

Format: Paperback, 142pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 2002

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

***101 Reasons to be Episcopalian***, by Louie Crew

ISBN: 0819219258

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

Format: Paperback, 144pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 1999

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

ISBN: 0819219150

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

Format: Paperback, 160pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 2005

***The Anglican Family Prayer Book***, by Anne E. Kitch

ISBN: 0819219401

Format: Hardcover, 208pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 2003

The best place to teach children about our faith is in the home. The Anglican Family Prayer Book is a resource for Episcopal families who want to pass on Anglican prayers and traditions to their children and teach faith in everyday settings.

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

ISBN: 0819219665

Format: Paperback, 130pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 2004

From birthday cakes and anniversary dinners to summer vacations at the beach, each family has its own ways of marking the days and seasons of its

life. For the Christian family-especially Episcopalians-it's no different. With an array of colors and an assortment of rich traditions, Episcopalians move through the Church year, marking the days and seasons that tell the story of Christ in our lives-in history and today. 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. But it does more than offer interesting trivia about church vestments and pageantry. 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

Format: Paperback, 141pp

Publisher: Cowley Publications 2000

This illustrated dictionary for the Episcopal Church is an essential reference to its terminology, worship, structure, and polity. Originally intended as a resource for new members and confirmands in the Episcopal Church, since it was first published in 1985 the dictionary has become increasingly popular with clergy, vestries, and other lay ministers and leaders. 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.

***A Dictionary for Episcopalians*** is an ideal reference book for new members, seminarians, clergy, confirmation and inquirers' classes, altar guilds, church school teachers, and anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal Church. With illustrations and a pronunciation guide, it is a useful addition to every parish library and sacristy.

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

ISBN: 0898692113

Format: Paperback, 578pp

Publisher: Church Publishing, Incorporated 2005

You'll find the answers to these and many, many more questions in this wonderfully comprehensive reference guide. 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

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 have 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

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 (27 August 1902) and Henry Winter Syle (6 January 1890) Episcopal Priests**

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.

***Dakota Cross-Bearer: The Life and World of a Native American Bishop***, by Mary E. Cochran, Martin Brokenleg (Introduction), Raymond A.

Bucko (Introduction)

ISBN: 0803264453

Format: Paperback, 252pp

Publisher: University of Nebraska Press 2004

Dakota Cross-Bearer is the story of Harold S. Jones, a Dakota Indian born in 1909 and raised on the Santee Reservation in Nebraska, who **rose through the ranks of the Episcopal Church to become the first Native bishop of a Christian church**. Jones's biography sheds light on the importance of Christianity for the Dakotas and other Native peoples during the twentieth century. His story yields insights into the history of twentieth-century missionary activity among Native communities and illuminates instances of conflict and discrimination within the Episcopal Church, the processes of clerical training and testing, and the demands of constant relocation.

***Why Me, Lord?: The Story of One Woman's Ordination***, by Betty Bone Schiess

ISBN: 081560744X

Format: Hardcover, 153pp

Publisher: Syracuse University Press 2002

"As **one of the first women to be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church**, the Reverend Betty Bone Schiess made history and helped provoke changes that have had reverberation throughout the religious world. Her account offers a rare glimpse into the experiences of a pioneer in the religious women's movement." "In the late 1960s, influenced by the burgeoning women's movement, Civil Rights Movement, and anti-war movement, Schiess challenged the Episcopal Church, aided by the regional chapter of the National Organization for Women. In 1972, she was awarded a Master of Divinity, but when she sought ordination, her request was denied because of her sex. In 1974, together with ten other American women, she was ordained in Philadelphia by a group of retired bishops. Ensuing charges against Schiess by the diocesan Committee of Inquiry and her suit against the Episcopal Church revealed a deeply ingrained bias against women within the church. Her book is unique in showing how this critical struggle played out among both major players and ordinary citizens and how these eleven women shaped events that would lead to historic change. In 1977, the Episcopal Church voted to allow the ordination of women." Schiess weaves together her experiences and that of other women priests with the history of the women's movement in the region. Her memoir contributes substantially not only to religion but also to the literature on feminist and legal scholarship.

***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

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

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.

***A Wing and a Prayer: A Message of Faith and Hope,*** by Katharine Jefferts Schori

ISBN: 0819222712

Format: Paperback, 160pp

Publisher: Morehouse Publishing 2007

Katharine Jefferts Schori is a bishop on the move-as bishop of Nevada, she piloted her own plane to remote parishes around the sprawling diocese to share her passionate message of reconciliation and peace. Now, as **the first female primate in the 500-year history of Anglicanism,** she speaks to a far wider audience. *A Wing and a Prayer* introduces Katharine Jefferts Schori and her platform to the wider church-and to the world.