

Chapter 1 : CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: England (Before the Reformation)

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As they developed or, beginning with the United States of America, became sovereign or independent states, many of their churches became separate organisationally but remained linked to the Church of England through the Anglican Communion. The nine parishes of the Church of England in Bermuda, each with its own church and glebe land, rarely had more than a pair of ordained ministers to share between them until the Nineteenth Century. Bermuda was then grouped into the new Diocese of Newfoundland and Bermuda from In, the Synod of the Church of England in Bermuda was formed. At the same time, a Diocese of Bermuda became separate from the Diocese of Newfoundland, but both continued to be grouped under the Bishop of Newfoundland and Bermuda until, when Newfoundland and Bermuda each received its own Bishop. The Church of England in Bermuda was renamed in as the Anglican Church of Bermuda, which is an extra-provincial diocese, [21] with both metropolitan and primatial authority coming directly from the Archbishop of Canterbury. The clergy union argued that the penalty was unfair to victims of hypothetical miscarriages of criminal justice, because the ecclesiastical penalty is considered irreversible. Although clerics can still be banned for life from ministry, they remain ordained as priests. Attendance at Church of England services has declined at an average of one per cent per annum over recent decades and, in addition, the age profile of our membership has become significantly older than that of the population Renewing and reforming aspects of our institutional life is a necessary but far from sufficient response to the challenges facing the Church of England The age profile of our clergy has also been increasing. Around 40 per cent of parish clergy are due to retire over the next decade or so. Of these, closures, only were made since Some active use is made of about half of the closed churches. The Church of England had previously campaigned for all employers to pay this minimum amount. The archbishop of Canterbury acknowledged it was not the only area where the church "fell short of its standards". Anglicanism and Anglican doctrine Richard Hooker " , one of the most influential figures in shaping Anglican theology and self-identity The canon law of the Church of England identifies the Christian scriptures as the source of its doctrine. In addition, doctrine is also derived from the teachings of the Church Fathers and ecumenical councils as well as the ecumenical creeds in so far as these agree with scripture. This doctrine is expressed in the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Ordinal containing the rites for the ordination of deacons, priests, and the consecration of bishops. The Church of England affirms the Protestant Reformation principle that scripture contains all things necessary to salvation and is the final arbiter in doctrinal matters. Though not a complete system of doctrine, the articles highlight areas of agreement with Lutheran and Reformed positions, while differentiating Anglicanism from Roman Catholicism and Anabaptism. It accepts the decisions of the first four ecumenical councils concerning the Trinity and the Incarnation. The Church of England also preserves Catholic Order by adhering to episcopal polity, with ordained orders of bishops, priests and deacons. There are differences of opinion within the Church of England over the necessity of episcopacy. Some consider it essential, while others feel it is needed for the proper ordering of the church. It is light on details compared to Roman Catholic, Reformed and Lutheran teachings. The Bible, the Creeds, Apostolic Order, and the administration of the Sacraments are sufficient to establish Catholicity. The Reformation in England was initially much concerned about doctrine but the Elizabethan Settlement tried to put a stop to doctrinal contentions. They did not succeed because the Monarchy, the Church and resisted and the majority of the population were indifferent. Moreover, "despite all the assumptions of the Reformation founders of that Church, it had retained a catholic character. The existence of cathedrals "without substantial alteration" and "where the "old devotional world cast its longest shadow for the future of the ethos that would become Anglicanism," p. This is "One of the great

mysteries of the English Reformation," *ibid* that there was no complete break with the past but a muddle that was per force turned into a virtue. The story of the English Reformation is the tale of retreat from the Protestant advance of which could not proceed further in the face of the opposition of the institution which was rooted in the medieval past, *ibid*. The Church of England has, as one of its distinguishing marks, a breadth and "open-mindedness". This tolerance has allowed Anglicans who emphasise the Catholic tradition and others who emphasise the Reformed tradition to coexist. The three "parties" see Churchmanship in the Church of England are sometimes called high church or Anglo-Catholic, low church or evangelical Anglican and broad church or liberal. As their name suggests, Anglo-Catholics maintain many traditional Catholic practices and liturgical forms. Such churches were also reported to attract higher numbers of men and young adults than others. In addition to this book the General Synod has also legislated for a modern liturgical book, *Common Worship*, dating from 2000, which can be used as an alternative to the BCP. Like its predecessor, the *Alternative Service Book*, it differs from the *Book of Common Prayer* in providing a range of alternative services, mostly in modern language, although it does include some BCP-based forms as well, for example *Order Two for Holy Communion*. This is a revision of the BCP service, altering some words and allowing the insertion of some other liturgical texts such as the *Agnus Dei* before communion. The *Order One* rite follows the pattern of more modern liturgical scholarship. The liturgies are organised according to the traditional liturgical year and the calendar of saints. The sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist are generally thought necessary to salvation. Infant baptism is practised. At a later age, individuals baptised as infants receive confirmation by a bishop, at which time they reaffirm the baptismal promises made by their parents or sponsors. Traditional Choral evensong is a staple of most cathedrals. During the 18th century, clergy such as Charles Wesley introduced their own styles of worship with poetic hymns. In the latter half of the 20th century, the influence of the Charismatic Movement significantly altered the worship traditions of numerous Church of England parishes, primarily affecting those of evangelical persuasion. These churches now adopt a contemporary worship form of service, with minimal liturgical or ritual elements, and incorporating contemporary worship music. Women have been lay readers for a long time. After that no more lay readers were appointed until legislation authorising the ordination of women as deacons was passed in 1987 and they were first ordained in 1991. The ordination of women as priests was passed by the General Synod in 1992 and began in 1993. In 1993, for the first time in the history of the Church of England, more women than men were ordained as priests women and men. In February 1993, the synod voted overwhelmingly for the "further exploration" of possible arrangements for parishes that did not want to be directly under the authority of a bishop who is a woman. The House of Bishops recorded 37 votes in favour, two against with one abstention. The House of Clergy had 25 in favour, 25 against and four abstentions. The House of Laity voted 45 for, 45 against with five abstentions. In December 1993, Libby Lane was announced as the first woman to become a bishop in the Church of England. She was consecrated as a bishop in January 1994. I would encourage people to explore those kinds of images. Civil partnerships enable these Christian virtues to be recognised socially and legally in a proper framework. Liberal Christianity Just as the Church of England has a large conservative or "traditionalist" wing, it also has many liberal members and clergy. Approximately one third of clergy "doubt or disbelieve in the physical resurrection". For example, one report from the Church Mission Society suggested that the church open up "a pagan church where Christianity [is] very much in the centre" to reach out to spiritual people.

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The formal history of the Church of England is traditionally dated by the Church to the Gregorian mission to England by Saint Augustine of Canterbury in AD 597. As a result of Augustine's mission, Christianity in England, from Anglican (English) perspective, came under the authority of the Pope.

Recent Posts It is generally assumed that the demise of the Church of England is now so imminent that it is time to prepare the obituary. Despite all the statistical evidence and the gloomy forecasts, I think God may have other plans. In fact, let me propose a more positive viewpoint. The old bit is straightforward. I take the fact that the Church of England is so old as an indicator of its enduring strength and relevance. That influence is seen not only in political influence over the years, the great ceremonies, the noble cathedrals and the innumerable church schools. It is also seen in the tolerance, moderation, decency and honesty that are still considered "albeit to a declining extent" to be the hallmarks of British culture. These did not arise from some fluke of genetics but were hammered into our society week by week over centuries by the good old Church of England, in large measure through its persistent use of the Bible and The Book of Common Prayer. I am reminded of the story of the American visitor who, impressed by the lawn of an Oxford college, asked the gardener how he achieved such perfection. So the Church of England is certainly old but is it good? My answer is, with two clarifications, that it is indeed good. The first clarification is that good is different from perfect. The second is that Anglicanism is a notoriously mixed bag and I would only wish to praise what you might call its conventional form. By that I mean a Church of England that is committed to both Scripture and the duty to proclaim the good news of Christ. Sadly, however, not all that claims to be the Church of England is either authentically Anglican or, frankly, even Christian. First, and most fundamentally, the foundation of the conventional Church of England is good, incorporating as it does both sound doctrine and wise practice. In terms of doctrine, the Church of England was founded on the Bible and in terms of practice it has, despite frequent episodic swings to excesses, retained a wise balance between Calvinistic severity and Catholic ceremony. A key strength of this good foundation is, I would claim, the Anglican Prayer Book with those oft-neglected 39 Articles and the tradition of liturgy associated with it. In a world of increasingly unchurched people both liturgy and creed are enormously helpful in giving a script to follow. A creed and a formal liturgy of some sort are helpful antidotes to such an attitude. Unfortunately, some people seem to have an instinctive desire to unearth foundations and overturn them. So there are those who would wish to shift the beliefs and practices of the Church of England either to a form of Catholicism that the present Pope would probably not recognise or to an old-fashioned liberalism. Perhaps most worryingly of all there are those who, while claiming to reject the liberalism of the past, propose that we adopt something more appropriate to a postmodern age in which it seems that anything can be anything except the thing that it really is. The end result of all these experiments, however, seems to be no more than the old liberalism remixed. Second, there is also the good tradition of the Church of England. I have referred to its historical importance but there is also a tremendously rich legacy of awesome buildings, beautiful music, powerful hymns and thoughtful writings. This historical tradition is good because in an age when almost everything is temporary, an enduring past counts. The long interweaving of the Church of England in British society has earned it a privileged place. In a nation of non-attenders and non-believers we are the church that people do not go to but doors that are slammed shut on others are opened to Church of England ministers. Perhaps even more importantly, Anglicanism also has a cultural tradition much ridiculed of inoffensiveness and even blandness. With rare exceptions, we have rarely been shouters and ranters: So the tradition is good, yet like most good things it carries a peril with it. The danger is that we can become so focused on what we were that we fail to consider what we should be. The past is a particular peril for those who fear the future. Beauty and history can hide the truth better than almost anything else. However majestic our cathedrals, however beautiful our music, however elevating our ancient forms of service, we are neither museum curators nor custodians of a vanished culture.

Third, conventional Anglicanism has an organisation that is good. There is actually something to be said in favour of such much-criticised Anglican phenomena as curacies, parishes and even bishops. The curacy is an excellent training pattern and has definite advantages over the sink-or-swim method practised in much of Nonconformity. The parish system gives Anglicanism an almost universal presence within England and parish churches are also normally visible and easy to find. If nothing else, in the age of consumerist congregations they provide ministers with an invaluable protection from their flocks: Although this organisational strength is good or at least potentially good it can nevertheless give rise to problems. All organisational structures have a tendency to slide into bureaucracy and the Church of England is certainly not immune. Sometimes it seems that rules, forms and conventions have been almost deliberately used to create an obstacle course to prevent the working of the Holy Spirit. It used to be possible to suffocate a minister under paper and the computer age has not improved matters: In a demonic triumph of management over ministry, spreadsheets, databases and online forms squeeze out evangelism, pastoring and worship. Fourth, conventional Anglicanism has a commitment to education that is good. Courtesy of solid training most ministers are unlikely to intellectually insult their congregations. Most are thoughtful and insightful observers of the Word and of the world and many are biblical scholars of some competence. Here too, however, there is a downside and a threat. We have the potential for a system that can create graduates who can tell you about how the rhetorical and socio-historical setting of Galatians relates to the New View of St Paul but who have no idea how to console a dying person. Finally, conventional Anglicanism has a vocation that is good. At its best the Church of England takes its calling as a national church seriously. It still retains the belief that it is called by God to care for the spiritual health of England and, just possibly, the rest of the United Kingdom too. This is a bold, valuable and challenging vision: This sense of vocation is what many of the bored and boring clerics who are a blight on our denomination need to have. Yet even here there is a peril: That is arrogance and the public recognise it as such. So there is much in many areas that is good about the Church of England, although with each strength comes a potential weakness. If I had to summarise what I think is the overall need and the greatest danger for the Church of England it would be simply this: I have little doubt that in the Church of England we do need academics, antiquarians and administrators but please not at the expense of those who are called to serve on the frontline of mission in twenty-first-century Britain. I refuse to end on any sort of a negative note. Perhaps perversely, I find two encouragements in the cries of alarm that I now hear from within the denomination. Firstly, it suggests that we have woken up, which is definitely progress for an organisation with a persistent history of sleepwalking. Even the most secluded cleric must now surely realise that maintaining the status quo is not an option. Secondly, crisis brings people to prayer. And it is there that our greatest, highest hope lies: Lewis but on Jesus Christ. He is not dead and neither, I believe, is any church that stays true to him. John Find out more about J. John here Follow J. John on Twitter canonjjohn Share this blog Recent Posts.

Chapter 3 : The Anglican Domain: Church History

Church of England: Church of England, English national church that traces its history back to the arrival of Christianity in Britain during the 2nd century. It has been the original church of the Anglican Communion since the 16th-century Protestant Reformation.

Through the Act of Supremacy of 1534, the king made himself the "supreme head" of the Church of England in place of the Pope. However, Henry allowed few doctrinal changes and very little changed in the religious life of the common English worshipper. Under King Edward, Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer contributed a great deal to the Protestant movement, including the first two versions of the Book of Common Prayer and the 42 Articles. After the ascension of the Catholic "Bloody Mary" to the throne in 1553, England was restored to Catholicism, much of the reforming work under Kings Henry and Edward was undone, and Thomas Cranmer was burned at the stake. Protestantism finally emerged victorious under Queen Elizabeth I. It was under Elizabeth that "Anglicanism" took shape, established on the notion of a *via media* between Catholicism and Protestantism specifically Reformed Protestantism. Elizabeth appointed Protestant bishops, but reintroduced a crucifix in her chapel, tried to insist on traditional clerical vestments, and made other attempts to satisfy conservative opinion. The 42 Articles were reduced to 39 and the Book of Common Prayer was reissued. The 39 Articles and the Book of Common Prayer, which together expressed the faith and practice of the Church of England, were sufficiently vague to allow for a variety of interpretations along the Catholic-Protestant spectrum. After Elizabeth, Calvinist influences were dominant for a time, but High Churchmen regained control of the Church of England in the Restoration of 1660. In the latter 17th and early 18th centuries, Anglicanism was characterized by its emphases on reason, simple devotional religion and moral living. After about 1700, the controversy quieted down and the Church of England settled into the form that still characterizes it today. Evangelicalism arose in 18th century in part as a reaction against the lack of spiritual fervor and enthusiasm in the Church. This had a balancing effect on Anglicanism and there remains a strong evangelical group within the Church of England, but evangelicals also went beyond the bounds of the traditional Anglican outlook and many, like Methodism under the direction of John Wesley, broke away from the Church of England. Another important development in the history of Anglicanism, the Oxford Movement, began in 1820. Also known as the Catholic Revival, this movement sought to restore the sacraments, rituals and outward forms of Catholicism to the Church of England. By the mid-19th century, many of the practices advocated by this group had been incorporated. Also in the 19th century, the Church of England found room for the new German biblical criticism and liberal theology. Scholarship is still highly regarded in Anglicanism, and Anglican scholars have generally been free to adopt views ranging from conservative to radical while remaining in the Anglican fold. Anglicanism expanded along with the British Empire, creating a network of autonomous churches that were loyal to the faith and forms of the Church of England. After the American Revolution, Anglicans in the U.S. The 21st century has proven to be an important point in history for Anglicanism. The recent ordination of a gay bishop in America and the disapproving reaction from the Communion will have great implications for the question of how much variation can be tolerated within Anglicanism. And, as always, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the bishops and the priests in Anglican churches must decide how to react to the continuing influences of biblical criticism, liberal theology and modern ethical values.

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The earliest historical evidence of Christianity among the native Britons is found in the writings of such early Christian Fathers as Tertullian and Origen in the first years of the 3rd century , although the first Christian communities probably were established some decades earlier. Three Romano-British bishops, including Restitutus , metropolitan bishop of London, are known to have been present at the Council of Arles Others attended the Council of Serdica in and that of Ariminum in A number of references to the church in Roman Britain are also found in the writings of 4th century Christian fathers. The first recorded Christian martyr in Britain, St Alban , is thought to have lived in the early 4th century, and his prominence in English hagiography is reflected in the number of parish churches of which he is patron. Anglicans also consider Celtic Christianity a forerunner of their church, since the re-establishment of Christianity in some areas of Great Britain in the 6th century came via Irish and Scottish missionaries, notably followers of St Patrick and St Columba. Alone among the kingdoms then existing Kent was Jutish, rather than Anglian or Saxon. However, the origin of the Church in the British Isles extends farther back see above. Bertha had restored a church remaining from Roman times to the east of Canterbury and dedicated it to Saint Martin of Tours , the patronal saint of the Merovingian royal family. Augustine had served as praepositus prior of the monastery of Saint Andrew in Rome, founded by Gregory. His party lost heart on the way and Augustine went back to Rome from Provence and asked his superiors to abandon the mission project. The pope, however, commanded and encouraged continuation, and Augustine and his followers landed on the Island of Thanet in the spring of By the end of the year he himself had been converted, and Augustine received consecration as a bishop at Arles. Augustine sent a report of his success to Gregory with certain questions concerning his work. Gregory directed the new archbishop to ordain as soon as possible twelve suffragan bishops and to send a bishop to York , who should also have twelve suffragans. Augustine did not carry out this papal plan, nor did he establish the primatial see at London in the Kingdom of the East Saxons as Gregory intended, as the Londoners remained heathen. Augustine did consecrate Mellitus as bishop of London and Justus as bishop of Rochester. Pope Gregory issued more practicable mandates concerning heathen temples and usages: Augustine re-consecrated and rebuilt an old church at Canterbury as his cathedral and founded a monastery in connection with it. He also restored a church and founded the monastery of St Peter and St Paul outside the walls. The kingdom of Kent and those Anglo-Saxon kingdoms over which Kent had influence relapsed into heathenism for several decades. During the next 50 years Celtic missionaries evangelised the kingdom of Northumbria with an episcopal see at Lindisfarne and missionaries then proceeded to some of the other kingdoms to evangelise those also. Mercia and Sussex were among the last kingdoms to undergo Christianization. The Synod of Whitby in forms a significant watershed in that King Oswiu of Northumbria decided to follow Roman rather than Celtic practices. It was presided over by King Oswiu, who did not engage in the debate but made the final ruling. Medieval consolidation[edit] As in other parts of medieval Europe, tension existed between the local monarch and the Pope about civil judicial authority over clerics, taxes and the wealth of the Church, and appointments of bishops, notably during the reigns of Henry II and John. As begun by Alfred the Great in and consolidated under William the Conqueror in , England became a politically unified entity at an earlier date than other European countries. One of the effects was that the units of government, both of church and state, were comparatively large. England was divided between the Province of Canterbury and the Province of York under two archbishops. At the time of the Norman Conquest , there were only 15 diocesan bishops in England, increased to 17 in the 12th century with the creation of the sees of Ely and Carlisle. This is far fewer than the numbers in France and Italy. Following the depredations of the Viking invasions of the 9th century, most

English monasteries had ceased to function and the cathedrals were typically served by small communities of married priests. King Edgar and his Archbishop of Canterbury Dunstan instituted a major reform of cathedrals at a synod at Winchester in 970, where it was agreed that all bishops should seek to establish monasticism in their cathedrals following the Benedictine rule, with the bishop as abbot. Excavations have demonstrated that the reformed monastic cathedrals of Canterbury, Winchester, Sherborne and Worcester were rebuilt on a lavish scale in the late 10th century. However, renewed Viking attacks in the reign of Ethelred, stalled the progress of monastic revival. In 1066, following the Norman Conquest, William the Conqueror and his archbishop Lanfranc sought to complete the programme of reform. Durham and Rochester cathedrals were refounded as Benedictine monasteries, the secular cathedral of Wells was moved to monastic Bath, while the secular cathedral of Lichfield was moved to Chester, and then to monastic Coventry. Norman bishops were seeking to establish an endowment income entirely separate from that of their cathedral body, and this was inherently more difficult in a monastic cathedral, where the bishop was also titular abbot. Bishops of monastic cathedrals, tended to find themselves embroiled in long-running legal disputes with their respective monastic bodies; and increasingly tended to reside elsewhere. The bishops of Worcester generally lived in York, while the bishops of Carlisle lived at Melbourne in Derbyshire. Monastic governance of cathedrals continued in England, Scotland and Wales throughout the medieval period; whereas elsewhere in western Europe it was found only at Monreale in Sicily and Downpatrick in Ireland. The possession of the relics of a popular saint was a source of funds to the individual church as the faithful made donations and benefactions in the hope that they might receive spiritual aid, a blessing or a healing from the presence of the physical remains of the holy person. Among those churches to benefit in particular were: Etheldreda; Westminster Abbey, with the magnificent shrine of its founder St. Edward the Confessor; and Chichester, which held the honoured remains of St. Thomas Becket, the late Archbishop of Canterbury, who was assassinated by henchmen of King Henry II in 1171. As a place of pilgrimage Canterbury was, in the 13th century, second only to Santiago de Compostela. Hunter first line: He founded the Lollard movement, which opposed a number of practices of the Church. He was also against papal encroachments on secular power. Wycliffe was associated with statements indicating that the Church in Rome is not the head of all churches, nor did St Peter have any more powers given to him than other disciples. These statements were related to his call for a reformation of its wealth, corruption and abuses. Wycliffe, an Oxford scholar, went so far as to state that "The Gospel by itself is a rule sufficient to rule the life of every Christian person on the earth, without any other rule. After various failed initiatives he stepped up the pressure on Rome, in the summer of 1378, by compiling a manuscript from ancient sources arguing that, in law, spiritual supremacy rested with the monarch and also against the legality of Papal authority. In 1378 Henry first challenged the Pope when he demanded 100,000 pounds from the clergy in exchange for a royal pardon for what he called their illegal jurisdiction. He also demanded that the clergy should recognise him as their sole protector and supreme head. Nonetheless, he continued to seek a compromise with the Pope, but negotiations which had started in 1378 and ended in 1380 with the papal legate Antonio Giovanni da Burgio failed. Efforts by Henry to appeal to Jewish scholarship concerning the contours of levirate marriage were unavailing as well. In 1534 the Church of England agreed to surrender its legislative independence and canon law to the authority of the monarch. In the Statute in Restraint of Appeals removed the right of the English clergy and laity to appeal to Rome on matters of matrimony, tithes and oblations. It also gave authority over such matters to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Due to clergy objections the contentious term "Supreme Head" for the monarch later became "Supreme Governor of the Church of England" which is the title held by the reigning monarch to the present. Such constitutional changes made it not only possible for Henry to have his marriage annulled but also gave him access to the considerable wealth that the Church had amassed. Thomas Cromwell, as Vicar General, launched a commission of enquiry into the nature and value of all ecclesiastical property in 1534, which culminated in the Dissolution of the Monasteries. Many Roman Catholics consider the separation of the Church in England from Rome in 1534 to be the true origin of the Church of England, rather than dating it from the

mission of St. Augustine in AD 597. Apart from its distinct customs and liturgies such as the Sarum rite, the organizational machinery of the Church of England was in place by the time of the Synod of Hertford in 1025, when the English bishops were first able to act as one body under the leadership of the Archbishop of Canterbury. By the end of the 17th century, the English church described itself as both Catholic and Reformed, with the English monarch as its Supreme Governor. The early legislation focused primarily on questions of temporal and spiritual supremacy. The Dissolution of the Monasteries and the seizure of their assets by Henry VIII brought huge amounts of church land and property under the jurisdiction of the Crown, and ultimately into the hands of the English nobility. This simultaneously removed the greatest centres of loyalty to the pope and created vested interests which made a powerful material incentive to support a separate Christian church in England under the rule of the Crown. The theological justification for Anglican distinctiveness was begun by the Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, the principal author of the first prayer book, and continued by others such as Matthew Parker, Richard Hooker and Lancelot Andrewes. Cranmer had worked as a diplomat in Europe and was aware of the ideas of Reformers such as Andreas Osiander and Friedrich Myconius as well as the Roman Catholic theologian Desiderius Erasmus. This reform was reversed abruptly in the reign of Queen Mary I, a Roman Catholic who re-established communion with Rome following her accession in 1553. Differences in religion were likely to lead to civil unrest at the very least, with treason and foreign invasion acting as real threats. When Queen Elizabeth I came to the throne in 1558, a solution was thought to have been found. To minimise bloodshed over religion in her dominions, the religious settlement between the factions of Rome and Geneva was brought about. These works, issued under Archbishop Matthew Parker, were to become the basis of all subsequent Anglican doctrine and identity. It would become a source of great argument during the 17th century, but later revisions were not of great theological importance. It was imposed by law, and secured Parliamentary approval only by a narrow vote in which all the Roman Catholic bishops who were not imprisoned voted against. As well as those who continued to recognise papal supremacy, the more militant Protestants, or Puritans as they became known, opposed it. Both groups were punished and disenfranchised in various ways and cracks in the facade of religious unity in England appeared.

Chapter 5 : Church of England - RationalWiki

The Church of England, or Anglican Church, is the primary state church in England, where the concepts of church and state are linked. The Church of England is considered the original church of the.

The Anglican Church in Virginia The Anglican Church in Virginia Established Church Established churches that worked in tandem with the government were the custom and the law for many centuries in Europe. In keeping with this ancient tradition, colonial Virginia law required Virginians to worship in a state church that they supported with their taxes. This arrangement was patterned after the Anglican, or Church of England, establishment in the mother country. Church of England affiliation required to hold office in Virginia Almost from the beginning, the establishment in Virginia differed from that in England. Office-holding qualifications at all levels required Church of England affiliation. County courts and vestries handled nearly all governmental functions vital to everyday life. Justices exercised an amalgam of administrative, judicial, and ecclesiastical powers. They passed judgment in all manner of cases, including absence from Anglican church services, bastardy and adultery, and other moral offenses as defined in law. Anglican parishes levied taxes and gave support to needy Parish vestries not only levied public taxes to pay the clergy and build and repair churches, but also doled out support for poor orphans and other needy persons in their parishes. And it spelled out the conditions under which dissenters were allowed to practice their religion. Although many among the colonial elite supported a church establishment, they opposed centralization of church authority that would take authority to run church affairs out of their hands. Their hands-on management of church affairs taught them just as service in the strong county court system did that Virginians were capable, independent leaders. They therefore opposed a movement in the s to secure a resident American bishop. Dissent and Religious Toleration By law, colonial Virginians were members of the Anglican church, but in spite of church establishment, religious life in Virginia was not cut of whole cloth for long. Immigrants â€” Scots, Irish, English,Continental â€” brought religious diversity to the colony. Virginia officials chose to tolerate in the legal sense most non-Anglican Protestants. Legislation granted limited religious expression and practice to persons who did not accept the religious doctrines and ritual of the Church of England. The law required dissenters to notify the courts of their dissenting status. Dissenting ministers and their meetinghouses needed licenses from the General Court. Legal toleration provided dissenters a means, however cumbersome, by which they could legally worship outside the Anglican church, but it also disadvantaged dissenters by barring them from public office and by taxing them for support of the Anglican church. Moreover, the privilege of religious toleration could be withdrawn at any time. Religious Freedom and Separation of Church and State Religious beliefs and the evolution of American organized religion contributed considerably to the restructuring of American society that culminated in a formal break from Great Britain. Freedom of religion, and the unique system of institutional religion it fostered, were integral parts of the process of becoming Americans. As Virginians responded to the appeal of evangelical faith and the tolerant rationalism of the Enlightenment, they grew away from the idea of a single authoritarian church protected by the state and toward the concept of religion disentangled from government. The personal appeal of evangelical faith together with the ideals of the Enlightenment helped create an atmosphere in which this and other democratic ideals could flourish. In , the First Amendment to the Constitution stated that the federal government could not enact laws establishing religion or "prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

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Chapter 6 : Catholic Church in England, History, Timeline, Facts, Protestant

Facts about Church of England inform you with the established Christian church in England. It is considered as the mother church of the Anglican Communion in the world. St Augustine was the leader for the Gregorian mission in Kent.

It is considered as the mother church of the Anglican Communion in the world. St Augustine was the leader for the Gregorian mission in Kent. The establishment of the church was led by the saint in the sixth century. Here are other interesting facts about Church of England: Facts about Church of England 1: It provides the people with the Christian praise and worship. Facts about Church of England 2: The people who lived in the rural, suburban and urban settings can interact each other. They are considered as the centers of Christian service and spirituality. Facts about Church of England 4: They can be seen in various areas in Europe. It also plays a prominent role in the life of the nation. Facts about Church of England 6: House of Lords There are 26 bishops who become the members in the House of Lords. All of them play an active role for the international and national affairs. Check facts about Catholicism here. Facts about Church of England 8: The Easter Service was participated by 1. Facts about Church of England The report states that 1 of 16 secondary schools and 1 of 4 primary schools in England are enrolled in Church of England Schools. Find facts about Christianity here.

Chapter 7 : What Caused England & the Catholic Church to Separate? | Synonym

The English Church dates its history principally to the mission to England by Saint Augustine of Canterbury in AD As a result of Augustine's mission, Christianity in England came under the authority of the Pope.

Who were the Pilgrims? The people we know as Pilgrims have become so surrounded by legend that we are tempted to forget that they were real people. Against great odds, they made the famous voyage aboard the ship Mayflower and founded Plymouth Colony, but they were also ordinary English men and women. To understand them, it is important that we look beyond the legend. This story will help you get to know these people, now known as the Pilgrims, through their first years in New England. Although he and his daughter, Queen Elizabeth I reigned, changed some things that made the Church of England different from the Roman Catholic Church, a few people felt that the new Church retained too many practices of the Roman Church. They called for a return to a simpler faith and less structured forms of worship. In short, they wanted to return to worshipping in the way the early Christians had. They thought the new Church of England was beyond reform. This opinion was very dangerous; in England in the s, it was illegal to be part of any church other than the Church of England. The Separatist church congregation that established Plymouth Colony in New England was originally centered around the town of Scrooby in Nottinghamshire, England. Members included the young William Bradford and William Brewster. When they felt they could no longer suffer these difficulties in England, they chose to flee to the Dutch Netherlands. There, they could practice their own religion without fear of persecution from the English government or its church. The Pilgrims in Holland the Netherlands Although they had religious freedom, life in the Netherlands was not easy. The Separatists had to leave their homeland and friends to live in a foreign country without a clear idea of how they would support themselves. The congregation stayed briefly in Amsterdam and then moved to the city of Leiden. There they remained for the next 11 or 12 years. Most found work in the cloth trades, while others were carpenters, tailors and printers. Their lives required hard work. Even young children had to work. Some older children were tempted by the Dutch culture and left their families to become soldiers and sailors. Their parents feared that they would lose their identity as English people. To make matters worse, the congregation worried that another war might break out between the Dutch and Spanish. They decided to move again. The Move to America After careful thought, the congregation decided to leave Holland to establish a farming village in the northern part of the Virginia Colony. At that time, Virginia extended from Jamestown in the south to the mouth of the Hudson River in the north, so the Pilgrims planned to settle near present-day New York City. There they hoped to live under the English government, but they would worship in their own, separate church. The company of investors would provide passage for the colonists and supply them with tools, clothing and other supplies. The colonists in turn would work for the company, sending natural resources such as fish, timber and furs back to England. The colonists and investors had many disagreements, but eventually the Pilgrims were able to leave Europe for America. The entire congregation could not come to America together. Those who could settle their affairs in Leiden went first while the greater number, including their pastor John Robinson, remained behind. The congregation purchased a small ship, Speedwell, to transport them across the sea and to use for fishing and trading in America. At Southampton, a port in England, they were joined by a group of English colonists who had been gathered by the investors. Speedwell and Mayflower – a ship rented by the investors – departed for America together. After twice turning back to England because Speedwell leaked, they were forced to leave the ship. As a result, many families were divided when some passengers had to be turned back for lack of space. A month after first leaving England, on September 6, , Mayflower set out alone with passengers. For more information on the voyage of Mayflower and the Mayflower Compact, please visit Mayflower: Although the Pilgrims had originally intended to settle near the Hudson River in New York, dangerous shoals and poor winds forced the ship to seek shelter at Cape Cod. Because it was so late in the year and travel around Cape Cod was proving difficult, the passengers decided not to sail further and to remain in

New England. It was here, in Cape Cod Bay, that most of the adult men on the ship signed the document that we know as the Mayflower Compact. A party of the most able men began exploring the area to find a suitable place to settle. After several weeks, the exploring party arrived at what appeared to be an abandoned Wampanoag community. The plentiful water supply, good harbor, cleared fields, and location on a hill made the area a favorable place for settlement. Mayflower arrived in Plymouth Harbor on December 16, and the colonists began building their town. While houses were being built, the group continued to live on the ship. Many of the colonists fell ill. They were probably suffering from scurvy and pneumonia caused by a lack of shelter in the cold, wet weather. Although the Pilgrims were not starving, their sea-diet was very high in salt, which weakened their bodies on the long journey and during that first winter. As many as two or three people died each day during their first two months on land. Only 52 people survived the first year in Plymouth. When Mayflower left Plymouth on April 5, , she was sailed back to England by only half of her crew. In March , they made a treaty of mutual protection with the Pokanoket Wampanoag leader, Ousamequin also known as Massasoit to the Pilgrims. The treaty had six points. Neither party would harm the other. If anything was stolen, it would be returned and the offending person returned to his own people for punishment. Both sides agreed to leave their weapons behind when meeting, and the two groups would serve as allies in times of war. Squanto, a Wampanoag man who had been taken captive by English sailors and lived for a time in London, came to live with the colonists and instructed them in growing Indian corn. In the fall of , the colonists marked their first harvest with a three-day celebration. Massasoit and 90 of his men joined the English for feasting and entertainment. In the s this famous celebration became the basis for the story of the First Thanksgiving. Over the next six years, more English colonists arrived and many of the people who had to stay behind in England or Holland when Mayflower left England were able to join their families. By , Plymouth Colony was stable and comfortable. Harvests were good and families were growing. In , about people lived in Plymouth Colony.

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Chapter 8 : BBC - Religions - Christianity: Church of England

The Church of England is committed to keep working with other churches and promoting church unity. The Council for Christian Unity (CCU) supports both broader dialogue between churches and dialogue at a local level.

Site map The name "Anglican" means "of England", but the Anglican church exists worldwide. Augustine to Britain to bring a more disciplined Apostolic succession to the Celtic Christians. The Anglican church was spread worldwide first by English colonization and then by English-speaking missionaries. The Anglican church, although it has apostolic succession, is separate from the Roman church. The history of Christianity has produced numerous notable separations. In came the first major split from Roman administration of the church, when the Eastern Orthodox church and the Roman split apart. The conflict of authority in England between church and state certainly dates back to the arrival of Augustine, and has simmered for many centuries. The murder of Thomas a Becket was one of the more famous episodes of this conflict. The Magna Carta , signed by King John in , contains 63 points; the very first point is a declaration that the English church is independent of its government.. Discontent with Roman administration of the church. The beginning of the sixteenth century showed significant discontent with the Roman church. Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries and abbeys in Defining the new church The newly-separated Anglican church was given some formal structure in during the reign of Elizabeth I. That structure is not a management process or governing organization. What binds us together is not common administration but shared tradition and shared belief. Our belief is written down in the Holy Bible and the Articles of Religion; our tradition is in part embodied in our Book of Common Prayer. The first Book of Common Prayer was produced in It has been revised numerous times since then, the most significant revision being the first, in All revisions since then, before the modern era, were very conservative revisions. The English Book of Common Prayer forms the historical basis for most Anglican liturgy around the world. Further Information Church history has been an important part of the cultural history of every nation, and through the centuries thousands of books have been written about it. Every library and every encyclopedia will cover it to some degree. It lists several hundred notable events in the history of the Anglican church, with large numbers of links to reference materials and primary sources.

Chapter 9 : Church of England - Wikipedia

The Church of England, also known as the Anglican church, was created by King Henry VIII out of protest and reform demands of the Roman Catholic Church. In fact, history has made knowing this time.

This term England is here restricted to one constituent, the largest and most populous, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Thus understood, England taken at the same time as including the Principality of Wales is all that part of the Island of Great Britain which lies south of the Solway Firth, the River Liddell, the Cheviot Hills, and the River Tweed; its area is 57, square miles, i. We begin our present account of pre-Reformation England with the new order of things created by William the Conqueror. Although the picture of the degradation of the English Church in the first half of the eleventh century which has been drawn by some authorities notably by H. Boehmer, "Kirche und Staat", 79 is very exaggerated, it is nevertheless certain that even King Edward the Confessor, with all his saintliness, had not been able to repair the damage caused partly by the anarchy of the last ten years of Danish rule, but not less surely, if remotely, by the disorders which for many generations past had existed at the centre of Christendom. Of the prevalence of simoniacal practices, of a scandalous and widespread neglect of the canons enjoining clerical celibacy, and of a general subordination of the ecclesiastical order to secular influences, there is no room for doubt. These evils were at that time almost universal. In , the year of St. Probably they were rather worse. But the forces which were to purify and renovate the Church were already at work. On the other hand this same ascetical discipline had done much to form the character both of Brun, Bishop of Toul, who in became pope, and is known as St. Leo IX, and of Hildebrand his chief counsellor, afterwards still more famous as St. Under the auspices of these two popes a new era dawned for the Church. Effective action was at last taken to restrain clerical incontinence and avarice, while a great struggle began to rescue the bishops from the imminent danger of becoming mere feudatories to the emperor and other secular princes. William the Conqueror had established intimate relations with the Holy See. He came to England armed with the direct authorization of a papal Bull, and his expedition, in the eyes of many earnest men, and probably even his own, was identified with the cause of ecclesiastical reform. The behaviour of Normans and Saxons on the night preceding the battle of Hastings, when the former prayed and prepared for Communion while the latter caroused, was in a measure significant of the spirit of the two parties. All the best elements in the Saxon hierarchy he retained and supported. Wulstan was confirmed in the possession of the See of Worcester. On the other hand, Stigand, the intriguing Archbishop of Canterbury, and one or two other bishops, probably his supporters, were deposed. But in this there was no indecent haste. It was done at the great Council of Winchester Easter, , at which three papal legates were present. Shortly afterwards the vacant sees were filled up, and, in procuring Lanfranc for Canterbury and Thomas of Bayeux for York, William gave to his new kingdom the very best prelates that were then available. The results were undoubtedly beneficial to the Church. The king himself directly enjoined the separation of the civil and ecclesiastical courts, for these jurisdictions in the old shiremoots and hundredmoots had hardly been distinguished. It was probably partly as a consequence of this division that ecclesiastical synods now began to be held regularly by Lanfranc, with no small profit to discipline and piety. Strong legislation was adopted e. Further, several episcopal sees were removed from what were then mere villages to more populous centres. Thus bishops were transferred from Sherborne to Salisbury, from Selsey to Chichester, from Lichfield to Chester, and not many years after from Dorchester to Lincoln, and from Thetford to Norwich. With regard to Rome, the Conqueror seems never to have been wanting in respect for the Holy See, and nothing like a breach with the pope ever took place during his lifetime. The two archbishops went to Rome in to receive their pallia, and when c. Gregory, however, seems at the same time to have called upon the King of England to do homage for his kingdom, regarding the payment of Romescot as an acknowledgment of vassalage, as in some cases, e. To do fealty I have not been willing in the past, nor am I willing now, inasmuch as I have never promised it, nor do I discover that my predecessors ever did it to your

predecessors. Possibly the incident led to some slight coolness, reflected, for example, in the rather negative attitude of Lanfranc towards the antipope Wibert at a later date see Liebermann in "Eng. In any case, the more strictly ecclesiastical policy of the great pontiff was cordially furthered by them, so that St. Gregory, writing to Hugh, Bishop of Die, remarked that although the King of England does not bear himself in all things as religiously as might be wished, still, inasmuch as he does not destroy or sell the churches, rules peaceably and justly, refuses to enter into alliance with the enemies of the Cross of Christ the partisans of Henry IV, and has compelled the priests to give up their wives and laymen to pay arrears of tithe, he has proved himself worthy of special consideration. As has been recently pointed out by an impartial authority Davis, "England under Normans and Angevins", p. The recent attempt that has been made to fasten a charge of forgery upon Lanfranc in connection with this incident see Boehmer, "Fälschungen Erzbischof Lanfranks" breaks down at the point where the personal responsibility of the great archbishop is involved. Well was it for England that William and Lanfranc, without any violent overthrow of the existing order of things, either in Church or State, had nevertheless introduced systematic reforms and had provided the country with good bishops. A struggle was now at hand which ecclesiastically speaking was probably more momentous than any other event in history down to the time of the Reformation. The struggle is known as that about Investitures, and we may note that it had already been going on in Central Europe for some years before the question, through the action of William II and Henry I, sons of the Conqueror, reached an acute phase in England. Down to the eleventh century it may be said that, though the election of bishops always supposed the free choice, or at least the acceptance, of their flocks, the procedure was very variable. But from the seventh and eighth century onwards it became increasingly common for the local Churches to find themselves in some measure of bondage. From the ancient principle of "no land without a lord" it was easy to pass to that of "no church without a lord", an whether the bishopric was situated upon the royal domain or within the sphere of influence of one of the great feudatories, men came to regard each episcopal see as a mere fief which the lord was free to bestow upon whom he would, and for which he duly exacted homage. This development was no doubt much helped by the fact that as the parochial system grew up, it was the oratory of the local magnate which in rural districts became the parish church, and it was his private chaplain who was transformed into the parish priest. Thus the great landowner became the patronus ecclesie, claiming the right to present for ordination any cleric of his own choice. Now the relation of a sovereign towards his bishops came in time to be regarded as precisely analogous. The king was held to be the lord of the lands from which the bishop derived his revenues. Instead of the possession of these lands being regarded as the apanage of the spiritual office, the acceptance of episcopal consecration was looked upon as the special condition or service upon which these lands were held from the king. Thus the temporal sovereign claimed to make the bishop, and, to show that he did so, he "invested" the new spiritual vassal with his fief by presenting to him the episcopal ring and crosier. Now, as long as the supreme authority was wielded by religiously-minded men, princes who took thought for the spiritual well being of their kingdoms, no great harm necessarily resulted from this perversion of right order. But when, as too often happened during the iron age, the monarch was godless and unprincipled, he either kept the see vacant, in order to enjoy the revenues, or else sold the office to the highest bidder. It must be obvious that such a system, if allowed to develop unchecked could only lead in the course of a few generations to the utter demoralization of the Church. When the bishops, the shepherds of the flock, were themselves licentious and corrupt, it would have been a moral miracle if the rank and file of the clergy had not degenerated in an equal or even greater degree. Upon the bishop depended ultimately the admission of candidates to ordination and he also was ultimately responsible for their education and for the maintenance of ecclesiastical discipline. Now the fact cannot be disputed that in the tenth century a very terrible laxity had come to prevail almost everywhere throughout Western Christendom. Worldly minded men, often morally corrupt, were promoted by sovereigns and territorial magnates to some of the most important sees of the Church, many of them obtaining that promotion by the payment of money or by simoniacal compacts. The lower clergy as a rule were grossly ignorant and in many cases unchaste, but under such bishops they enjoyed almost complete immunity from

punishment. No doubt the corruptions of the age have been exaggerated by writers of the stamp of H. Lea, Michelet, and Gregorovius, but nothing could more conclusively prove the gravity of the evil than the fact that for two centuries the Church had to struggle with the abuse by which benefices threatened to become hereditary, descending from the priest to his children. Happily help was at hand. Many individual reformers strove to introduce higher religious ideals and met with partial success, but it was the merit of the great pontiff, St. Gregory VII, to go straight to the root of the evil. It was useless to fulminate decrees against the concubinage of priests and against their neglect of their spiritual functions if the great feudal lords could still nominate unworthy bishops, bestowing investiture by ring and crosier and enforcing their consecration at the hands of other bishops as unworthy as the candidates. Gregory saw that no permanent good could be effected until this system of lay investitures was utterly overthrown. Those who have accused Gregory of insufferable arrogance, of a desire to exalt without measure the spiritual authority of the Church and to humble all secular rulers to the dust, make little allowance for the gravity of the evils he was combating and for the desperate nature of the struggle. When feudalism seemed on the point of so completely swallowing up all ecclesiastical organization, it was pardonable that St. Gregory should have believed that the remedy lay not in any compromise or balance of power, but in the unqualified acceptance of the principle that the Church was above the State. If, on the one hand, he considered that it was the function of the Vicar of Christ to direct and, if need be, chastise the princes of the earth, it is also clear from the history of his life that he designed to use that power impartially and well. In England the struggle over investitures developed somewhat later than on the Continent. If, in the matter of the election of bishops, Gregory VII forbore to press the claims of the Church to extremities under such a ruler as William the Conqueror, this was surely not to be attributed to pusillanimity. Even under the rule of William Rufus no great abuses declared themselves before the death of Lanfranc. It is very noteworthy that William of St. Practical speaking, his appeal was allowed, and he was granted a safe-conduct out of the kingdom, though only after the surrender of his fief. This was virtually an admission that a bishop held only the temporalities of his see from the crown, and that as a spiritual person he was free to challenge the decision of any national tribunal. Such an incident can with difficulty be reconciled with those theories of the independence of the English Church which commonly prevail among modern Anglicans. With the death of Lanfranc, however, all that was evil in the nature of William Rufus seems to have come to the surface. Under the influence of the man who was his evil genius, Ralph Flambard, a cleric whom he eventually made Bishop of Durham, the king during nearly the whole of his reign set himself to undo the good effected by his father and Lanfranc. The prelaties whose revenues were thus confiscated were long kept vacant, and no new appointment was made except upon payment of a large sum of money by way of a "relief". For the credit of one or two really good men like Ralph Luffa and Herbert Losinga, who during these bad times became respectively Bishops of Chichester and Norwich the latter paying a thousand pounds for his nomination, it should be pointed out that a certain pretext of feudal custom lent a decent veil to the simony involved in these transactions. The obsolete doctrine that a fief was a precarious estate, and granted only for a lifetime, was revived by Flambard, and, as a corollary, large sums of money, as "reliefs" from relevare, "to take up again", were demanded, when any fief, lay or spiritual, was conceded to a new possessor. All this only illustrates further the evils inherent in the system of regarding a spiritual office as a fief held from the king. Even then William Rufus only yielded to the solicitations made to him because he had fallen grievously ill and was lying at the point of death. Most providentially, this illness coincided with the presence in England of Anselm, Abbot of Bec, whom all men regarded as marked out for the primacy alike by his learning and his holiness of life. The king summoned Anselm to his bedside, and the latter extorted a solemn promise of radical reform in the administration of both Church and State. Shortly afterwards, in spite of all his protests, Anselm himself was invested, literally by force, with the insignia of the primacy, and he was consecrated archbishop before the end of the year. In particular he still clung to the theory that by accepting investiture Anselm had become his liege man *ligeus homo*, liable to all the incidents of vassalage. When an aid was demanded for the war in Normandy, Anselm at first refused. Then, not wantonly to provoke a conflict, he offered marks; but when this

sum was rejected as insufficient, he distributed the money to the poor. Early in the archbishop asked permission to go to the pope to receive the pallium. Rufus objected that, while the antipope Clement III was still disputing the title, it was for him and his Great Council to decide which pope should be recognized. When asked to recognize the jurisdiction of this council, Anselm replied: Peter; in things touching the earthly dignity of my lord the King I will to the best of my ability give him faithful counsel and help. But Anselm refused in any way to surrender the allegiance which, when Abbot of Bec, he had sworn to Urban. He recognized no right of king or bishops to interfere, and he declared he would give his answer "as he ought and where he ought". These words, writes Dean Stephens History of The English Church, II, 99, were understood to mean, that, as Archbishop of Canterbury, Anselm "refused to be judged by any one save the pope himself, a doctrine which it seems no one was prepared to deny". Pope Urban received him with all possible respect, and publicly spoke of him as "alterius orbis papa", a phrase much quoted by Anglicans, as though it implied the recognition in the Archbishop of Canterbury of a jurisdiction independent of Rome. The archbishop remained in exile until after the death of Rufus, when Henry, who succeeded, made generous promises of freedom to the Church, explicitly renouncing any sort of payment or relief for the appointment of new bishops or abbots, and promising that church revenues should not be seized during vacancies. He recalled Anselm to England, but came into conflict with him almost immediately over the same old question of investitures.