

**DS1729: The Shaping of Anglican Identity**  
**Bangor Theological Seminary**  
 Fall 2009 / Bangor

Fridays 9:00 – 11:50 a.m.  
 September 11, 18; October 2, 9, 30;  
 November 6, 13, 20.

**Classes to be held at:**  
*St. John's Episcopal Church*  
*225 French Street, Bangor*  
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Experiential Learning Project  
 September 25-27

*No Classes on Sept. 25, Oct. 16, 23*

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**Course Description**

What does it mean to be an Anglican Christian? Participants in this course will study the distinctive roots and ethos of Anglicanism as lived in the Episcopal Church. Three aspects of Anglican identity will be explored in relation to how they are expressed in the life of individual members and the shaping of parish life: 1. spirituality, including the influence of Benedictine spirituality; 2. ethos and organizational culture, including the particular approach to thinking and reasoning that is called via media; and 3. authority and decision making, including the relationship of worship and discernment; and the three-legged stool of Scripture, tradition and reason and processes of discernment. Participants will explore and reflect on how their own sense of Anglican identity has been and is being shaped.

<b>Date &amp; Subject Area</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Reading or other Preparation</b>
<b>Session 1:</b> September 11  Ethos and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions and Course overview</li> <li>• Presentation and discussion of Identity</li> <li>• Exploring our spiritual journeys as Episcopalians, beginning our journals</li> <li>• <i>Glorious Companions: Alban, Pelagius, Cuthbert</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Session 2:</b> September 18  Ethos and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Glorious Companions</i></li> <li>• Presentation and discussion of "Anglican"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "The Beginnings of Anglicanism", Ch. 2, <i>The Anglican Vision</i></li> <li>• "What is Anglicanism", Avis, Part VII, Chapter 3, <i>The Study of Anglicanism</i> (17 pages)</li> <li>• "Anglican Spirituality", Allchin, Part VI, Chapter 1, <i>The Study of Anglicanism</i> (12 pages)</li> <li>• "Anglicanism, <i>Ecclesia Anglicana</i>, and Anglican", Wright, Part VII, Chapter 4, <i>The Study of Anglicanism</i></li> </ul>
<b>Session 3:</b> September 25  Spirituality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiential Learning Project – Weekend retreat with the Cowley Fathers, members of the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE) in Cambridge, MA. Retreat is open to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Anglican Believing", Ch. 5, <i>The Anglican Vision</i></li> <li>• Handouts, including: The Daily Office</li> </ul>

	<p>postulants and candidates for the priesthood in the Diocese of Maine, to all Episcopal students at BTS, and to all students enrolled in DS 1729.</p>	
<p><b>Session 4:</b> October 2  Spirituality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Glorious Companions</i></li> <li>• Presentation and discussion of prayer and renewal in personal and corporate life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handouts, including: The Threefold Rule of Prayer; Exploring your own spiritual discipline; and Apostolate and Renewal</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session 5:</b> October 9  Spirituality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Glorious Companions</i></li> <li>• Presentation and discussion: The Benedictine Roots of Anglicanism</li> <li>• Discussion of <i>Seeking God</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Seeking God</i>, deWaal (whole book – 158 pages)</li> <li>• Handouts, including The Rule of St. Benedict</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session 6:</b> October 30  Authority and Decision Making</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Glorious Companions</i></li> <li>• Presentation and discussion: Eucharist and orders</li> <li>• Exploring the various liturgical cultures in the Episcopal Church</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Review #1 due of <i>Worship as Theology</i></li> <li>• "Doctrine of the Church", Thomas, Part V, Chapter 1, <i>The Study of Anglicanism</i></li> <li>• Anglican Worship, Ch. 6, <i>The Anglican Vision</i></li> <li>• Handouts, including Eucharist</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session 7:</b> November 6  Authority and Decision Making</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Glorious Companions</i></li> <li>• Discussion of the place of unity, authority and the place of worship and councils in maintaining them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Episcopacy", Norris, Part V, Chapter 7, <i>The Study of Anglicanism</i></li> <li>• "Lex Orandi – Lex Credendi", W. Taylor Stevenson, Part IV, Chapter 6, <i>The Study of Anglicanism</i> (15 pages)</li> <li>• "Councils, Conferences and Synods" Shriver, Part IV, Chapter 7, <i>The Study of Anglicanism</i> (14 pages)</li> <li>• Handouts, including: Wright, J. Robert, <i>The Sources and Structures of Authority in the Church</i>; and Prayer Book</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session 8:</b> November 13  Authority and Decision Making</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Glorious Companions</i></li> <li>• Presentation and discussion of the place of scripture, reason and tradition in Anglican understanding and how they live in our current individual and corporate lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Authority and Method", Part III, Chapters 1, 2, 3, <i>The Study of Anglicanism</i> (41 pages)</li> <li>• Handouts, including "Let the reader Understand: A statement of interpretive principles by which we understand the Holy Scriptures" (13 pages) <i>Developed at the request of the Bishop of New York in response to actions of the Lambeth Conference 1998</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Session 9:</b> November 20  Ethos and Culture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Glorious Companions: Patrick</i></li> <li>• Discussion of Anglican Identity for the purpose of relationships particularly in ecumenism and mission.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Paper due</li> <li>• Hunter III, George C., <i>The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of the book, <i>The Celtic Way of Evangelism</i>.</li> </ul>	<i>Again</i>
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## Course Requirements

- Completion of the readings, attendance and class participation (including Morning Prayer in the Chapel of St. John’s Episcopal Church at 9:00am), preparation for class (to include completion of any make-up work for a missed session). A student who misses more than 1 session may not receive credit for the course.
- Completion of class presentation of 3 chosen “friends” from the book *Glorious Companions* and leading of following discussion.
- Completion of regular weekly journal reflections on readings and on questions assigned in class. Journal to be reviewed but not graded.
- Completion of the Experiential Learning Project at the Monastery of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA. September 25-27, St. Margaret’s in Boston, Holy Cross in New York, or other monastic retreat house by arrangement with the instructor.
- Completion of a book review 3 -5 pages (double-spaced) , 1200 – 1500 words, due October 30.
- Completion of a final paper 4-6 pages (double-spaced), 1400-1800 words, incorporating journal work during the course and presented in the style of *Glorious Companions*, due November 20.
- Students auditing the course agree to full participation in the classes and to complete the required readings and papers.

## Grading

Sixty percent (60%) of the grade will be based on the two papers and the *Glorious Companions* presentation of three chosen “friends”; forty percent (40%) on class participation. In the papers and class participation I’ll be looking for two things:

1. A grasp of the theory and readings of the course.
2. The ability to make a connection between the theory/readings and yourself and/or your parish.

## Required Readings

The sections to be read from a book are noted in “Reading or other Preparation” above.

***Note: Copies will be available at the BTS Library and additional copies may be available at the St. John’s Library of some of the books. Not all books must be purchased, but assignments must be completed. A small portion of Glorious Companions will be read by each student and presented to the class. This book is easily shared.***

deWaal, Esther, *Seeking God: The Way of St. Benedict* (second edition). Spring Arbor Distributors; 2nd edition (April 2001)

Griffiss, James E., *The Anglican Vision (The New Church’s Teaching Series, vol. 1)*, Cambridge, Cowley Publications, 1997.

Hunter III, George C., *The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West Again*, Abingdon Press, 2000.

Saliers, Don E., *Worship as Theology: Foretaste of Glory Divine*, Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1994.

Schmidt, Richard H., *Glorious Companions: Five Centuries of Anglican Spirituality*, Grand Rapids, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2002.

Sykes, Stephen; Booty, John; Knight, Jonathan; *The Study of Anglicanism*, revised edition. Minneapolis, Fortress Press, 1998.

Handouts distributed in class, including:

Gallagher, Robert A., *Renewal – Apostolate Cycle*, unpublished draft article

"Let the reader Understand: A statement of interpretive principles by which we understand the Holy Scriptures"; *Developed at the request of the Bishop of New York in response to actions of the Lambeth Conference 1998*

Wright, J. Robert, *The Sources and Structures of Authority in the Church*, 1990

## Recommended Readings

Chittister, O.S.B., Joan D., *The Rule of Benedict: Insights for the Ages*, New York, Crossroad Publishing, 1992

The Rule with interpretations and applications.

Holloway, Richard (ed.), *The Anglican Tradition*, London, Mowbray, 1984 and Toronto: Anglican Book Centre, 1984; and Morehouse Publishing, 1984

Lectures by John Macquarrie, Marion Hatchett, Martin Thornton, and Owen Chadwick

Ramsey, Michael, *The Anglican Spirit*, Church Publishing, New York, 2004

Selections by the former Archbishop of Canterbury on Anglicanism's characteristics.

Rowell, Geoffrey, Stevenson, Kenneth, Williams, Rowan Williams, *Love's Redeeming Work: The Anglican Quest for Holiness*, Oxford University Press, 2001

An anthology of Anglican writings, that span from the Sixteenth through the Twentieth Centuries. The selections demonstrate the Anglican tenet that different strands of spirituality can be woven together in a creative tension that enhances the overall strength of the church.

Thornton, Martin, *Christian Proficiency*, Cowley Publications, 1988

First published in 1959, republished 1988. This is a good introduction to Thornton's work. It has been called a handbook for all those somewhere between being beginners and advanced spiritually. Thornton emphasizes the importance of "rule." A "proficient" Christian adheres to a rule of life that brings order and "regularity" to one's prayer and worship.

Thornton, Martin, *English Spirituality* (1963, republished by Cowley Publications, 1988

An extensive overview of the historical development of Anglican spirituality. Stresses the influence of the Benedictine tradition on Anglican spirituality

Williams, Rowan, *Anglican Identities*, Cowley Publications, Cambridge, 2004

An exploration of Anglicanism's various expressions within a common tradition.