**Anglicanism 101: For Deeper Exploration**

**Books**

All these books are available in the St. B’s bookstore and if not, Allison can order them for you.

**Unsure of where to begin?** Grab any one of these titles.

**Doyle, Andrew. Unabashedly Episcopalian (New York: Morehouse Press, ISBN 978-0-8192-2808-6)**

*The current Bishop of Texas’ invitation to the Episcopal way of being Christian. Easily the most readable, fun, and goofily titled book on this list,* Unabashedly Episcopalian *is an punchy read from an inspiring bishop.*

**Klein, Patricia. Worship With Out Words: The Signs and Symbols of Our Faith, Expanded Edition. ( Brewster: Paraclete, ISBN: 978-1-55725-504-4)**

*A glossary of Christian signs terms and symbols. Ever wonder what the IHS on the altar hangings means or why the priest wears a dress? This book is for you.*

**Webber, Robert. Evangelicals on the Canterbury Trail, (New York:**

 **Morehouse, ISBN: 978-0819214768)**

*Robert Webber’s memoir/apology of his journey out of the evangelical church into the Episcopal one. He explains why people like himself are seeking liturgy and Anglican Way more than ever. If you come from an evangelical tradition start here. You’ll find it extremely helpful.*

**Webber, Robert. Ancient Future Time, (New York: Baker, ISBN:** 978-0801091759**)**

*Great exposition on the church’s seasons, it’s colors, and why both matter in faith practice.*

**Wells, Samuel. What Episcopalians Believe: An Introduction (New York: Morehouse Press, ISBN 0-8192-2310-7)**

*Ethics prof and former Dean of Duke Divinity School drafts this brief informational overview of what Episcopalians believe, and how they both do theology and see the world. Covering everything from doctrinal distinctives to recent controversies, this book keeps it short, while not sacrifice depth or complexity. If Episcopal intro books are like lunch on-the-go this is the option with the most protein.*

***For Further Reading:***

If you want to dive deeper into Anglican history or theology, jump in here.

**Buchanen, Colin. Is the Church of England Biblical? An Anglican Ecclesiology. (London: Darton, Longman ad Todd) ISBN#** 0232521344

**Chapman, Mark. Anglicanism: A Very Short Introduction (Oxford: Oxford University Press, ISBN: 978-0-19-280693-2**

*Oxford Press gives Anglicanism the Very Short Introduction treatment in less than 150 pages. A great primer even if it strays a little too far on the academic side sometimes.*

**Moore, Peter. A Church to Believe In, 2nd edition. (Dallas: Latimer,**

 **ISBN: 1-893051-01-3)**

*A big picture look at the Anglican Ethos. Moore breaks down the way Anglicans are liberal, evangelical, catholic, reformed, charismatic, global and local all at the same time.*

**Moorman, J.R.H. A History of the Church in England, 3rd edition. (Harrisburg:**

 **Trinity pb: 081921406X)**

*A great history of the Church and England (as the title suggests) that is both readable and thorough. Mooreman’s text is the standard by which all COE histories are measured.*

**Watson, David C.K. I Believe in the Church,** **(Eerdmans: New York ISBN: 0802817882)**

*Influential British theologian David Watson takes a break from his reconciliation work in Northern Ireland and patronage of the arts to write this brilliant apology for the work and ministry of the church. If you’ve ever felt that church was irrelevant, allow a crack at changing your mind.*

**Film**

Anglican history is good drama. Here are some fine films (some historical, some not so much) dealing with or connected to the Anglican story

**Elizabeth (1998):** Historic and historical fiction about the rise of Elizabeth I. Cate Blanchett was nominated for an Oscar for the titular role.

**Elizabeth I (2005):** An Elizabeth in her late fifties deals with power, love and her role as the ‘Virgin Queen’. Helen Mirren will knock you out in the title role and the costumes aren’t bad either. popular

**Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007):** Follows Elizabeth’s reign through crisis and into the Golden Age with the famous defeat of the Spanish Armada. Not as good as Elizabeth I (the same folks that made both) but Cate Blanchett is worth the price of admission!

**Elizabeth (Documentary)**

From Shakespeare to the Spanish Armada, the reign of Queen Elizabeth I embraced some of the most important events and personalities in British history. Hosted by renowned historian [David Starkey](http://www.netflix.com/RoleDisplay/David_Starkey/20031778), this documentary explores the life and rule of the woman who gave name to an era. Think of it has Ken Burnes does Elizabeth and her legacy.

**A Man for All Seasons (1966):** The standard by which all Henry stories are measured. It won the Best Picture Oscar that year and features the great Orson Wells as Cardinal Wosley.

**Amazing Grace (2007)** The William Wilberforce story. Entertaining and informative, this biopic is sometimes more hagiography than hard nosed but you'll be having such a good time it won't matter. If the producers of the *Blind Side* did a church history movie, it might look like this one.

**Henry VIII (2003) –** Biopic covering of all of Henry’s 38-year reign, with Ray Winstone as Henry. Look out!

**The Tudors (2007- on Showtime):** Haven’t seen it yet, but I hear if you don’t mind bawdy, it’s got some interesting takes on our history and some of the players therein.

**The Other Boleyn Girl**

This one is a Hollywood romanticization of the lives of 16th-century aristocrats Mary Boleyn, one-time mistress of King Henry VIII, and her sister, Queen Anne, who became Henry’s ill-fated second wife. It’s enjoyable (especially if you like period drama) even if it takes liberties with the history. But Portman and Johansson are great together, and it’s fun to see them together somewhere other than the Marvel movie universe.

**Cry the Beloved Country (1995):** At least one shot at non-Western Anglicanism. About a South African preacher (Anglican) whose son is arrested for a crime in Johannesburg. Deals with the way of Jesus, apartheid and hope. You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, it’s better than *Cats*.