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CH 610 English Reformation

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The purpose of the course is to enable students to become familiar with and/or to deepen their understanding of the changing life of the Church of England from 1500 to 1611 and of the emerging shape of what a later age was to call anglicanism. Although the focus will be on the developing strains of thought and practice within the established Church, the distinctive forms of dissent from those forms are to be kept in view. Although the course concentrates on religious and ecclesiastical affairs, these, as always in studies of church history, cannot be understood apart from their deep involvement with the political, economic, and cultural concerns of British society.

The course will be divided into three main sections with a preliminary consideration of the earlier years of the English church in the initial week and an epilogue on the place of that church in the larger perspective of western Christianity in the final week. The course sections consider the English Church from 1500 to 1611 from three perspectives:

I. Continuity and change
II. Worship and teaching
III. A unitive society of nation and church

A summary of the principal sixteenth century events and issues in the formation and development of a distinctive tradition will be found in William P. Haugaard, "The History of Anglicanism: From the Reformation to the Eighteenth Century" in The Study of Anglicanism, pp. 3-18 (rev. edn., ed. Stephen Sykes, John Booty, & Jonathan Knight [Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1998]). A reading of this essay will provide a rapid birds-eye view of the course.

Requirements:

General reading:

One of the following:
or
Three of the following:
Moorman, History, chapters 10-13 and 14, part 1 and Neill, Anglicanism, chapters 2-5 and 6 (to p. 137)
and/or
and/or
and/or

Source Readings:
These readings are assigned week by week and will be discussed during the last hour of each class session. Student will be expected to have read the materials and made appropriate reflections and notes for their own use in discussion and future studies and review. Every week some class members will have prepared “mini papers” as described below.

Readings may be found in one or more of the following:

Documents of the Christian Church, ed. Henry Bettenson, 2nd edn (Oxford University Press, 1946)
Websites as indicated
Xeroxed copies put on reserve

Minipapers:
Four written responses or "minipapers" of 500 to 600 words to the following questions:
1) In the documents for this session, what do you find that illuminates the understanding and practice of Christianity in the Church of England in the age of the document? 2) To what extent do such understandings and practices continue to be relevant to the life of twentieth-century churches?

Reflection Paper:
Write a paper of 2,000 to 2,500 words comparing and contrasting the books that you chose for General Readings. In your response consider the perspective of the author, the sources on which s/he depended, and the aspects of sixteenth century church life which the book illumined. Due: December 4.
Alternative writing:
With permission of the instructor, a student who, through previous studies and reading, has a substantial knowledge of the sixteenth-century England may substitute a research essay of 4,000 to 5,000 words for the minipapers and the reflection paper. Topic should be submitted to the instructor for approval by September 25, a bibliographical outline by October 9, and the essay by December 4. Students approved for this alternative will, of course, be expected to complete the assigned general and source readings.

Final exam:
A three-hour final exam will be given on December 11 will include questions to be answered in brief paragraphs and in lengthier responses.

Grading:
The final grade will be based on participation in class discussions (30%), minipapers (20%), reflection paper (20%), and final examination (30%).

Session Topics and Source Readings

Preliminaries: The English church in 1500 [September 4]
Twelve centuries of Christianity in Britain
Current movements for reform

I. Continuity and change from 1509 to 1611 [September 11 to October 2]
Ecclesiastical independence (Henry VIII)
Two stages of Protestant reform (Edward VI)
Return to Roman obedience (Mary I)
A stable settlement of religion (Elizabeth I)
Controversy, collaboration, and a new Bible (James I, to 1611)

September 11
Statutes of Provisors & Praemunire [Bray, Supplementary texts, #’s 1-3; Bettenson, II.vii.x; Gee & Hardy, #’s 35, 39, & 40]
Tyndale’s prefaces to the New Testament and Pentateuch [Bray, #’s 1 & 2]
Act for the pardon of the clergy [Bray, #3]
Act for conditional restraint of annates [Bray, #7; Gee & Hardy, #49]
Abjuration of papal supremacy by the clergy [Bray, #12; Bettenson, II, ix, i(e); Gee & Hardy, #58]
1534 Act of supremacy [Bray, #13; Bettenson, II, ix, i(d); Gee & Hardy, #55]
September 18

1st and 2nd Henrician injunctions [Bray, #’s 17 & 18; Gee & Hardy, #’s 62 & 63]
Cranmer’s preface to the Great Bible [Bray, #21] or his Homily, an “Exhortation to the Reading of Holy Scripture” [www.library.utoronto.ca/utel/ret/homilies/bk1hom1.html or www.anglicanlibrary.org/homilies/bk1hom01.htm]
1544 Litany [http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/]

September 25

Edwardian injunctions [Bray, #22]
1547 Sacrament Act [for aginst revilers and for receiving in two kinds] [Bray, #23; Gee & Hardy, #67]
1549 & 1552 Acts of uniformity [Bray, #’s 25 & 29; Gee & Hardy, #’s 69 & 71]
Marian Injunctions [Bray, #31; Gee & Hardy, #74]

October 2

Elizabeth’s 1558 Proclamation [Gee and Hardy, #77]
1559 Act of Uniformity [Bray, #33; Bettenson, II, ix, ii(b); Gee & Hardy, #80]
Whitgift’s 1583 Articles (Bray, #38; Gee and Hardy, #84)
Millenary Petition [Bettenson, II, xii, i(a); Gee & Hardy, #88]
Preface to the King James Bible [Bray, #41]

II. Worship and teaching in the English church, 1509 to 1611 [October 9 to 30]

Foundations of new understandings: Bible and Prayer Book
Availability and use of Holy Scriptures
*The Book of Common Prayer* with related devotional manuals and regulations
Doctrinal definitions and postures

October 9

The 1548 Order of Communion and the Preface, Matins (Morning Prayer), Evensong (Evening Prayer), and Holy Communion from the 1549 and 1552 *Book of Common Prayer* and 1549 “On Ceremonies” [available in *The First and Second Prayer Books of Edward VI* or website:

October 16

Skim over 1559 and 1604 *Book of Common Prayer* [http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/

Elizabethan Injunctions [Bray, #34; Gee and Hardy, #78]
Parker’s Advertisements [Gee and Hardy, #81; key excerpts in Bettenson, II, ix, i(h)]

October 23

Ten articles [Bray, # 16; ]
Act of the six articles [Bray #20, to p. 224; Bettenson, II, ix, ii(c)]
Cranmer’s Homily “Of the Salvation of all Mankind” [www.library.utoronto.ca/utel/ret/homilies/bk1hom3.html or www.anglicanlibrary.org/homilies/bk1hom03.htm]
October 30
1553 Forty-two and 1563/71 Thirty-nine articles [note distinctions between them] [Bray, #30 or C. Hardwick, A History of the Articles of Religion, Appendix III]
1559 Eleven articles [Bray, #35]

November 6
John Jewel, Apology of the Church of England, parts II and III
R. Hooker, The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity, Preface, chapters 1 & 7; Book I, chapter 1; Bk II, ch. 8; Bk III, ch. 10; and Bk. V, ch. 50 and 57

III. A unitive society of nation and church, 1509 to 1611 [November 6 to 20]

Parliament and monarch
Royal supremacy: theory, limits, and exercise
Continuity of medieval organization and law
Catholic orders of ministry maintained

November 13
Supplication of the Commons [Bray, #4]
Submission of the clergy [Bray, #6; Bettenson, II, ix, i(a)]
Act in restraint of appeals [Bray, #8; Bettenson, II, ix, i(b)]
Act for submission of the clergy and restraint of appeals [Bray, #9]
Ecclesiastical licenses [or dispensations] Act [Bray, #11; Bettenson, II, ix, i(c)]

November 20
Act for restraining . . . annates and . . . the election of bishops [Bray, #10]
1534 Suffragan bishops Act [Bray, #14]
1547 Election of bishops Act [Bray, #24]
1559 Supremacy Act [Bray, #32; Bettenson, II, ix, i(d)]
Richard Hooker, Laws, Bk. VIII, ch. 6, sections 10-13

Reading/Thanksgiving Week

IV. Epilogue: The English Reformation in the perspective of divided Christendom [December 4]
  An articulated “Anglicanism”
  Continued dissent within the Church of England
  Recusants: Roman Catholic and Protestant

December 4
Prefaces to the Rheims New Testament and the Douay Old Testament [Bray, #’s 37 & 401-412]

Final Examination [December 11]
Some useful readings on the sixteenth-century English Church

G. Baskerville, *English Monks*
J. E. Booty, *John Jewel as Apologist of the Church of England*
A. Chester, *Hugh Latimer: Apostle to the English*
William Clebsch, *England’s Earliest Protestants*
Patrick. Collinson, *The Elizabethan Puritan Movement*
Patrick Collinson, *The Religion of Protestants*
Patrick Collinson, *Archbishop Grindal: The Struggle for a Reformed Church*
Claire Cross, *Church and People, 1450-1660*
C. M. Dent, *Protestant Reformers in Elizabethan Oxford*
E. Duffy, *The Stripping of the Altars: Traditional Religion in England, 1400 to 1580*
A. Tindal Hart, *The Man in the Pew, 1558-1660*
William P. Haugaard, *Elizabeth and the English Reformation.*
F. Higham, *Catholic and Reformed*
F. Heal, *Of Prelates and Princes.*
P. Heath, *The English Parish Clergy on the Eve of the Reformation*
E. W. Hunt, *Dean Colet and his Theology.*
F. E. Hutchinson, *Cranmer and the English Reformation.*
Peter Lake, *Moderate Puritans and the Elizabethan Church*
Peter Lake, *Anglicans and Puritans: Presbyterianism and English Conformist Thought from Whitgift to Hooker*
Peter Marshall, ed., *The Impact of the English Reformation: 1500-1640*
J. K. McConica, *English Humanists and Reformation Politics*
P. McGrath, *Papists and Puritans under Elizabeth.*
Norman L. Jones, *The English Reformation: Religion and Cultural Adaptation*
T. M. Parker, *The English Reformation to 1558.*
J. G. Ridley, *Thomas Cranmer*
L. B. Smith, *Tudor Prelates and Politics*
B. J. Verkamp, *The Indifferent Mean*
Paul F. M. Zahl, *Five Women of the English Reformation*