

## Who are Anglicans?

The name *Ecclesia Anglica* meaning the 'Church of the Angles' (Anglican) was given to the peoples of Britain by Rome in the Middle Ages. But our Christian patrimony doesn't rely on Rome's late 're-discovery' as several bishops from the Isles attended the Council of Arles in 314 in Gaul. There are many stories of Christianity coming to the Isles, including St. Joseph of Arimathea but the most likely is the connection in the New Testament to Claudia and Linus 1: 2 Tim 4:21.

They are the daughter and son of conquered British Chief Caractacus, who after being pardoned by Caesar returned to his native country to rule as a Roman official. Paul, being in Rome at the time, converted many among Caesar's household including Claudia and Linus before his journey to Spain, and as St. Clement's

remarks corroborate, "to the boundary of the West" which was a phrase known to mean Britain in the Roman literature of the time. No doubt Claudia and Linus new in the faith would appeal to Paul to cross the Channel to Britain and visit their father and spread the Gospel.

Anglicans have spread the Gospel around the world and number between 50-70 million souls. Linus later succeeded Timothy as Bishop. 1: 2 Thess. 3:6.

Regardless of who brought Christianity to Britain and jumping to our present time-- As all churches can and do err, our founding members choose to leave behind a religion of confusion (The Episcopal Church a dwindling percentage of Anglicans) that willfully departed "the faith once delivered", in order to preserve Anglican patrimony and the faith as we have received,

believed and taught it since the earliest times.

Briefly stated: the doctrine of faith and repentance on man's part, to obtain the benefit of union with Christ; and Baptism and Communion on Christ's part, as the instrument effecting that union, and bestowing remission of sins to the end that we gain salvation and eternal life.

Rediscover the Christian Faith for yourself the 'rock of ages' is here for you! Not a shallow New Age fad or a superficial secularized experiment and unlike so many "mainline" churches we unapologetically offer the real spiritual food and undiluted Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are not a "denomination" but a very member of the Church Christ ordained; not arrogantly claiming the mantle of "One True Church" as many do, but truly part of Christ's own One

Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church- the Ark into which we all are to be gathered. As Christ is **"the same yesterday, today and tomorrow"** so we draw on our past for wisdom, preach the Gospel today, and prepare for His coming again. A little investigation could lead you to a life of holiness, fulfillment, joy and eternal salvation.

Anglican Divines translated the King James Version of the Holy Bible, composed a vast and beautifully rich hymnody, and compiled the Book of Common Prayer an ordering of Holy Scripture and devotions for the purpose of worshiping the Lord in a beautiful, comprehensive and worthy way. Authors such as C.S. Lewis, John Stott, Os Guinness, and N.T. Wright share our common Anglican heritage. Our clergy continue to maintain high standards of education, training and commitment to the Gospel. You

will hear expository sermons teaching the great Christian truths and experience a prayer life uplifting our parish community and any in need. Throughout the world a thousand new people embrace the Anglican tradition each day. We invite you to join our growing body of biblically faithful Christians, both evangelical and catholic, and living in the fullness of the Anglican tradition. We stand for the faith believed everywhere, always, by all; the faith "once delivered to the saints" (Jude ch.1. v.3).

**Who are we?**

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