

ANGLICAN ARCANA: Episcopal or Anglican?

Episcopal: from the Greek, *episkopos*, meaning “overseer” or “bishop.” The Episcopal Church in the United States was originally named the “Protestant Episcopal Church,” meaning that we were both reformed (Protestant) and catholic (Episcopal, having bishops). After the Revolution, the Episcopal Church reorganized itself as a separate political entity from the Church of England. We were the second province to do so, after the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Anglican: from the Latin, *angli*, meaning “of or pertaining to the Angles”—the English. Since the 19th century, the term “Anglican” has referred to any of the autonomous churches in communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury. An Englishman may be an Anglican, but most Anglicans are not English. We are more than 70 million people worldwide—quite a diverse group. Here’s the complete list of member churches in the Anglican Communion today:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
The Anglican Church of Australia
The Church of Bangladesh
Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
The Anglican Church of Burundi
The Anglican Church of Canada
The Church of the Province of Central Africa
Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
The Church of England
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
The Church of Ireland
The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan)
The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East
The Anglican Church of Kenya
The Anglican Church of Korea
The Church of the Province of Melanesia
La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
The Church of North India (United)

The Church of Pakistan (United)
The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda
The Scottish Episcopal Church
Church of the Province of South East Asia
The Church of South India (United)
The Church of the Province of Southern Africa
Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America
The Episcopal Church of the Sudan
The Anglican Church of Tanzania
The Church of the Province of Uganda
The Episcopal Church in the USA
The Church in Wales
The Church of the Province of West Africa
The Church in the Province of the West Indies
The Church of Ceylon (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba
Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)
The Lusitanian Church (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)