**The English Reformation**

**Middler Deacons and Priests**

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**Description of this Session**

**Class Objectives**

In this session, we will chart the course of the English Reformation and explore its implications for daily life and worship in the period as well as for our own polity and piety as some of its closer living heirs.

**Required Reading**

*Not Angels but Anglicans: A History of Christianity in the British Isles*, eds. Henry Chadwick and Allison Ward. Chapters 13-17..

**Guidelines for Reading**

This book is written with a UK audience in mind and therefore presumes a more thorough background in English history than you may have. If you find yourself feeling lost at first, do not despair. I suggest keeping a list of the major names and events you’d like to learn more about and then looking them up as you can. Some of the study questions I post below may guide your choices. We will put together a timeline in class that will help you keep all the essentials straight. Here are a few other tips for more successful reading:

1. What forces push the English church toward Reformation?
2. What are the major personalities and events that define the Reformation period in England?
3. What are some of the main controversies driving the church and state toward collapse in the 16th and 17th centuries? How do they evolve over time?
4. What is the English Settlement?
5. What traces of the Reformation moment do you see in contemporary Episcopal life?

1534 Act of Supremacy

1538 Royal Injunction for English Bible in churches

1539 Act of Six Articles

1549 Prayerbook

1552 Second Prayerbook

1559 Prayer Book

Thirty-Nine Articles

Edmund Campion and Robert Persons

Mary Queen of Scots

Marprelate Tracts

James I

Hampton Court Conference

Gunpowder Plot

Authorized Version of the Bible

Charles I

William Laud