

# MORNING STAR

## Thomas Cranmer (1489-1535) - John Bowen

In 1533, Henry VIII was trying to find a way whereby the church might grant him an annulment of his marriage to his first wife, Catherine, who had failed to provide him with a male heir, so he would be free to marry his new love, Anne Boleyn. When Rome proved uncooperative, he "suddenly became alerted to the supposedly ancient truth that he was Supreme Head of the Church within his dominions" (McCulloug h 193). Parliament obligingly passed the Act of Supremacy in confirmation of the king's conviction, and on March 30th of that year, a certain Thomas Cranmer was installed as Archbishop of Canterbury, "swearing an oath that he would not allow his lovalty to the church to trump his lovalty to the king" (Jacobs 9). Predictably, Cranmer declared shortly afterwards that Henry's marriage to Catherine was null and void.

Who was this Thomas Cranmer? The first centre for the Reformation in England was the White Horse Tavern in Cambridge. (The house still stands but, sadly, it is no longer a tavern.) There, young men used to meet to discuss the revolutionary writings of Martin Luther, not least his direct approach to Scripture, his exposition of justification by faith, and his rejection of the sacred/secular split. Cranmer, then a student at Jesus College, was one of these young men.

Henry VIII was very conservative theologically—he found justification by faith to be a pernicious doctrine, for exampleand he reacted strongly against Luther's writings. Cranmer's oath of loyalty to the king on the one hand, and his evangelical convictions on the other, meant he had to tread cautiously in implementing change.

However, during
Henry's reign, in 1538,
"the government
ordered that every
parish in the country
should purchase a
Bible . . . in English, to
be set up in every
church, where the
parishioners might most
commodiously resort to
the same and read

it" (Neill 55). This was a huge change since 1521, when church leaders had burned English Bibles in public (Neill 70). Change was coming slowly.

Henry died in 1547, leaving the throne to his nine-year old son, Edward. He appears to have been moving in an evangelical direction before his death, having appointed evangelicals to significant positions of power (McCullough 247-248). He "can hardly have doubted what would happen immediately upon his own death" (Neill 61). As a result, with the accession of Edward, "the evangelicals found themselves with free rein to reshape the English church" (Jacobs 12), which they proceeded to do.

Thus "[o]n Easter Sunday 1548 . . . [Cranmer's] English order for Communion became mandatory throughout England. The Latin Mass that had, in its various forms, been the only Mass in England for nearly a millennium was at that one stroke abolished" (Jacobs 17). By the following year, Cranmer had produced the first English Prayer Book.

The use of this Prayer Book was enforced by law—the Act of Uniformity—in 1549.

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This was necessary because it was by no means welcomed with open arms. Eight of the eighteen bishops voted against it. Folk in the south-west of England joined in rebellion against the change, and 5,000 were slaughtered in reprisal. "Many Elizabethans were still Catholic at heart, and conformed only reluctantly to a church now bereft of spiritual comfort and external signs" (Brian Cummings, in Jacobs 46). But it was not only traditional Catholics who rejected the new book. Some reformers had their own beefs with it: they "mocked even the use of the surplice . . . " (Jacobs 46). The evangelicals were also concerned about what they saw as the remnants of "papistry" in the book: the use of terms like "priest" (instead of presbyter or simply minister), "altar" (instead of Lord's Table) and especially "Mass" (Jacobs 48-49). Not surprisingly, 2,000 of the 2,700 words of the act concern penalties for not using the book!

A more radically Protestant version of the Prayer Book followed in 1552. However, King Edward died in 1553, and he was followed by Henry VIII's older daughter, Mary, who was passionate for the old faith.

"Cranmer knew well what was coming" (Neill 90). By 1554, he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. Two

years later, under "the pressure of argument with skilled exponents of contemporary Catholicism" (McCullough 274), "Cranmer's nerve broke. He signed one recantation after another, each more degrading than the last" (Neill 94). In spite of his recantations, he was condemned to death. He was given the opportunity to speak one more time, in St Mary the Virgin Church (the University Church) in Oxford and, to everyone's surprise, used the occasion to withdraw his recantations. He walked from there to Broad Street. where he was burned at the stake. He thrust his "unworthy right hand" which had signed the recantations, into the fire first (McCullough 274).

## So what is Cranmer's legacy?

- Bishop Stephen Neill wrote that "[w]hen all is said and done, it was Cranmer who was the chief architect of the [English] Reformation" (Neill 67).
- Like other Reformers,
  Cranmer was
  passionate that
  Scripture and worship
  should be in the
  vernacular. This
  conviction is embodied
  in Article 24: "It is a
  thing plainly repugnant
  to the Word of God and
  the custom of the
  Primitive Church, to
  have publick Prayer in
  the Church, or to
  minister the

- Sacraments, in a tongue not understanded of the people." That has become a cornerstone of missionary work and indeed of missiology—though it has not always been remembered either by liturgical conservatives or by prayer book revisers.
- Cranmer believed passionately that all Christians should get to know the whole of Scripture. His first Homily is entitled, "A fruitful exhortation to the reading of Holy Scripture" (1547). He regularized what we now call the Lectionary, so that "all the whole Bible (or the greatest part thereof) should be read over once in the year" (Cranmer's words), so that Christians should be "stirred up to godliness" and enabled to "confute them that were adversaries of the truth" (in Jacobs 26-
- Cranmer's Prayer Book has become the basis for all subsequent Anglican Prayer Books. "[V]ersions of it are used today in Christian churches all over the world, as far from England as South Africa, Singapore, and New Zealand" (Jacobs 5). It is one of the

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### From the Registrar...

Week (Oct 23-27) which means the 2017 fall term is almost half over. Fall classes end on December 11 followed by examination week December 12-

Next week is Reading

Your attention is drawn to the following:

If you have been putting off purchasing your core text books please note that Crux will be preparing to return to publishers any remaining unsold textbooks at the end of this week.

For those of you who have found yourself a little overwhelmed this term, **now** is the time to contact your instructors and let them know. Do not wait until the last week when assignments are due.

One of the options might be to request an extension to complete the work and this is done in consultation with your instructor.

For Basic Degree students use the form found at:

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If you are in your final year in the MTS program or registered in the MDIV Honours Stream and have not yet registered for your summative exercise you will find the form on the TST website here

http://www.tst.edu/sites/default/files/BD%20R% 26R%20and%20Thesis% 20Proposal%20%280615% 29%20Fillable.pdf

This form is also required for BD students looking at Reading Courses and the deadline for registration for these activities is **December 15, 2017** 

#### **Outstanding Tuition:**

Please make regular payments towards your tuition if you have an outstanding amount owing as U of T service charges are being applied to fall amounts and from Nov 30 to winter amounts also.

For information on U of T service charges see <a href="http://www.fees.utoronto.ca/Assets/Stu-dent+Accounts+Digital+As">http://www.fees.utoronto.ca/Assets/Stu-dent+Accounts+Digital+As</a>

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things that unites Anglican churches worldwide.

How do Anglicans regard Cranmer today? I did a brief informal survey of some friends. Here is a sample of what they said:

I am inspired by his vision to connect people to a worship life that is more relevant and user-friendly. Whether it is his emphasis on encouraging the faithful to engage more fully in corporate liturgy or in their private devotions (at

home), these are important concepts today in our timely approaches to missional church. (A charismatic Anglican leader in Eastern Canada.)

At nineteen, newly converted to faith in Jesus Christ, I found myself back in church one Sunday for a BCP service of Holy Communion. Suddenly Cranmer made profound and perfect sense. "Wow!" I remember thinking to mvself, "The guy who wrote this was really saved!" All these years later, I might choose somewhat different

language, but my appreciation has not lessened for the intense piety and clarity of theological vision with which Cranmer brings us to the table of the Lord. (A seminary professor—not at Wycliffe.)

My formation as an Anglican was in the Book of Common Prayer. Over and over again, I find the phrases of the BCP rise up to meet me in daily situations, reminding me to 'read, mark, learn and inwardly digest' the Holy Scriptures;' and naming my relationship with God,

'unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid.' (A bishop.)

The Anglican Communion commemorates Thomas Cranmer as a Reformation Martyr on March 21<sup>st</sup>, the anniversary of his death in 1556.

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All online applications are due by February 1, 2018.



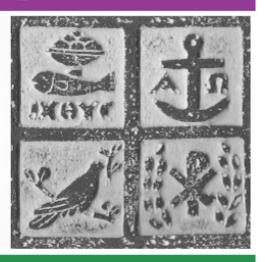
### **BURSARIES AVAILABLE**

The Prayer Book Society of Canada is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of bursaries of up to \$1000, for Anglican students engaged in religious studies who value the Book of Common Prayer, use it in their daily prayer life, and wish to support its continuing use in the Anglican Church in Canada. Students in the ordination stream are particularly encouraged to apply.

Students wishing to be considered for one of these bursaries should submit a copy of their curriculum vitae and the names, addresses and phone numbers of two references, together with a covering letter explaining their interest in this bursary and in the Book of Common Prayer, to: Dr. Diana Verseghy, PBSC Bursaries Committee, 12 Sherbourne Dr., Maple, ON, L6A 1G8. E-mail: diana.verseghy@sympatico.ca. The deadline for applications is Friday, November 10, 2017. Candidates will be interviewed by a selection committee in late November, and awards will be made in mid-December.

# TST LITURGY SEMINAR





The Eucharistic Body of Paul and the Ritualization of 2 Corinthians

November 1, 2017 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM

by Dr. Judith H. Newman Emmanuel College

This seminar presentation draws on material from Newman's forthcoming book, Before the Bible: the Liturgical Body and the Formation of Scriptures in Early Judaism (Oxford, 2018) in which she argues that a key to understanding the formation of scriptures is the widespread practice of individual and communal prayer in early Judaism. She demonstrates that scriptures were formed because of the intertwined relationship of worship practices, learned figures who interpreted scripture, and the ongoing performance of scriptural tradition. The seminar focuses on the role of Paul as one who initiates communal liturgical practices and serves as mediating figure of the scriptural tradition.

Founders of the Seminar:

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# Oktoberfest! Oktober 20, 2017

All are invited to Wycliffe's autumn community event. Enjoy decorating the college with autumn decorations, line dancing, eating some delicious seasonal treats like German sausages and Belgian beers, and of course a good time spent with

good company. Dress is casual (although lederhosens are highly encouraged!)

Decorating starts at 6:30pm! Meet in the Reading Room!

#### Sneak Peek!

Your second year rep is organizing a minidevelopment day. It is coming your way on November 29th and will feature a number of speakers. Topics will include their original calling to the ministry of to academia, the hardships they have experienced, the positive aspects of their vocations, and any practical or spiritual advice they have for this next generation of priests/ theologians. Keep checking the Morning Star for more information in the coming weeks.

Visit: wycliffecollege.ca/reformation500

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## Chapel Schedule for this week...

Date & Sacristan	Service	Officiant/Homilist	Readers, etc.	Greeters
Monday—J. Smith	MP	E. Radner	S. Otto/B.Tshin	F.Mutugu
A. Johnson	EP—Taize	A. Brownlee	J. Smith	A. Pohlod
Tuesday—B. Poole	MP	+S. Andrews/D. Lee	E. Waller Roy	T. Everett
A. Pohlod	Sung Evensong	J. Smith	J. Mangina/A. Pohlod	A. Pohlod
Wednesday—B. Poole	MP	K. Steiner	Liturgics Class	N. Cunha
A. Polhod  Baptism	НЕ	+S. Andrews/A. Brown- lee/M. Henderson	K. Moolman; Sub-deacon—D. Lee	F. Mutugu/M. Quach
Thursday—A. Johnson	MP	P. Power/+S. Andrews N. Cunha		M. Quach
D. Badgley	EP	G. Taylor	A. Pohlod/D. Badgley	A. Pohlod
Friday—D. Badgley	MP	A. Brownlee	B. Jenkins/E. Waller Roy	C. Upton
D. Badgley	EP	D. Badgley	C. Upton	C. Hazlitt

### This Wednesday at Wycliffe...

Wycliffe College's Urban Community Development, and PWRDF—Primate's World Relief and Development Fund—will host a panel discussion this Wednesday in Sheraton Hall.

# Gender & Poverty: When Will We Get It Right?

SPEAKERS:

Jolin Joseph Jenninah Kabiswa Geoffrey Patrick Monjesa Evrard Nahimana

TIME: 2:30-Networking and Refreshments

3:00 p.m.—Panel Discussion

#### **Holy Eucharist & Baptism**

Please join us in Founders' Chapel at 4:45 p.m. for the baptism of Emmanuel Steiner, and Holy Eucharist. The Rev. Canon Dr Murray Henderson will preach,

### Upcoming Wednesday Events:

#### Wednesday November 1st

We will host a Book Launch in the Reading Room. This is a chance to see the latest writings of our faculty. Crux will also have a supply of books on hand if you want to pick up a copy or two.

#### Wednesday November 8th

Shad is a Juno Award winning rapper and 3-time Polaris Music Prize shortlist nominee from London, Ontario. His 4 full-length albums have been recognized for their sharp lyrics and soulful arrangements.

#### Wednesday November 15th

New Courses—mini lectures from faculty teaching new courses next term. (TBC)

#### Wednesday November 22nd

Join us in Founders' Chapel as we sing Hymns of the Reformation: the Rise of Congregational Singing. You will learn a bit about each of the hymns before we sing.

#### Wednesday November 29th

A Wednesday Event hosted by the Student Council... check out the "Sneak Peek" on this week's Student Council page. Visionary leaders with  $\operatorname{\mathsf{Good}}\nolimits$  News for a vibrant church in a changing world.

### Calendar of Events—October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16 Writing Workshop - Logic—How to make sense	17 MP: Joan Morris	18 WE: PWRDF Panel on Gender & Int'l Dev. Pr: M. Henderson	19 MP: +S. Andrews	20 Oktoberfest!	21
22	23	24	25	26 Messy Church Conf.	27 Board Mtg. Messy Church	28
READING WEEK						
29	30 Writing Workshop - Rhetoric. How to Sound Good.	31 MP: Joes Steiner	1 November WE: Book Launch Pr: Susan Bell	2 MP: R. Dean EP: Jordan Duerrstein	3	4 Children's Minis- try Workshop
5	6	7 MP: Sarah Wil- liamson-Boynoe	8 WE: Shad Pr: Bp. Sparks	9 MP: Catherine Hamilton	10	11

### **Refectory Hours**

Monday—Friday

7:15 a.m.—Open for Continental Breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m.—Breakfast served

9:00 a.m.—Refectory closes

1:00-1L30 p.m.—Lunch served

2:00 p.m.—Refectory closes

6:00-6:45 p.m.—Dinner served

7:00 p.m.—Refectory closes

#### Saturdays

11:30-12:30—Brunch served 1:00 p.m.—Refectory closes

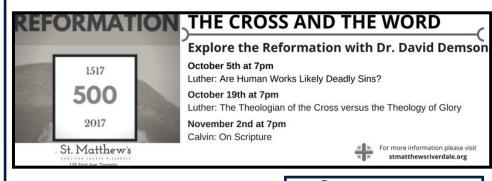
5:30-6:15 p.m.—Dinner served 6:30 p.m.—Refectory closes

#### **Coffee Hour**

Monday—Thursday 10:50-11:10 a.m. in the Reading Room (sponsored by the Alumni Association)

#### Reformation Events @ Wycliffe

November 22 - A Celebration in Song of Hymns Inspired by Reformation Ideals Now Thank We All Our God: Hymns of the Reformation and the Rise of Congregational Singing



### **Office Hours**

College—8 00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. M-F Principal's Office—8:00-4:00 M-Th Development Office—9:00-5:00 M-F Business Office—9:00-5:00 M-F



# Coffee Hour is back!!

Coffee/tea will be available in the Reg Soward Reading Room each Monday—Thursday @ 10:30-11:30 a.m. Brought to you by the Alumni Assoc.