

HISTORY · HOW WE GOT HERE

Before There Was an England

Catechesis Track, Lesson 1 · About 27 min

Anglican Christianity didn't begin with Henry VIII. It begins with the ancient, undivided Church.

Rooted further back

Christianity reached the British Isles centuries before the Reformation. To root Anglican identity only in the sixteenth century is to cut the story off far too late.

READ THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 1:8

FROM THE PRAYER BOOK

Collect for the Feast of St. Alban

“Almighty God, by whose grace and power thy holy martyr Alban triumphed over suffering and was faithful even unto death.”

FOR A PARISH SMALL GROUP: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you assume about Anglican history before this lesson?
2. Why might it matter to root our identity further back than the Reformation?