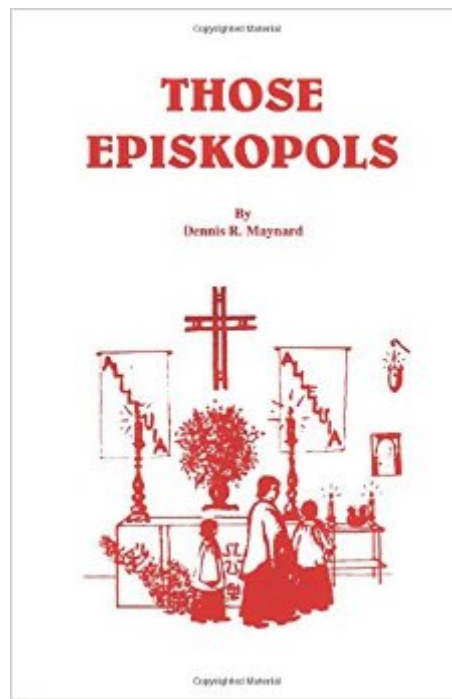


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# Those Episkopols



## Synopsis

The Episcopal Church is known as the "thinking person's religion" to those of us that love her. It is a Church solidly grounded in scripture, tradition, and reason. In this best selling book Doctor Maynard explains why it is also a Church that will not accept simplistic answers to complex questions. With humor and insight he answers some of the following questions and others frequently asked by inquirers. Why do Episcopalians read their prayers? Does God like all that ritual? Can you believe anything you want and be an Episcopalian? Why do Episcopalians reject Biblical Fundamentalism? The inquirer will finish the book with a better understanding of The Episcopal Church. Those that are already members will have the reasons they became Episcopalians warmly confirmed. The author gently reminds all readers that if you don't feel good enough to go to any other church, The Episcopal Church welcomes you!

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## Customer Reviews

My husband and I have been searching for a religion that we would be happy in for so long. After attending St John's Episcopal Church in Oklahoma, our Rector gave us this book to read. WOW! It told us exactly what we wanted to know. I was worried about different social issues in choosing a religion. This book explained the Episcopal beliefs very clearly with much humor. It left us wanting to head right out to church and get involved. The author writes how he loves the church and couldn't imagine his life without her...we feel the same. I never knew there was a religion out there made "just for me."

I advocate this book "Those Episkopols" by the Rev. Dennis Maynard be issued to every member and interested parties of the Church. It answers basic important questions about our Episcopal Church such as how we worship (it's supposed to be "boring"), how we think (we must use reason in order to understand God's creation), how we treat the Bible (divine inspiration, not divine dictation), how we live (dogmas are silly; when we get to heaven, Jesus is probably not going to ask us what (mostly man-made) rules we followed, but whether we loved him and one another), and how we are saved (not something that just happens; it is an ongoing process through our lives), etc. The book provides a good starting point to becoming a thoughtful, knowledgeable Christian and member of the Church. The reader should continue their studies and actions by beginning a study of the Bible, asking questions of their fellow man, doing good works, and most importantly THINKING. An easy and quick read (1 hour), I marked up my book with tons of highlighter and am now more confident when inquiring friends and strangers ask me about my faith and practice.

A delightful book that can be enjoyed by cradle Episcopalians as well as those newly confirmed. The emphasis is on the church that receives all who come to its doors. As one Episcopalian has observed, "If you live long enough, you are bound to meet another Episcopalian who believes the same as you do." This may be your writer. A good read, filled with humor and easy to swallow theology, a fine book to have and to hold.

I have been a lifelong Episcopalian, and I found this to be an excellent book full of great information. It was easy to read and understand. This would be a wonderful book for those interested in the Episcopal Church, as well as a great book for those of us who have been with the church longer and just want to "brush up." I learned so much, and learned all the reasons why I love the Episcopal Church. Well worth the money!

5.0 out of 5 stars Short, Sweet, and Enough to Convince Me!, April 23, 2008 By Catherine Mccoy (Norfolk, VA) - See all my reviews (REAL NAME) After visiting over 15 churches in my new relocation area, I finally found a place to belong that fits me to a "T". After attending services for a few months, the minister asked if I would be interested in being officially "received" as an Episcopalian. I needed to know more, so he handed me Maynard's book as an introduction. As I turned each page, I found myself saying "Yes", this is who I am, and this is the kind of church I belong in. It was a perfect "first" read ... not too heavy, not too long, but just enough to tell me I was heading in the right direction. Maynard's humor and straight forward observations of the Episcopal faith are sure to help even the

most hesitant reader figure out if this might be the faith for them.

I liked this book, because it was short, and very to the point. The book is witty and clever. Maynard answers some popular questions. This book is definitely a must read for any episcopalian. It's a relatively easy read as well, I read it in one sitting. It's a shame, doesn't stock it anymore. The only reason I gave the book 4 stars instead of 5 is that I noticed quite a few grammatical and formatting errors in the book (or at least in my opinion, I thought they were errors). I think Maynard needs to find a better editor. Other than that, great book!

This is a fine, short, entertaining summary of Anglican ethos and Episcopal practices. In a very readable form, the author talks about what the Episcopal Church is and what it is not. These points are essential in exploring an expression of Christianity that is genuine, based in nature, oriented to helping people, and entirely aware of the awe and majesty of God. This should be on the shelf in every church library with some extra copies lying around to give to those who wish to go beyond the narrow and dissatisfying Protestantism that currently brays so loudly in our society.

"Those Episkopols" is without question the best non-technical introduction to the Episcopal Church that I've read. It is light and witty, but presents a wealth of information that will be of interest to both the those exploring the Episcopal Church as possibly the church for them and also long-standing members of the Church. I've been a member of the Episcopal Church for 45 years and still found "Those Episkopols" to be a valuable addition to my library. I cannot recommend it more highly.

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