The Church of England

Introduction
The Anglican Communion consists of 40 autonomous churches, also known as provinces around the world. It encompasses over 165 countries. This is a short introduction to the Anglican Church of England. More information about The Anglican Communion and each of the Member Churches can be found at anglicancommunion.org.

Important Information

Short History
Covering all of England, including the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, the Church is the ancient national Church of the land. Its structures emerged from the missionary work of St Augustine, sent from Rome in 597, and from the work of Celtic missionaries in the north. Throughout the Middle Ages, the Church was in Communion with the See of Rome, but in the sixteenth century it separated from Rome and rejected the authority of the Pope. The Church of England is the established Church, with the administration governed by a General Synod that meets twice a year.

Primate(s)
The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby

Website: churchofengland.org

Facts

Countries
The United Kingdom, Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Sweden, Turkey, and Yugoslavia

Number of Dioceses - 42

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