

### Week 1

- 1. What brought you to the Anglican church you're currently attending? What keeps you there?
- 2. John Westerhoff, an Anglican educator lists these characteristics of the Anglican tradition. See them here: <a href="https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/anglican-church/spirituality">https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/anglican-church/spirituality</a>. Do these characteristics line up with your observations and experiences of Anglican character? Which aspect of the spirituality and temperament do you most resonate with (pick one from each category)? Which ones are a stretch or a challenge for you?

## Week 2

- 1. What quote or which Anglican figure were you drawn to this week<sup>1</sup>?
- 2. Did any of the quotes surprise or challenge you? How so?
- 3. Is there an Anglican Christian in your life who has helped you through a difficult time? Who was it and what did they do?

# Week 3

1. Is there a type of writing that you find most helpful as an Anglican? Is it poetry, sermons, theology, novels, history, non-fiction, or something else? What is it about that type of genre that you appreciate?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Questions 1 and 2 can be used in any/all weeks.

2. If you were to add an Anglican to this calendar, who would it be? (They don't need to be famous or a writer). What would you want people to know about them?

#### Advent 4

- 1. How has this Advent season been so far? What intention would you like to set for your observation and celebration of Christmas?
- 2. Is there a favourite quote that you might carry with you or keep somewhere visible after this season has past?
- 3. Is there someone from the calendar that you'd like to find out or read more about?

# Beginning and ending the small group: a few suggestions

Begin: Light a candle. Sing a verse from a well-known Advent hymn or 3x through a Taize chant. (Examples: O come, O come Emmanuel, Wait for the Lord, Prepare the Way. See Common Praise hymnal pgs. 88-117.) Pray the collect from Sunday. You can find these in the bulletin or in the Book of Alternative Services on pgs. 268-272.

*Middle*: Prepare or make some small group guidelines together. Here's an example: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/LClistening">https://tinyurl.com/LClistening</a>

*End*: Have each person share one word about what they're taking away from the small group conversation. Pray the Lord's Prayer or another closing prayer. Extinguish the candle.