

A Few Resources to Spark your Curiosity about All Things Church

That title is an over-reach, of course, because no single listing could address all the things we might wonder about the Church, but these might offer you a starting place to wander purposefully among the many offerings available. Kathy Foxen and I have reviewed these resources, and made a few notes about their content; we'd love to add to the list those things you find and enjoy.

The Diocese of San Diego has an array of offerings, too, and we'll publish those as soon as they are available.

This group includes several short videos produced by Fr. Matthew Moretz about ten years ago - his overviews may lead you to explore specific topics, or remind you of things you've forgotten about our life as Episcopalians. There are a few other clergy featured here, too. And, from the ChurchNext resources, scholars who are building a comprehensive library of their coursework for broad use; ChurchNext is one of the resources we'll soon have from the Diocese. Other resources are annotated biographies to poke around in, chasing whatever sparks your interest. Again, please share that journey of discovery!

Because there are so many resources, and because different communities use the same titles for different content, I'd encourage you to check out the resource itself to know something about the point of view of its authors and producers. Scratching the surface can help to clarify the assumptions behind teachings that are not always apparent at first glance. For instance, when reviewing conversations about the 'Prayer Book', listening for the year of publication will give you a hint about the community using that particular version, and you'll be able to confirm their position on theological matters with a follow-up search. Learning from a variety of sources always helps to sharpen our own points of view, so follow what interests you, and see where you land in the midst of the varied thoughts.

As my children used to say when we'd interrupt vacation with a museum or park, 'Be careful, you might accidentally learn something.' My only defense for such interruptions is that they continue to value life-long learning; one is a research librarian and the other an educator!

Yours in Christ, Julie+

Anglicanism: The basic structure of the Anglican communion, and an overview of doctrine and practice

<http://www.anglicansonline.org/basics/index.html> Good resources page

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5l2sZ3tNZeA> Side-by-side conversation with clergy who practice different forms of theological expression within Anglicanism - sometimes known as 'high church' and 'low church' traditions.

Bible Study Resources:

Free of Charge:

<https://global.oup.com/obso/about/> Oxford Biblical Studies Online, a wealth of articles and commentaries alongside multiple translations

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/> online Bible resources (Does not include the NRSV, our standard text)

Courses by N. T. Wright through the Udemy website: (Kathy is an N. T. Wright fan, along with many other folks!)

Biographical information taken from the Udemy website:

N.T Wright received his BA, MA and PHD from Oxford University. He taught New Testament at Cambridge, McGill and Oxford Universities 1978-1993. He was Dean of Lichfield, then Canon of Westminster, then Bishop of Durham (Church of England), 1994-2010. *Since 2010 Prof. Wright has been Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St Andrews, Scotland.* He has published over 75 books and hundreds of articles.

Free Bible Study Video courses by N.T. Wright (on the Udemy website):

Paul and His Letter to Philemon

Faith Working Through Love: Discover how Biblical wisdom can help you find meaning in your work

Reading Scripture in Public: Find out why hearing the Bible read aloud is a life-giving practice

Paul and His Letter to the Philippians (Kathy Foxen has small group rights to this course—making it free to the Saint Thomas congregation)

Pay by the Course Video courses by N.T. Wright (on the Udemy website):

N.T. Wright has 31 courses on Udemy that deal with the gospels, Paul's letters, the Lord's Prayer, the Resurrection and so on. If you like one that has a small group edition (such as Ephesians or Colossians, please talk to Kathy Foxen. She would love to purchase another small edition course and pay for it. She's hooked!) **Free ebooks by N.T. Wright** Check out <https://ntwrightonline.org>

Centering Prayer Resource:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mfaK6XOq5E> introduction by Fr. Matthew Moritz, 2009

<https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/> (includes tips for Zoom-enabled sessions)

Daughters of the King: information about this ministry of the Episcopal Church

<https://episcopalchurch.org/library/link/order-daughters-king-dok>

Book of Common Prayer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCn5edLZ72o&t=163s> contents of BCP, Fr. Matthew Moretz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MwLdszDt18> Structured conversation from Church Next

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7vL1_YmE_I 'Chuck Knowns Church' playful appreciation for the BCP, and its use beyond the Episcopal Church

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mo_bpzCvLXA Informal reflection on the scope of the Prayer Book.

Collects—What are they?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FC2xJWkznLo> Definition and structure, Fr. Matthew Moritz

Church History for Children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PoX-Dc120TE> part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gk6Dn4f9Reg> part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RflohXxh1VY> part 3

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsBql5JCA9Q> part 4

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVgd-_BfFRo Church history in under 4 minutes, features timeline of theology and evangelism, and a few familiar saints!

Scripture, Tradition and Reason for Children, yes, but Everyone Else, too

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwLsvYmR4Mc> Episcopal puppet show, Fr Matthew Moretz