

Great Christian Teaching - Online!

Many of us are spending more and more time online. Sometimes it's for work, but lots of it is for leisure.

But here's a question: How much of your time online is really fruitful for you in your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Through the internet we have rapid access to some superb resources of Christian teaching. There are many websites packed with sermons by great preachers from around the world. It's a God-given opportunity which we shouldn't miss.

In this leaflet I'm suggesting some great places to start if you want to find some of the best stuff. They will help you to feed yourself spiritually from some of the best Bible-teachers around. The material on these sites is free. So, in no particular order...

First, here are the websites of two well-known churches in London - All Souls and St Helen's:

<http://www.allsouls.org/ascm/allsouls/static/sermons/home.html>

<http://sthelens.audiop.org.uk/home>

John Stott, probably the most influential British church leader of the last 50 years, was Rector of All Souls. The Rector of St Helen's for many years was Dick Lucas, a leading preacher of his generation. Both these sites have lots of their sermons, as well as many others.

Here are the sites of three other English churches, both of which have a great track-record of faithful and clear preaching which is applied well and engagingly to life:

Christ Church Fulwood, in Sheffield: <http://www.fulwoodchurch.co.uk/sermons/index.html>

Knighton Evangelical Free Church, in Leicester: <http://www.knighton.org.uk/sermons.php>

Duke Street Church in London: <http://www.dukestreetchurch.com/mod.php?mod=sermons>

Here's an individual's website. Terry Virgo is a well-respected church leader and church planter, who speaks at many churches and conferences. A lot of his teaching is available at <http://www.terryvirgo.org/resources1.html>

Now two good sites from America:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/>

This is the website of a preacher called John Piper. He works at a church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is one of the most respected preachers in the United States, and his sermons and his writing have had a great impact round the world. Just about every sermon he's ever preached is here.

<http://www.marshillchurch.org/> (see 'Browse media')

Mars Hill Church in Seattle is one of the most extraordinary churches in America. It was founded a few years ago, and has now grown to have several different sites around the city. The main preacher is called Mark Driscoll. His style is informal and relaxed, very contemporary and very much into modern culture. Many people find his preaching an inspiring and hard-hitting breath of fresh air. And on this site you can watch him, as well as listen.

What about other resources - books, Bible-study helps, and so on? This site has one of the best selections: <http://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/>. Browse the site, but don't order direct from them! Instead place your order with The Vine, Hinckley's own Christian bookshop. You can send an e-mail with the order and your contact details to: thevinehinckley@btconnect.com. That way you save yourself delivery costs, and also support your local Christian bookshop.

And coming very soon, the Vine will have its own website with online browsing, ordering, and payment! Keep checking www.thevinehinckley.co.uk, because it'll go live shortly.

Last, but definitely not least...!

These are all great resources which can *supplement* the teaching in our own church. But they must not *replace* meeting together week by week with your own church family to receive the preaching of your own ministers, as we grow in Christ together. Don't forget that all our sermons are on our website, usually within 24 hours of it being preached. So there's no reason to miss out:

<http://www.holytrinityhinckley.org.uk/resources.html>