

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR ONLINE CONTENT

As more and more of us find ourselves creating online content, it is helpful to have a well-stocked 'bookmark' folder to help you with creating that content – places you know you can go to online to get good quality content quickly. It is also vital to ensure that your music clips, images and other content is royalty free (or you may find yourself with a hefty fine). Here is a list some resources to help you. This list is inspired by The Church of England Digital Labs Blog – always a helpful resource (and their webinars are excellent too). See <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/church-england-digital-labs/digital-labs-blogs>

CREATE ENGAGING GRAPHICS FOR THE BEGINNING, MIDDLE AND END OF YOUR LIVE STREAM

1. Canva

Free browser design tool that can be upgraded to 'premium' to unlock additional features.
www.canva.com

2. Spark Adobe

Free browser design tool that can be upgraded to 'premium' to unlock additional features.
<https://spark.adobe.com/>

ROYALTY FREE IMAGES

1. 'A Church Near You'

Resource Hub contains a number of images that can be used, with more to come imminently based around the Advent and Christmas campaign of 'Comfort and Joy'. See
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/hub/home/>

2. Pixabay

1.8 million high quality stock images that are royalty free. <https://pixabay.com/>

3. Unsplash

Pretty much as above but at <https://unsplash.com/>

4. Pexels

Same but at <https://www.pexels.com/>

5. Lightstock

A faith-based collection of images, but a subscription is required. You get four credits for free, but thereafter each image works out at about £3.90

ROYALTY FREE MUSIC FOR WORSHIP OR TO USE AS BACKING TRACKS

1. A Church Near You

The Resource Hub contains hymns from St. Martins-in-the-Fields. You do need to make sure you have all your necessary CCLI licenses. The word on the street is that they will soon be doing a similar thing with a contemporary style. <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/hub/home/>

2. Worship Lyric Videos

Until there are free worship songs in contemporary style on a Church Near You it might be worth checking out <https://www.worshiplyricvideos.com/> You have to buy these, but once you have purchased them you can download them and use them again. If you have the CCLI license and streaming license these are good to go. Also available as just MP3s.

3. Amen

Very cool free album of electronic music that is allowed to be edited and used as long it is not used somewhere that requires a third-party distributor (you can't sample them and turn them into music you distribute on Spotify). https://amenworldwide.com/free-downloads/fortheculture-instrumentalsvol1?fbclid=IwAR0WePIUyt2xoHt3kDCMza1F2TI9RwnDiGJqlwL_opCKcPYeWxYc3FP-EwU

4. YouTube creator studio

YouTube has a selection of its own royalty free music you can use. <https://studio.youtube.com/>

ROYALTY FREE VIDEOS

11. Canva

You can find video clips to turn into good introductory clips to your online content at Canva. www.canva.com

12. Pexels

Same but at <https://www.pexels.com/>