MAKING THE MOST OF AI
Links to a Wide Range of Resources

Thinking About AI

YOUTUBE

- **Spiritual Formation and AI** (1:18) a deep dive with Andy Crouch and Jay Kim.

- **Authentic Relationships in an Artificial World** (1:36) LICC John Stott lecture by Professor John Wyatt.

- **Digging Deeper: AI** (1:02) St Ebbe's Church session with Rev Dr Lyndon Drake.

- **The Cost of Using AI: What it Can do to Our Brains** (0:06) Carey Nieuwhof.

- **Efficiency versus Humanity** (25:27) Patrick Lencioni has a helpful podcast on the impact of AI making jobs redundant on the dignity of work (also a **podcast,** 255).

John Lennox has an **extensive series of 13 videos** linked to his book, 2084 AI and the Future of Humanity.

PODCASTS AND WEBSITES

If you want to get inside some of the scarier predictions about AI's impact on the world, these two episodes from Steve Bartlet's Diary of a CEO are a bit mind blowing.

- **Ex Google Officer Finally Speaks Out on the Dangers of AI** (1:56) DOAC podcast E252, interview with Mo Gawdat. Listen on Spotify/your Podcast App, or watch YouTube.

- **The AI Safety Expert: These are the Only Five Jobs That Will Remain in 2030** (1:27), DOAC podcast E262 , interview with Dr Roman Yampolskiy. Listen on Spotify or your Podcast App, or watch on YouTube.

AI Christian Partnership is a great website for British thinking on AI and links to really useful **resources**.

ARTICLES

One of the debates is around the environmental impact of AI. Here are two articles offering different perspectives:

- **The Untold Story of the Environmental Impact of AI and Big Data** A review of research conducted by York University in collaboration with Singapore Management University and Durham University.

- **Using Chat GPT is Not Bad for the Environment** Andy Masley explores the impact of AI on the environment in great depth, but includes a helpful executive summary of his views.

There is something interesting work being done on the impact of AI on cognitive function. For example, **Your Brain on Chat GPT**, a fascinating research project from MIT in the States on the effect of Chat GPT on the brain's ability to learn/remember.

In this **Third Sector article** Darren Richards writes about the roles human will play when AI can do our jobs better than us and suggests three things AI will not be able to replace.

The Jubilee Centre have written on **Living Virtuously with AI Chabots**, exploring their strengths and weaknesses.

In this **CCN article** Kara Alaimo engages with research that identified 72% of teenagers have used AI companions and 31% say their conversations are as satisfying or more satisfying that conversations with other people.

Using AI

YOUTUBE

There are loads of YouTube channels dedicated to AI. Here are a few to get you started:

- **The Ultimate Guide to AI Tools: What's Worth Your Money** (0:17) Rick Mulready explores the pros and cons of some of the well known tools.

- **Google's 8 Hour AI Essentials Course in 15 Minutes** (0:15) Tina Huang summarises the free Google course with practical tips on how to get the most out of AI.

- Two channels I generally find helpful are **Jeff Su** and **Kevin Stratvert**, both giving practical advice on how to use AI.

- If you are felling a little behind and finding everything a bit overwhelming try **You're Not Behind: Become AI-Native** (0:10).

- **Game Changing AI Tools for Church Leaders** (0:16) A variety of tools that will open up all sorts of possibilities.

PODCASTS

- The On Leadership podcast interviews Geoff Woods on his book AI Driven Leadership. Listen on Spotify or your Podcast App, or watch on YouTube.

- DOAC regularly interviews people about AI.

- For the geeks amongst us who want a podcast to keep us up to date with the latest developments try AI Daily

BLOGS AND EMAILS

- **The Ultimate Guide to AI for Pastors and Churches** Carey Nieuwhof helpfully explores a wide range of considerations, both practical and ethical about the use of AI in Church life.
- Try **Chris Green's series** on using ChatGPT in parish ministry as he conducts an experiment.
- **AI for Content Creation** From the CofE, part 1 of a three part series of blogs.
- If you want to keep up with the latest developments, the following email updates on AI are recommended by Jeff Su: **The Rundown**, **Mindstream**, **AI Breakfast**, **Ben's Bites**, **TLDR AI** and **Superhuman**. He suggest subscribing to two or three and then selecting one to stick with.
- How AI can help **streamline meting processes**.
- Charity Digital have produced a **small charity digital code of practice**.
- A helpful guide to eight AI based **grant writing tools**.

BOOKS

- The AI Driven Leader, Geoff Woods (AI Thought Leadership).
- AI Prompts for Church Leaders, Katie Allred and David Thorne (AI for Churches).
- 2084 and the AI Revolution, John Lennox (Zondervan).
- God, AI and the End of History, John Lennox (SPCK).

WEBSITES

- **AIforChurchLeaders.com** Workshops and courses for church leaders.
- **Thnk.org** Every month a free tool powered by Gen-AI to help you in your leadership challenges.
- **Charity Digital** has lots of helpful information on AI.
- **Missional.ai** is a global movement which includes the **Global Missional AI podcast**.

COURSES

IBM offer some free courses. Try:

- **An introduction to AI**.
- **Generative AI Introduction and Applications**.

Google also have their **AI Essential course** which is free for seven days, then $49. If you want to go deeper take a look at these AI online **course recommendations from Forbes**.

Microsoft have created a free **Agent Playbook for Charities** showing how CoPilot can help charities with their administrative and management tasks. For an introduction into what this might look like read **this article**.

Links to the Tools Mentioned in the Webinar

- For generating images: **Canva, Nano Banana, Chat GPT, Midjourney, Ideogram**.
- For sermons: **Sermon Spark, Opos Clips** (see this video for a guide on how to use it), **Rev.Com**.
- For research: **Perplexity, Google Gemini Deep Research**.
- For translation: **One Accord, Church Translation, Breeze**.
- For email: **Superhuman, Missive, Spark**.

Other tools:

- Alternative browsers: **Opera, Arc**.
- Integrating social media feeds: **Beeper**.
- Creating forms: **Forms**.
- Create a Chatbot: **Zapier**.
- **Prompt generator**.
- Tool to help with creation of youth and children sessions from **Missional Gen**.