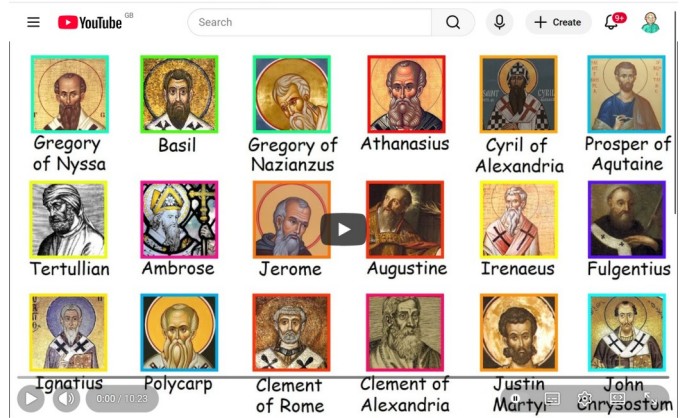
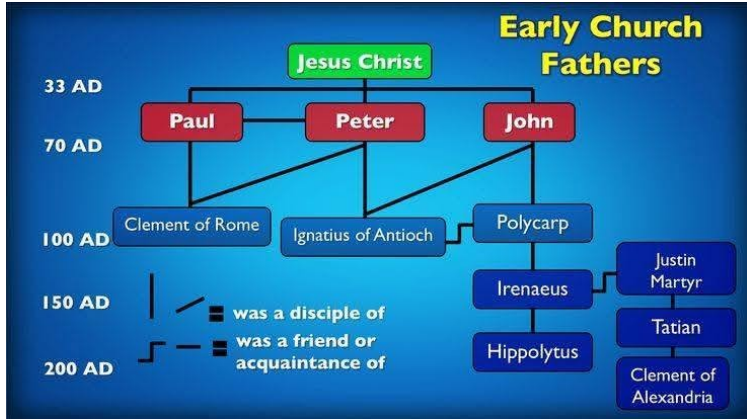


The Early Church Fathers

(Yes there would have been Early Church Mothers too but sadly history didn't give them much credit at the time!!!!)



Every Church Father explained in 10 minutes
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_6_Byhht3Sk

This is a great video about the early Fathers

Through the Church Fathers in a Year

FOUR MOVEMENTS OF EARLY CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

Date ranges are approximate. Overlap is intentional.

1. Apostolic Fathers	2. Apologists	3. Polemicists	4. Theologians
FOCUS church order, discipleship, worship, martyrdom, and pastoral care	FOCUS defending Christianity before pagans, Jews, emperors, and philosophers	FOCUS refuting heresy, schism, false teaching, and doctrinal distortion	FOCUS constructive doctrine on the Trinity, Christology, grace, worship, and spiritual life
REPRESENTATIVE FIGURES Clement of Rome (fl. c. 96), Ignatius of Antioch (d. c. 110), Polycarp of Smyrna (c. 69–155), Hermas (2nd c.)	REPRESENTATIVE FIGURES Justin Martyr (c. 100–165), Athenagoras (2nd c.), Theophilus of Antioch (2nd c.), Tatian (c. 120–180)	REPRESENTATIVE FIGURES Irenaeus (c. 130–202), Tertullian (c. 155–220), Hippolytus (c. 170–235), Cyprian (c. 210–258), Athanasius (c. 296–373), Vincent of Lérins (d. c. 445)	REPRESENTATIVE FIGURES Origen (c. 185–254), Basil the Great (c. 330–379), Gregory of Nazianzus (329–390), Gregory of Nyssa (c. 335–395), Augustine (354–430), Cyril of Alexandria (c. 376–444)
EXAMPLE WORKS <i>1 Clement, Letters of Ignatius, Didache, Shepherd of Hermas</i>	EXAMPLE WORKS <i>First Apology, Second Apology, Dialogue with Trypho, Plea for the Christians, To Autolytus</i>	EXAMPLE WORKS <i>Against Heresies, Against Marcion, Against Noetus, On the Unity of the Church, On the Lapsed, De Decretis, Commonitorium</i>	EXAMPLE WORKS <i>On First Principles, On the Holy Spirit, Theological Orations, Confessions, On the Trinity</i>

The Church is formed, defended, protected, and deepened.

This is a list of the great councils where all the Church got together to decide the big questions. Don't get too worried about all the words - you could google some of the ones you don't understand but in the CofE we don't necessarily believe all the things that these councils said. They were still working it all out!

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A.D.

Council of Jerusalem

- Gospel fulfils Law
- Baptism replaces circumcision

325

A.D.

1st Council of Nicaea

- Jesus is fully God & fully human
- Nicene Creed

381

A.D.

1st Council of Constantinople

- Consubstantial Trinity
- Nicene Creed

431

A.D.

Council of Ephesus

- Jesus is fully God & fully human
- Mary is "Theotokos"

451

A.D.

Council of Chalcedon

- Christ is 1 person, 2 natures: perfect God & perfect human

553

A.D.

2nd Council of Constantinople

- Jesus Christ is fully God & fully human
- Mary is "Theotokos"

680

A.D.

3rd Council of Constantinople

- Jesus Christ has 2 natures & wills: Divine & human

787

A.D.

2nd Council of Nicaea

- Affirms veneration of icons
- Creation is good