

## YOU NEED ANY HELP?

Contact the Cathedral Office for all necessary information and the Office will direct you to the appropriate persons to help. Below are the Contact Persons.

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*The Dean; The Canon Residentiary*
- B. **For Social Welfare and Charity**  
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- C. **For Cathedral Societies**  
*The Dean; The Society Chaplains; Presidents & Secretaries of Societies*
- D. **For The Elderly Ministry**  
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- F. **For Cathedral Missionary Society**  
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- H. **For The Youth Ministry**  
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- L. **For the Prisons & Hospital Ministry**  
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*The Dean; The Canon Residentiary*
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*The Dean, Mrs. Tola Famade - 0803-3109378,*
- W. **For Booking of the Guest House**  
*Mr. Kehinde Akinola - 08023050022; Tobi Balogun - 08033716752*

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The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu	0806-2230010
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The Rev. Michael Obembe	0813-8137140
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## DIocese of LAGOS WEST (Anglican Communion)



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#### *Our Vision:*

“CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS”

#### *Our 2023 Theme:*

**“THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU” Exodus 14:14.**

IN GOD'S PRESENCE, THERE IS FULNESS OF JOY AND AT HIS RIGHT HAND, PLEASURES FOR EVERMORE. A GOOD INDICATOR OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS EAGERNESS TO BE IN GOD'S HOUSE FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP. WELCOME TO HIS PRESENCE.

#### WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. - Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec., 2023

#### ADVENT III

Theme: Serving as Herald of His Coming

24<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AGAPE CHRISTIAN SISTERS & GUILD OF STEWARDS ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING

Colour: PURPLE

Dr. Dayo Omogbehin  
Cathedral Warden

Sir. Charles Ojo  
Cathedral Warden

The Ven. Ebenezer Adewole  
Dean of the Cathedral

The Rt. Rev. Dr. James O. Odedeji  
The Bishop, Diocese of Lagos West

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Support God's Mission through the Covenant Seed  
Be A Diocesan Covenant Seeder

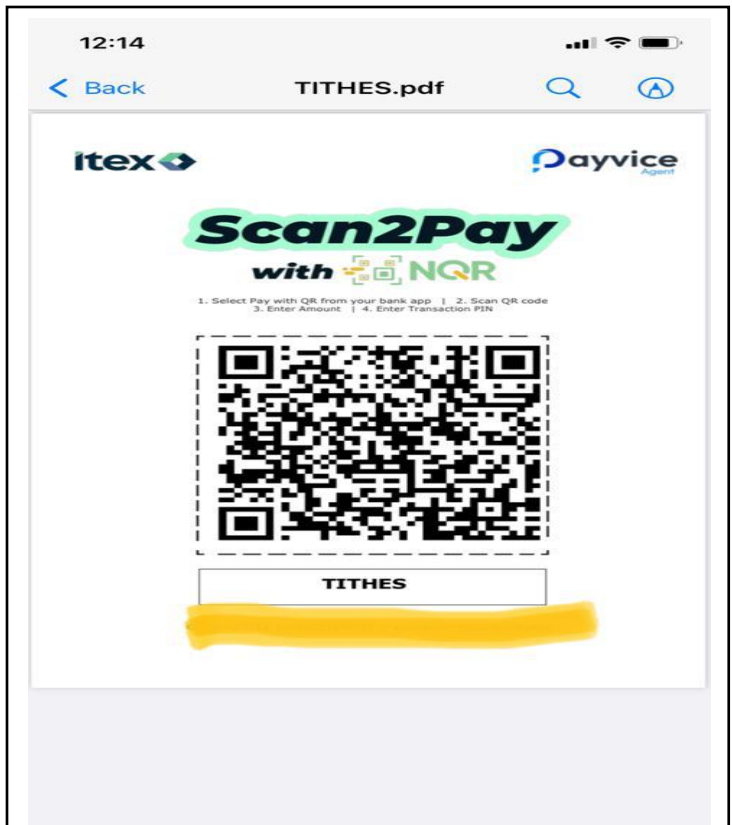
1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023  
A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION & GUILD OF STEWARDS ANNIVERSARY
- Celebrant: The Dean  
The Epistle: Guild of Stewards  
The Gospel: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye  
Preacher: The Dean  
Intercessor: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju
- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 1
  - ❖ Preparation to Penitence –Rev. Canon. Oluwatusin
  - ❖ The Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
  - ❖ Gradual Hymn: Hymn: A Time like this (*Tune: Higher ground*)...pg 9
  - ❖ The Gospel: John 1:19-28
  - ❖ SERMON
  - ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession
  - ❖ The Peace (*Let there be peace*)
  - ❖ All Offerings: Choruses  
*{First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings}*
  - ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
  - ❖ The Administration: CONH 184, 603, 607, 416
  - ❖ The Ablution: CONH 835
  - ❖ Post Communion Prayer
  - ❖ The Anniversary
    - i. Induction of New Executives
    - ii. Rededication of Guild of Stewards
    - iii. Guild of Stewards Thanksgiving
  - ❖ Thanksgiving:
    - i. Miss Peace Okagbue thanking God for successful completion of her Master’s Degree, grateful for a good job at First Bank & numerous blessings.
    - ii. Annual Thanksgiving by the entire Masters Energy Group and God’s numerous blessings.
    - iii. The Patrons & Members of Good Shepherd Society thanking for taking 1<sup>st</sup> position at 2023 Intersociety Bible Quiz Competition & numerous blessings.
    - iv. The Churching of Mrs Ebuka Okechukwu for the gift of a baby boy and God’s numerous blessings.
  - ❖ Doxology CONH 491 .... (*page 9*)
  - ❖ Benediction
  - ❖ Notices
  - ❖ Diocesan Anthem
  - ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 435, 419

WE WELCOME ALL OUR FIRST TIMERS IN JESUS NAME. WE REQUEST THAT YOU PLEASE MOVE TO THE LADY’S CHAPEL AFTER THE SERVICE WHERE OUR EVANGELICAL TEAM IS WAITING TO ATTEND TO YOU. REMAIN BLESSED AND RAPTURABLE.

**AVMCC DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT**

Account Name: AVMCC Development Fund

Account Number: 1021733207 Sort Code: 033154512



1. Select pay with QR in your Bank App.
2. Scan QR Code
3. Enter Amount
4. Enter Transaction PIN

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**29. AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS**

BANK	ACCOUNT NUMBER	SORT CODE	PURPOSE
ACCESS	0017948337	044151245	Building Fund Evangelical Fund
WEMA	0120970667	035150695	Offering & Thanksgiving
GTB	0570015856	058152120	Offering & Thanksgiving
FIRST	2025018178	011151841	Harvest (kindly signify the purpose e.g. Family harvest, Youth Harvest etc.)
FIRST	2001350641	011151841	Project Support
STANBIC	9200212515		
IBTC		221150027	First Fruits
GTB	0007899440	058152120	Tithes
ECO	0953002198		Building Fund
ZENITH	1011097083	057150314	Covenant Seed
FCMB	9318228020		AVMCC Choir

WEMA 0122245798 035150695 Endowment Fund

For the New Cathedral Development Account details please refer to page 2 of this bulletin.

## 24. NOTICE ON CATHEDRAL FINANCE

1. Payment of Church Dues for 2023.
  - (a) **Church Dues:** Kindly note that Church Dues should be paid in the Cathedral Office where receipt will be issued. Direct payment of Church dues into the Cathedral Bank Account is hereby discouraged.
  - (b) All Societies should pay and send in their lists of members on or before December 20, 2023.
  - (c) All individuals should ensure payments are done by December 30, 2023.
2. Payments can now be done using POS Terminals which are available in the Church office.
3. All payments by cheques should henceforth, have the payers name and phone for ease of reference, if the need arises.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

## ANNUAL CHURCH DUES N7,500 FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2024. GOD BLESS.

### 25. COMMITTEE'S & MINISTRIES REPORTS

This is to inform the above that the next Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

Kindly send the report of your activities for the year 2023 to [tolafamade2012@gmail.com](mailto:tolafamade2012@gmail.com) or Cathedral Office on or before 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023

### 26. NAMES OF CURRENT PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES & THEIR PHONE NUMBERS

This is to inform all Societies that the Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. Kindly send the names of your current Presidents, Secretaries & their phone numbers to the Cathedral Office to enable us update the 2024 Vestry Report on or before 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023.

### 27. SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTRY

Members of the Cathedral to please donate clean and used Clothes, Shoes, Bags, Household utensils etc to be distributed to the poor and the needy at Christmas. Please call: 08023123755. Thank you.

28. **Busy Bees Father Christmas Grotto**  
Father Christmas has arrived at the GROTTO from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December till

## B. 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

### 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AGAPE CHRISTIAN SISTERS & GUILD OF STEWARDS THANKSGIVING

**Celebrant:** The Dean  
**The Epistle:** Agape Christian Sisters  
**The Gospel:** The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju  
**Preacher:** The Dean  
**Intercessor:** The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 5
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- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: CONH 431, 602, 608, 641
- ❖ The Ablution: CONH 19
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **The Anniversary**
  - i. Agape Christian Sisters Anthem
  - ii. Induction of New Members
  - iii. Rededication of Members
  - iv. Agape Sisters, Patron s & Patroness
  - v. **Guild of Stewards Thanksgiving**
- ❖ **Thanksgiving:**
  - i. Churching of Mrs Florence Mgbnwa for the gift of a baby boy & God's numerous blessings.
  - ii. 5<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Thanksgiving of Late Mrs Comfort Duru & God's numerous blessings on the family she left behind.
- ❖ **Handing over of Harvest Flag to next Host Society**
- ❖ Doxology CONH 491 .....(page 9)
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 35, 418

### 5.00pm: DLW CHRISTMAS CAROL OF NINE LESSONS SPONSORED BY MASTERS ENERGY GROUP

## C. EVENTS AHEAD

1. Christmas Day Service / Special Birthday Gift to Jesus -Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2023 @ 7am & 10am.
2. Watchnight Service – Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 at 9.00pm.
3. New Year Service – Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 @ 7.00am & 10.00am.
4. Alpha and Omega Prayer (14days) 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. – 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at 6.00am daily.
6. Rededication of Royal Gem & Vessel – Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 at 3.00pm.
7. Rededication of DLW Christian Mothers – Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at 3.00pm.
8. Enrolment Service: Mothers Union – March.

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**D. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2023  
EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES**

1. Sunday Dec. 17, 2023 - Diocesan Christmas Carol
2. Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023 - Christmas Eve
3. Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023 - Watch night
4. Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 - Clergy Family & Evangelical Ministry Members
5. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 - Anglican Fellowship
6. Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024 - Rededication of Royal Gems & Vessel
7. Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024 - Rededication of Diocesan Christian Mothers

**E. 7.00a.m & 10.00am - YOUTH SERVICE**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Canon A. Oluwatusin  
**Preacher:** The Rev. Canon A. Oluwatusin  
**Theme:** Serving as Herald of His Coming

- ❖ Opening Hymn: CONH 228
- ❖ The Bidding Prayer
- ❖ Introductory Carol (Carol of the Angels)
- ❖ First Lesson: Gen. 3:8-15 (The Fall of Man)
- ❖ Congregational Carol: CONH 232
- ❖ Second Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Christ Birth)
- ❖ Congregational Carol: CONH 206
- ❖ Carol 1 (Oh thou that – Recitative, Solo Chorus)
- ❖ Third Lesson: Micah 5:2-4
- ❖ Drama Ministration / Guest Soloists (Sis Chinekwu)
- ❖ Carol 2 (Ding Dong Merrily on High)
- ❖ Congregational Carol: CONH 233
  
- ❖ Carol 3 (Messiah Baba Mi)
  
- ❖ Fourth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38 (Angel Gabriel Salutes The Blesséd Virgin Mary)
  
- ❖ Carol 4 (We 3 Kings)
  
- ❖ Fifth Lesson: Matthew 1:18-23 (The Birth Of Jesus)
  
- ❖ Congregational Carol: CONH 219 - Angels From The Realms Of Glory
  
- ❖ Sixth lesson: Luke 2:8-16 (The Shepherds Go

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(ARCHBISHOP VINING MEMORIAL CHU)**

OFFERING & THANKSGIVING



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(ARCHBISHOP VINING MEMORIAL CHU)**

ENDOWMENT FUND



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## 20. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month. Venue: The AVMCC Main Sanctuary. Time: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
- ii. Bible Study for Christian Mothers - Every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iii. Fasting & Prayer for Christian Mothers - Every last Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iv. All Sunday School Children from ages 5years upward meeting every last Sunday between 7.00am – 9.00am.
- v. Adult Education Programme: This course is for young and old every Monday & Wed. by 3.30pm at the Vining Hall.

## 21. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS VACANCIES

- i. Office Assistant is urgently required at a company in Adeniyi Jones, Ikeja. Interested persons to call: 08033348405.
- ii. Teachers are also needed at Destiny Moulder Primary & Nursery School, AVMCC, GRA - Ikeja. Interested persons to submit their applications to the Church Office.
- iii. A medium scale farm needs the service of a sales man/woman at its farm shop in Ikeja. Interested persons to call: 08055601679.

## 23. NOTICE TO DECORATORS AND SANCTUARY USERS FOR EVENTS

To preserve the furniture, fittings and fixtures within the sanctuary, the Church will not allow the use of nails, tacks, staple pins or any other items capable of damaging or defacing the furniture for purposes of installing decorations. Stand-alone decorative items must be used without exception. Decorators and users will be penalized for any damages observed.

The Wardens.

## 24. AVMCC CLINIC

### Specialist/Consultant Clinic days to take off 2024.

Parishioners are hereby informed that the AVMCC Clinic will start operating Specialist/Consultant Clinic days in the clinic with effect from 2024 in the following areas.

- (1) Cardiology
- (2) Urology (Prostate etc)
- (3) Gynaecology

Members or members relative who desire the above specialized health needs should go to the Clinic to Register with their name, phone

## 2. SENTENCES FOR ADVENT III

### Introductory Sentence

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

Isaiah 61:1.

### Collects for the Week:

Almighty God, who sent Your servant John the Baptist, to prepare Your people for the coming of Your Son; inspire the ministers and stewards of Your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to the law of love; give us courage to speak the truth, even to the point of suffering, that when He comes again in glory on the last day, we may stand with confidence before Him as our judge; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

### Collects for the Season:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty; to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal: through Him who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

### Post Communion Sentence

He who testifies to these things says 'Yes, I am coming soon'  
Revelation 22:20.

## TOWARDS THE NEW CATHEDRAL

### THE COLLECT:

Heavenly Father we acknowledge the fact that without You, we can do nothing, for except You build, those who are building are doing it in vain. Empower us to build to Your glory and honour O Lord. Provide for us unto overflowing and over abundance. Make way where there seems to be none, silence every spirit of Sanballat and Tobiah and fill us with the anointing of Zerubbabel into a glorious timely and speedy completion for with You there is no abandoned project. All of these and many more mercies and grace we ask for in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

## 4. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

### A. Prayers for the Anglican Communion and for Christian Denominations and Organizations

- i. Pray for Most Rev. Dr. Henry Ndukuba our Primate, Most Rev. Dr. Olusina Fape our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop for boldness to declare the mind and the mandate of God after the order of



## B. Prayer for Nigeria & the World

- i. *Pray that the Lord of Host in His mercies will on account of His elects and remnants in Nigeria frustrate every raging from the pit of hell and all evil counsels, gang-ups and schemes in form of Boko Haram, Herdsmen and Islamization agenda so that Christianity in Nigeria will never go the way of TURKEY nor NORTH AFRICA in Jesus Name. Amen.*
- ii. For restoration of peace in the World.
- iii. For evil to cease in Nigeria as we look forward to year 2024.
- iv. For all kings and rulers contending against the rule of Christ Jesus to be demoted and dethroned.

## C. Prayers for AVMCC Members

- i. For all things to work for our good as Christians.
- ii. For grace to be bold in declaring the mind of God.
- iii. That none shall die before his/her time.
- iv. That we shall discover and fulfill our divine purpose after the order of John the Baptist.

## D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

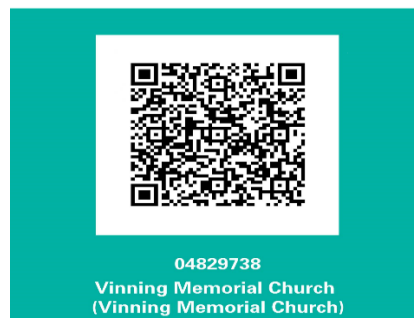
Yusuff Family, Zamba Family, Zang Family, Ziregbe Family, Abakwari Family, Abara-Ogbonna Family, Abare Family, Abasili Family, Abdul Family, Abdulazeez Family.

## E. Prayers for all our members who are having their Birthdays and/or other Anniversaries today:

- i. For Mr Adedayo Aderibigbe, Mrs Fidelia Anemeje, Mrs Olufumilayo Ajayi, Mr Victor Akogu, Engr. Chukwukelu Chigbogu, Engr. John Ofili, Mr Ofile Azuka, Mrs Chinyere Oruche who are celebrating their birthdays today.
- ii. For those having their Wedding Anniversaries or any other positive Anniversaries today.

F. **Prayers for the following people:** Miss Anna Idehen, Engr. & Mrs. Odedairo, Mrs. Beatrice Akinola, Mrs M.O. Ilori, Mrs M.M. Aruofor, Mrs Roseline Anyadikwa, Mr Samuel Chukwudum.

G. **Prayers For:** The barren, the pregnant, spinsters, bachelors, the jobless and the homeless among us that God will open a book of remembrance covering them all and help them speedily to the shame of the devil, removing their reproaches.



## COVENANT SEED

### 18. AVMCC CHURCH NEEDS

Dear Parishioners,

*Be encouraged to pick one or more of the items listed below to mark your birthday, wedding anniversary and other occasions of joy. Do endeavour to get in touch with the WARDENS for specifications or monetization.*

- Development of our landed properties
- Painting of the Adetiloye & Vining halls
- Sound System Overhaul (Mixer, Amp etc) N1.8m
- 400 Plastic Chairs for the Halls
- 80 Plastic Tables for the Halls
- 2 Hiace Buses
- 1 Coaster Bus
- 2 Money Counting Machine
- 2 Desktop Computer System
- 6 "86" LG Television
- 4 "32" Television
- 2 Dispenser, 2 DVD Player & 2 TV (for AVMCC Creche)
- 40 Sewing Machines @ N80,000 each for Diocesan Vocational Centre, City of God, Ipaja.

MURAL & CREATIVE PAINTING OF A MODERN CRECHE AND PLAYGROUP	= 642,000
SCREEDING OF THE WALLS	= 1,130,000
WALLPAPER & SAV SCTICKERS	= 84,000
EDUCATIVE/PLAYTIME SAV FLEX	= 169,000
FLOOR SYNTHETICS (TURF)	= 765,000
VINYL FLOOR CARPET	= 469,220
Premium underlay for crèche	= 47,800

### 19. ICT LOUNGE:

Kindly patronize the AVMCC ICT LOUNGE at Adetiloye House (Ground Floor), which opens at 9.00am - 5.00pm on Monday to Friday, for your: Typing, Printing, Photocopy, Scanning, Bulk SMS, Laminating, Tinted Permit, Internet Work, Binding, Scratch Cards (Jamb, WAEC, NECO etc) and Computer Training. *Contact: Call/Whatsapp 07063214646.*



ACCEPTANCE FORM FOR HOSTING HOUSE FELLOWSHIP  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (with local government):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

WhatsApp Num: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If you desire to host but have some fears, challenges, or  
limitations; please list your constraints below:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. REVISITING AND RESUSCITATING  
HOME FELLOWSHIP CENTRES IN AVMCC 2023**

AREA	AREA
AKUTE	MOWE
WEMABOD ESTATE IKEJA	OGBA
PALMGROVE	OKE-ARO, AGEGE
EBUTE META	BANK ANTHONY WAY, IKEJA
ALAGBADO	ONIGBONGBO MARYLAND
AGBADO	ALIMOSHO
OJOTA	VICTORIA ISLAND
SHOGUNLE	AYOBO
KETU	IKOYI
EJIGBO	
ANTHONY VILLAGE	OKE-IRA
IKOTUN	ABIOLA GARDEN, IKEJA
IKOYI	AGUDA SURULERE
IKORODU	IKEJA AIRFORCE BASE
DIDEOLU EST. OGBA	SANGO
OBANIKORO	OBAWOLE
ALAUSA IKEJA	OJODU BERGER
ADENIYI JONES, IKEJA	OMOLE PHASE I
MAFOLUKU- OSHODI	VGC, LEKKI
AJAH	GRA, IKEJA
SHASHA AKOWONJO	ALLEN
OGUDU	AJA
ILUPEJU	IKORODU
IKEJA MILITARY CANT.	IJOKO, OTA, OGUN STATE
IJU-ISHAGA	HARUNA-OGBA
YABA	OKOTA

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**5. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK  
SUNDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**THEME: SERVING AS HERALD OF HIS COMING**

**READING: PSALM 146:5-10; ISAIAH 40:1-11;  
1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-5; JOHN 1:19- 28.**

In the biblical times, a herald was a representative of the king. When the king had vital information to communicate to his subjects, he did not call a press conference. Instead, he sent his herald to deliver a message to his people. The word used for Herald in this context literally means messenger of good news, bring good news, to tell, to announce and publish. The sense is "To announce or convey a message of the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ".

Serving in biblical terms is to do God's will and it includes doing what He commands us to do. It is not enough that we mentally recognize that there is a God, we must do what God commands us to do. In John 10:27, Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me." Therefore, to serve as Herald of His coming is to proclaim, preach, and do the work of telling the world that Jesus is coming back.

**Why we must preach the Second Coming of Jesus Christ**

1. We must preach because it serves as an antidote to sin. The promise of Christ's return reminds us that "the world and its desires will pass away" (1 John 2:17) and that 'the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever' (Dan. 2:44).
2. We must also preach the Second Coming because the message of Christ's return points to judgment that results in deliverance for His saints. John wrote Revelation 22:7-11 within the context of Christ's imminent return, and he concludes with these words: "Then he told me, 'Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy'" (vv. 10, 11). When we preach the Second Coming, we are constantly reminded that the God of love wants to judge us as worthy to eternally live with Him because we have allowed Him to live in and through us. When we preach this, it should spur both us and those who listen to our sermons to strive for holiness (2 Pet. 3:10-13).

**Focus of the Message**

When we deepen our commitment to preaching the Second Coming, we need to inspire people with a vision of the biblical concept that the nearness of Christ's return reflects an event that transpires suddenly. When it



word suddenly to describe the Day of the Lord and its accompanying events. A focus on the imminent nature of His return encourages us to “be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when we do not expect him” (Matt. 24:44). Never should we preach Matthew 24 without also preaching Matthew 25. The former tells us Jesus is coming; the latter tells us how to prepare.

#### How to be Ready?

In giving us instructions on readiness, Jesus shared three well-known parables. The parable of the ten virgins speaks to preparing for the coming of the Bridegroom and closes with the counsel to “keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour” (Matt. 25:13). The parable of the talents speaks to using that which has been entrusted to us, not for ourselves, but wisely and with an eye toward the future. The parable of the sheep and goats speaks to our responsibility to others, uncovering that horizontal spiritual dimensions are an important life factor as are the vertical dimensions. Jesus connects our duty to others with fitness for His eternal kingdom (vv. 34–40).

Peter, as did Paul, had to address those who questioned whether Jesus would return (2 Pet. 3:4). He acknowledged that the concept of time in the sight of mortals greatly differs from that of divinity (v. 8). Then he shared a reason for the delay, pointing to divine patience (v. 9).

#### But how do we “Speed its Coming”?

Our responsibility is to exhort our listeners (including ourselves) to live the commands and principles of Matthew 24 and 25, not only what was previously mentioned in light of the three parables but also to proclaim the gospel to all people (Matt. 24:14).

#### What is Jesus preparing for us?

Finally, we need to cast a vision for our listeners of what Jesus is preparing for us. That is what He did for His discouraged disciples. After predicting His betrayal and imminent departure (John 13:21, 36), Jesus pointed them to their future reality. *“In my Father’s house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself; that where I am, there ye may be also”* (John 14:2, 3, KJV).

We need to be reminded that Jesus is coming again and that His coming is both sure and imminent. We need to see the glory of His return (Rev. 1:7). We need to hear the loud trumpet call that dispatches the angels who will “gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other” (Matt. 24:31). We need to know that we will be reunited with our loved ones, who on that day will be resurrected (1 Thess. 4:16), and that we will be free from all traces of disease (1 Cor. 15:52, 53). We need to one day sing and shout “Hallelujah!

### C. Cathedral Youth Chapel Regular Weekly Programmes

- i. Strictly Feminine - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.
- ii. Just 4 Guys – Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 3.00p.m
- iii. Youth Fellowship every Saturday by 3.00pm.

**Sunday: 7.00am. & 10.00am. Services**

**Venue:** Youth Chapel (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Adetiloye House)

**Strictly Feminine – Co-ord –Sola Aladesawe – 08135431392.**

**Just 4 Guys Co-ord. – Okechukwu Ofoegbu – 08064463886**

### D. Elderly Ministry

All Senior Citizens are welcome every first and second Tuesday of each month from 11.00 am to 1.00pm.

- i. Medical Check-up in the Clinic; Spiritual Talks; Games /Exercises and Handicrafts in the Vining Hall.
- ii. Please send names of sick and shut-in Elders to the Coordinator Elderly Ministry or the Cathedral office for visitation.
- iii. 2024 Bible Quiz Book – (I) EPHESIANS  
(II) ANGLICANISM

### E. Evangelical Ministry

#### i. Monthly Meeting

- (a) 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Vining House by 6.00pm.
- (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday has been shifted to 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.

#### ii. Home Fellowships:

All Parishioners and their friends are encouraged to attend a Home Fellowship of their Choice and convenience near their homes or work places. Please check the list of Home Fellowship Centres.

#### iii. Visitation:

Do you know any Parishioner who needs to be visited by the Church? Please send the name and address to the Evangelical Ministry, the Intercessors or the Dean for a follow-up.

### F. Prisons & Hospital Ministry

(a) Hospital Visitation every 3<sup>rd</sup> and last Sundays of the month.  
(b) Prison visitation every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month (c) Meeting comes up every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after 10.00a.m Service at the Church gallery. For more information, call (08033136370 and 08036695837).

### G. Intercessory Ministry

This Group meets for prayers every Tuesday from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. They visit the sick and all those needing spiritual support and prayers etc after 7.00am Midweek Communion service every Wednesday. Please avail yourself of the services of this group as and when required.

### H. Men & Women of Grace Fellowship

1. Are you a widower or a widow?
2. Are you aware of the existence of above fellowship for widowers and widows?
3. If yes to no. 1, Are you a registered member of the fellowship?
4. Kindly pick and complete a registration form to register or update your data.

Identify with one and other via care, love and support by





**D. AVMCC Guest House**

Stay within a Christian environment, also visit the restaurant for tasty and affordable meals all located at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Vining house within the Church complex. Laundry services are also available. Contact us on 09158070000 and 09158060000.

**E. Admission to DLW Vocational Center, City of God, 10 Majiyagbe Layout, Ipaja.**

The form for DLW Vocational Center is out. The programme includes *(Catering, Clothing & Fashion, I.T. Computer, Textile Design, Photography, Shoe & Leather work, Barbing & Hairdressing)*. Kindly note that registration forms are available in all Archdeaconry Headquarters and the Dean's Office.

**17. MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIPS**

**A. Children's Ministry**

Parents are requested to send their children to the Sunday School with Bibles, Note Books & Biro. Please instruct your children to remain in the Sunday School and not wander about looking for things to buy. Children are better and safer in the Sunday School.

**B. COUNSELLING MINISTRY**

Prospective couples are counselled in the ministry after which they are referred to the priest assigned to them for the concluding part of the Counselling session. Counselees from overseas (with evidence) who intend to spend a short period in the country for their wedding, undergo crash programmes because of their time limitations.

**INVITATION TO TENDER FOR ALTERNATE POWER SUPPLY i.e. SOLAR AND INVERTER TO ARCHBISHOP VINING MEMORIAL CHURCH CATHEDRAL**

We invite reputable and competent contractor and power providers to please submit quotation for the provision and installation of Solar panels and inverters as necessary and applicable to serve as alternative source of power generating to the entire Cathedral buildings i.e the Dean's building, the Canon Residentiary house, the Priest Quarters, the service building and the entire security office of the Cathedral.

Premises to be visited during office hours of between 9.00am and 4.00pm contact Mr Daniel Oluwaseun on 08127112493 for access to the premises.

All tenderers to pay and submit a non-refundable application receipt of Twenty thousand Naira only (N20,000) to AVMCC Zenith Bank 1011097083.

Submission of tender comprising current prices, validity period, work experience/similar work executed etc, duration of work should be addressed in a sealed envelope to THE DEAN, AVMCC, IKEJA. And to reach him not later than 3 weeks from the date of this publication of this tender invitation. (Date to be after 1<sup>st</sup> publication in the bulletin) or send an e-mail to

In conclusion, we must serve as herald of Christ's Second Coming as did John the Baptist, (John 1:19-28). Who became the forerunner, showing forth the way by which God would save the world: his call to repentance prepared the people of Israel for Christ's call to return to God and repent. His baptism in the river Jordan prepared the people of Israel for Christ's invitation that all nations receive his baptism, be washed from their sins, and born again by water and the Holy Spirit. These we should emulate as we serve the Lord.

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**6. A TIME LIKE THIS**

1. A time like this, God looks for men,  
Worthy vessels that He will use;  
To accomplish, His great purpose  
And make His kingdom widely known.

Chorus: Lord here I am myself I give:  
My TALENT, TIME, SILVER & GOLD,  
Father use me, to build your Church,  
To show your praise among all men.

2. A time like this, Lord help me hear  
Your thundering voice and do obey  
Where some have failed, others abscond  
Lord help me stand what'er the cost.

3. A time like this, a warfare time  
When champions rise, and others fall  
Satan fights his final battles  
Making the race so tough to run.

4. A time like this, I'll fix my eyes  
On thee alone, lest I should fall  
Living for thee, father of love  
Until I end my journey home.

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**7. ANNOUNCEMENT**

Notices and Thanksgiving must get to Church Office not later than Thursday of the week.

**HYMN FOR DOXOLOGY - (CONH 491)**

1. Let Your blessings, Lord, attend us,  
As we go out of this place,  
And abiding in Your presence  
Basking in Your joy and grace.

2. Let us in Your sight find favour  
In all on which our hands lay  
Make Your face Lord shine upon us  
As You lead us on our way.

3. May Your heavenly peace surround us  
Turn our darkness into light,  
Give us strength, now and forever  
So, to live within Your might.

4. God, our compassionate Father,  
Look upon us with mercy  
Let Your Name receive our praises  
Now and for eternity. Amen.

## 9. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

December 10 – December 16

7.00 am Holy Communion	866
7.00 am Youth Service	132
7.00 am Sunday School	-
10.00 am Mattins	584
10.00 am Youth Service	112
10.00 am Sunday School	
-	
Tuesday Bible Study	68
Wednesday Holy Communion	105
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	79

## 10. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The following Societies will meet immediately in the Church

- *Band of Grace Society*
- *Band of Glory Society*
- *Band of Light Society*
- *Band of Mercy Society*
- *Christian Unity Band*
- *Fountain of Hope Society*
- *Ladies Christian Circle*
- *Ladies Progressive League*
- *Lords Labourers Fellowship*
- *Torchbearers Society*
- *Good shepherd Society*
- *The Lord Vessel Society*

## 11. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

### A. Cathedral Health Centre

#### i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023

7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B Ibidapo-Obe, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Mrs Gina Okolo.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Dr. (Mrs) Irene Okwerekwu, Pharm. Y. Olorunsola, Mrs E. Osibajo.

#### ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2023

7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B Ibidapo-Obe, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Mrs Nkiru Arah, Mrs A. Jerry.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. (Mrs) Irene Okwerekwu, Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Pharm. Y. Olorunsola, Mrs Bola Awobiyi, Mrs Chinelo Emenike.

### B. Security & Traffic Control

#### i. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. - Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec., 2023

Omotola Onakoya, (Captain), Goke Uthman; (Assistant Captain), Ogunleye Adeboboye, Adeyemi Muyiwa, Segun Adeniji, Dare Sigbeku, Chioma Obi, Juliet Chimezie, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Rita Osibodu, Olusegun Esan, Michael Enujioke, Nwaorgu Chinedu, Okedurum Andrew, Gbenga Ojo.

#### ii. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. - Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2023

Funso Fagbuyiro, (Captain), Helen Arhagba (Assistant Captain), Adeyemi Muyiwa, Goke Uthman, Juliet Chimezie, Helen Arhagba, Caroline Omowhara, Kene Obimma, Chukwuemeka Osaka,

## 14. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Advent IV

December 24

Theme: Accepting The Divine Agenda

Colour: Purple

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

CHRISTMAS EVE

*Celebrant:* *The Rev. Canon A.*

*Oluwatusin*

*Epistle:* *Romans 1:1-7*

*Lay. Esther Alofe*

*Gospel:* *Luke 1:26-38a*

*The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*

*Preacher:* *The Ven. Dr. B. Okere*

### THE YOUTH SERVICE

*Venue:* *The Adetiloye House*

*Cantor:* *The Rev. Canon A. Oluwatusin*

*Preacher:* *The Rev. Canon A. Oluwatusin*

10.00 am: MATTINS

CHRISTMAS EVE

*Cantor:* *The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*

*O.T. Reading:* *Isaiah 7:10-17*

*Layreader Tosin Faloyin*

*N.T Reading:* *Luke 1:26-38a*

*Layreader Esther Randle*

*Preacher:* *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*

## 15. BANNINGS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Bannings of Marriage between the persons under-listed: If anyone knows any just cause in law why the persons listed may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, he should declare it immediately.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> NOTICE:

1. *Mr Jackson Ifeanyi & Miss Uchenna Nwagbo*

## 16. NOTICES

### A. Visitors and New Comers

We welcome Visitors and New Comers to Archbishop Vining Memorial Church Cathedral, Ikeja. We pray that the joy of the Lord will be yours today and always. You are requested to please move to the Lady's Chapel after the service where our Evangelical Team is waiting to attend to you.

### B. Library:

The Cathedral Library opens daily:

Monday – Friday - 8.00am to 5.00pm

Closed on Saturday & Sunday.

We request everyone to make use of this opportunity.

### C. Vining Bookshop

Kindly patronize the Bookshop at Adetiloye House, which opens at 9.00am - 5.00pm Tuesday to Friday.



Friday, December 22, 2023 Colour: Purple  
7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: In God Alone

Celebrant: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*

Epistle: (Portion Appointed) Isaiah 46:1-13

Lay. *Ola Olamide*

Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*

Hymns: *CONH 123, CONH 641, CONH 878*

Preacher: *The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Israel Okoye, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ihiala.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Temple O. Nwaogu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Isiala Ngwa.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Chief (Mrs) Toyin Oluwole, Mr Raymond Agu, Col Claudius Ajala (Rtd) Mr Abiodun Akintaju, Mrs Stella Duruaku, Mr Ademola Fowokan, Mr Ebere Ikeh, Mr Chijioke Mbelle, Dr. Henry Odukomaia, Mrs Grace Owolabi, Mr Uchechukwu Ogah, Miss Nkiruka Okwuosa, Mrs Mopelola Rosiji, Mr Itohan Alliu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adegbonmire Family, Adegboye Family, Adegbuyi Family, Adegoke Family, Adejoro Family, Adejumo Family, Adejuwon Family, Adejuyigbe Family, Adekanye Family, Adeeko Family.

Saturday, December 23, 2023 Colour: Purple  
7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: God resists the proud

Celebrant: *The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye*

Epistle: (Portion Appointed) Isaiah 47:1-15

Lay. *Gina Okolo*

Gospel: *Matthew 17:14-21*

Hymns: *CONH 125, CONH 810, CONH 854*

Preacher: *The Rev. Canon A. Oluwatusin*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Yohannah Ahmed Audu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Damaturu.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Abiodun Lawal, Mrs Bukonla Adenekan, Miss Chidiogo Agbasi, Mr Dada Ajewole, Mr Emmanuel Agbo, Mrs Alaba Alliu, Miss Onyinyechi Eze, Miss Chika Nwankwo, Mrs Ebere Gogo-Kurubo, Mrs Ifeoma Ojukwu, Mr Emmanuel Okafor, Mr Isichei Okafor, Dr. Funmi Okunromade, Mrs Martha Okwuosa, Miss Christiana Olusodo, Mr Agboola Seweje.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adekoya Family, Adekunbi Family, Adelaja Family, Adeleke Family, Adeleye-Oduwole Family, Adelokun Family, Adeloye Family, Adeluola Family, Adelusi Family, Adenekan Family.

11.30am. *Wedding*

*Mr Fikayo Afolayan & Miss Mojisola Fasogbon*

4.00 pm

Baptism



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## 12. LIST OF CENTERS FOR HOME CELL FELLOWSHIP

S/N	NAMES	LOCATION	PHONE NO
1.	Mr. Cyril Nwannunu	Egbeda	08033480112
2.	Mrs. Georgina Bamigboye	Oko-Oba GRA Scheme 1	08023414415
3.	Obum Osy-Onyekwelu	Maryland Crescent	08036684298
4.	Victor Adenuoye	Fagba	08069206291
5.	Lady Gina Okolo	Mangoro Ikeja	08033235796
6.	Ugochi osinwe	College Road, Ogba	08092147012
7.	Rtd. Col. C. O. Ajala	54, New Ipaja Road	08081654907
8.	Mrs. Ebele S. Okere	Ajao Estate	08023270247
9.	Chukwuemeka Ejiofor	Dopemu	07030463556
10.	Adekoya M. O.	Toyin Street, Ikeja	
11.	Olusunkanmi King	Maryland	
12.	Chinyere Umealo	Oregun	08033052131
13.	Ada Obi	Cement	08062074465
14.	Obi Divine	Cement	08062074465
15.	Mrs. Udoka Omoniyi	Fagba	08023082792
16.	Mayokun Ogedengbe	Anifowose	08069530744
17.	Gbadeyan Ademola	Alagbole /Akute	08171373722
18.	Chinyere Okpara	Adealu	08035792201
19.	Umeadi Juliana	Dopemu	08057474558
20.	Bro. I.O Odeniran	Opebi	08023096565
21.	Umeadi Christopher	Dopemu Road, Agege	08055901853
22.	Tochi Anyalewechi	Oke-Ira, Ogba	
23.	Mrs Teju Akindolire	Ogudu, GRA	08175160830
24.	Mr Tunji Odeneye	Gbagada	08033163337
25.	Mr Makinde Ogunleye	Omole Phase 2	08033078004
26.	Barr. F. Okey Ogbu	Iyana-Ipaja	08023192145
27.	Princewill Ihemerendu	Mafoluku	

**13. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 18, 2023** Colour: Purple

**7.00am** Holy Communion

**Theme:** Flee Idolatry

**Ante Communion:** *Lay. Patricia Olagbaju*

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere*  
*The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*

**Epistle:** (Portion Appointed) Isaiah 44:9-23:  
*Lay. F. Alo*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 24:15-31*

**Hymns:** *CONH 126, CONH 509, CONH 242*

**Preacher:** *Layreader Funmi Ladele*

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Moses Tabwaye, his family and all members of the Diocese of Gwagwalada.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: The Rev. Canon Oluwambe Toriola, Mrs Chigozie Agubata, Mr Helen Arhagba, Mr Ibe Awunor, Mr Ebuka Ejebionu, Mr Chiadi Mbachii, Mr Caesar Mbonu, Mrs Joy Nnadi, Mr Ayo Adewole, Mrs Nkem Nwaukwa, Mrs Ebunoluwa Onabanjo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Abei Family, Abejide Family, Abidoye Family, Abimbola Family, Abiodun-Abayomi Family, Abitoye Family, Aboderin Family, Abonkhina Family, Abonyi Family, Aboyim Family.

**12.00noon** Social Welfare Ministry

**6.00pm** Choir Practice

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023** Colour: Purple

**7.00am** Holy Communion

**Theme:** His Attributes

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*

**Epistle:** (Portion Appointed) Isaiah 44:24-28 -  
*Lay. Eze*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 24:32-44*

**Hymns:** *CONH 503, CONH 184, CONH 22*

**Preacher:** *The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem*

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Johnson Ekwe, his family and all members of the Diocese of Niger West.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Isaac Oluyamo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ijesha North.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Joy Abraham, Ms Adebisi Aderibigbe, Master Araoluwa Adewole, Mrs Joy Bielonwu, Mr Emmanuel Echeta, Mr Timothy Nwabasili, Mr Benjamin Ogbechie, Miss Oluchi Okere, Miss Bolanle Onakoya.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Abraham Family, Abraham-Odumuyiwa Family, Achebe Family, Acho Family, Achodor Family, Achon Family, Achonu Family, Achonwa Family, Achonye Family, Achukwu Family.

**5.00pm - 6.00pm** Intercessory Prayer

**6.00pm - 8.00pm** BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

Colour:

**Purple**

**7.00am** Holy Communion

**Theme:** Open the Doors

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

**Epistle:** (Portion Appointed) Isaiah 45:1-14 -  
*Lay. Nwadiogwu*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 24:45-51*

**Hymns:** *CONH 50, CONH 989, CONH 821, CONH 120*

**Preacher:** *The Dean*

**Prayer Point**

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Timothy Olajide Adebayo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Igbomina West.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Foreman Nedison, his family and all members of the Diocese of Jalingo.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Olusesan Gbolade, Mrs Adeobi Anemeje, Engr. Kenneth Ikwemesi, Miss Uchechi Jibueze, Mr Blessing Obiora, Mr Urenmisan Solo-Edema, Mr Alez Uzebu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adamolekun Family, Adebamiwa Family, Adebajo Family, Adebayo Family, Adebayo-Anwo Family, Adebekun Family, Adebesin Family, Adebisi Family, Adebiyi Family, Adebo Family.

**8.00am**

Vining

Intercessor's

Visitation

**6.00pm** PRAYER MEETING

**Thursday, December 21, 2023** Colour: Purple

**7.00am** Holy Communion

**Theme:** Your Allegiance

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*

**Epistle:** (Portion Appointed) Isaiah 45:15-25 -  
*Lay. Enwezor*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 25:1-13*

**Hymns:** *CONH 124, CONH 770, CONH 877*

**Preacher:** *The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye*

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Olunmi Akinlade, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ife.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Markus Danbinta, his family and all members of the Diocese of Dutse.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Ijeoma Enekwa, Mrs Felicia Ajagu, Mr Adebayo Amisu, Miss Abiodun Atinuke, Mr Jotham Kareem, Mr Ugochukwu Nwannunu, Mr Onochie Osadi, Mr Uzochukwu Uzundu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adebogun Family, Adebola Family, Adebowale Family, Adedayo Family, Adedeji Family, Adedaja Family, Adedife Family, Adedite





## WISDOM / TRUTH FOR THE CHURCH AND THE CONTRACTORS

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your Spirit of wisdom hover over the site and take charge of every thought and activity.

*Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded (Exod 36:1)*

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, fill us with wisdom, understanding, knowledge and all kinds of skills needed to build to Your glory.

*And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, (Exod. 31:3)*

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, saturate the entire atmosphere as we build with wisdom that descend from above.

*This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish (James 3:15).*

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your fear permeate the heart of everyone that will touch this project.

*There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? (Exod. 39:9)*

5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that everyone will hand this project with truth and integrity of heart

*And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured. (Gen. 39:6)*

### SPEEDY COMPLETION, NO DELAY

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, frustrate every mischievous plan to wreak havoc on any member/worker to cause a delay on the project.

*That Sanballat and Gashem sent unto me*

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your divine hand be upon this project for unique supernatural speed.

*And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel (1Kgs 18:46).*

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, stir up the hearts of people in high places to support and work for this project and not against it.

*Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me (Nehemiah 2:9).*

5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, fill the hearts of every worker on the site, that no one will be an agent of delay.

*So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work (Nehemiah 4:6).*

### REVIVAL AND MIRACLE SEASON

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, wrought wonders that will proclaim Your majestic power in our midst this season.

*Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses (Josh 1:3).*

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your presence be present always to heal and deliver anytime we gather.

*"And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them" (Luke 5:17)*

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, go before your church and miraculously make a way, and supply every need of this project.

*I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel (Isaiah 45:2-3).*

*That Sanballat and Gashem sent unto me*

5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we decree that at every gathering, You will send Your Word to us in power.

***Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? (Acts 2:37)***

### **SHUTTING THE MOUTH OF SANBALLAT AND TOBIAT GERSHEM**

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, disappoint every plan of the enemy over this project, show your strength and power to do the impossible.

***And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God (Nehemiah 6:16).***

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, shut up every satanic agent assigned to weaken the hands of the Church.

***Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia (Ezra 4:4-5).***

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, close every legal, policy, or religious door opened to attack this project.

***Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia (Ezra 4:23-24).***

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, as far as this work is concerned, raise a standard against everyone who will stand as enemy.

## **REFURBISHMENT PRAYER**

### **INTRODUCTION**

***Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain (Psalm 127:1).***

Prayer is the key in any kingdom assignment. As we finally commence the Cathedral refurbishment project, it is important for every member of the Cathedral (and non-members) to be mobilized in prayer.

The following are scriptural prayer points that God has commanded us to pray at our personal prayer time, family altar, every ministry or society time of prayer and fellowship.

Please let us be committed and dedicated to these prayers.

### **THANKSGIVING**

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for You are so good to us. Your love and mercy towards us in this Cathedral are boundless and immeasurable. We are extremely grateful. Especially, for the commencement of the refurbishment of the Cathedral. You are always working things out for our good, and we trust that this time You will also come through for us. Help us to rest in the truth that You are our Creator and that there nothing impossible for You. Thank You loving and faithful Father, for who You are in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

### **ABUNDANT PROVISION**

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, open the floodgate of abundant provisions that will be enough to start and complete the work within the record time.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, bless and make every member a channel of blessing

***And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning (Exod 36:3).***

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let the love of your house fill our hearts to give in abundance as the work goes on.

***And they spake unto Moses, saying, the people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make (Exod 36:5).***

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we decree that we shall never experience lack and paucity of fund till the work is completed

***And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, let neither man nor woman make any more work for the***

