

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.

- A. **For Booking of all Services of the Church**
The Dean; The Canon Residentiary
- B. **For Social Welfare and Charity**
The Dean; Chief (Mrs.) Grace Odukomaia 08033247831
- C. **For Cathedral Societies**
The Dean; The Society Chaplains; Presidents & Secretaries of Societies
- D. **For The Elderly Ministry**
The Dean; Chief (Mrs.) Ayo Akideinde - 07068610707
- E. **For The Evangelical Ministry**
The Dean; The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju; Mr. Cyril Mgbamoka 07053334081
- F. **For Cathedral Missionary Society**
The Dean; The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere; Mr Tunji Odeneye 08033163337
- G. **For the Children Ministry**
The Dean; The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju, Mr. Tunji Odeneye 08033163337;
- H. **For The Youth Ministry**
The Dean, Rev. Michael Obembe; Chief (Mrs.) Funmi Ogunbadejo - 08033025033; Dr. Isaiah Tosin - 08103798369
- I. **For The Boys' & Girls Brigade; Boys' & Girls' Guild**
The Dean, The Rev. Fikayo Adenle; Sister 'Seun Oyediran - 07051083385; Mr Ayo Tetede - 08020691247
- J. **For The Medical Board**
The Dean; The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere; Prof. (Mrs.) Ronke Akinsete 08023000496
- K. **For The Counselling Ministry**
The Dean; Mrs Eniola Adeyemo - 08062165609
- L. **For the Prisons & Hospital Ministry**
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- N. **For The Home Fellowship**
The Dean; The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere, Sir. Godson I. Chijindu 08033025458
- O. **For Singles' and Couples' Fellowship**
The Dean; Rev. Michael Obembe; Mr. Steve Aladesawe - 08033261047
- P. **For Intercessory Ministry**
The Dean; Engr. Tope Adejuyigbe- 08037227105
- Q. **For Sports Ministry**
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Mr Steve Ahua - 07038816041*
- R. **For Board of Directors for Economic Empowerment**
The Dean; Rev. Michael Obembe; Dr. Oladimeji Alo;
- S. **For Cathedral Christian Mothers Matters**
Mrs Mercy Adewole, 08062910315; Mrs. Folake Owolabi - 08023156546
- T. **For Chaplains to Societies**
The Dean; The Canon Residentiary
- U. **For The Choir**
The Dean;
- V. **For Booking of the Hall**
The Dean, Mrs. Tola Famade - 0803-3109378,
- W. **For Booking of the Guest House**
Mr. Kehinde Akinola - 08023050022; Tobi Balogun - 08033716752

Below are the Telephone Numbers of the Cathedral Office, the Dean and the Cathedral Priests. You can contact these phones as need be.

The Dean	08112122599
The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu	0806-2230010
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The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Chijioke Okere	0802-3270247
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The Rev. Michael Obembe	0813-8137140
The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye	0803-5552146
The Rev. Oluwatomide Oso	0816-6588257
The Rev. Oluwafikayomi Adenle	0708-7180407

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Vol. 21/3/11/2025

Our Vision:

"CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS"

Our 2025 Theme:

"BE A BEACON OF LIGHT" – Matt. 5:16

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, 16th Mar. - Saturday, 22nd March, 2025

Lent II

Theme: The Worth of a Lost but Found Soul

Colour: Purple

Dr. Dayo Omogbehin
Cathedral Warden

Mr Olawale Fasuyi
Cathedral Warden

The Ven. Ebenezer Adewole
Dean of the Cathedral

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

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

1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 16th March, 2025

A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Dean
Epistle: Layreader Raymond Agu
The Gospel: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle
Preacher: The Dean
Intercessor: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 788 (I)
 - ❖ Praise & Worship
 - ❖ Preparation to Penitence– **Ven. Dr. B. Okere**
 - ❖ The Epistle 1 John 3:1-10
 - ❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 48
 - ❖ The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10
 - ❖ **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 847, 810, 641, 632
- ❖ The Ablution: CONH 867
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **Thanksgiving**

- i. Mr Obioma Okeke thanking God for His goodness, mercy and protection over his family & God’s numerous blessings.
- ii. 5th year birthday thanksgiving of Masters Chimdiebube and Chimbuebubedike Nwosu & God numerous blessings.
- iii. Thanksgiving after burial of Late Madam Helen Nwajei (mother of Mrs Judith Ajudua) and journey mercies.

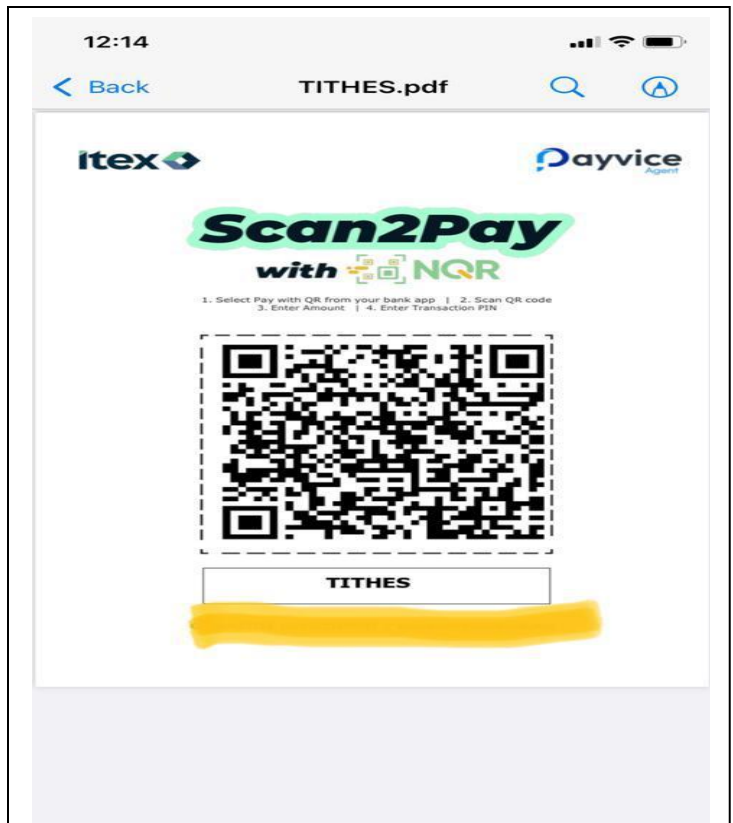
- ❖ Doxology CONH 491
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 282

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
Branch Address, UBA Plc, 51A Adeniyi Jones Str. Ikeja.
USSD CODE: BILLER CODE: 40195
***BankUSSDCode *000*BILLER CODE+Amount#**
How to use it:
***919*000*40195+1000# to give #1000 from a UBA account**
***737*000*40195+5000# to give #5000 from a GTB account**

AVMCC Development Fund
Bank FCMB LTD
Account Number Naira – 2003086651
Sort Code: 214150377.
USD Account Number - 2003086682



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23. AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS

<u>BANK</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>SORT CODE</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
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 IBTC	9200212515	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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

KINDLY TAKE CARE OF YOUR BELONGINGS IN THE CHURCH PLS

19. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHOIR

Arrangements has been made to start music classes to improve music literacy of Choristers and others who intend to join the choir. The classes has started. **Time** 9am – 12noon at the Chapel.

20. CONFIRMATION CLASS

Kindly register with Rev. Adefope Adetujoye on 0803-5552146. Confirmation Classes: Every Saturday at 5:00pm. Thank you.

21. 2025 Intersociety Bible Quiz Competition.

The Books and Area of Study are:

1. The Book of Ezra
2. Galatians
3. 2025 Bible Study Outline (Jan-June)
4. History of AVMCC (The Chronicles)
5. Anglicanism

22. ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform parishioners and other users of our facilities, that may need to have services at the Tent church or reception ceremonies at any of our halls, that decorations must be done the day prior to the event, and must be concluded by 10pm. This is for security reasons amongst others. Thank You.

23. ANNOUNCEMENT

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Male teachers needed at Sunday School, kindly see or call:

Revd Yinka Akinpeju - 08024060758
Adetunji Odeneye - 08033163337
Mrs Folake Owolabi - 08023156546

24. 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.*

2025 DLW/ DOWEN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP.

1. Qualifying examination at Archdeaconry level to take place on Saturday 22/3/2025.
- 2) Diocesan Qualifying Examination will take place on Saturday 29/3/2025

Venue: AVMCC IKEJA. **TIME:** 9:00 am

Subjects: All Primary School Schemes.

NB. Candidate should be in Primary 5/6 terminal.

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B. 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION DEDICATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Celebrant: The Dean
Epistle: Layreader Patricia Olagbaju
The Gospel: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle
Preacher: The Dean
Intercessor: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 208
 - ❖ Praise & Worship
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 - ❖ The Epistle 1 John 3:1-10
 - ❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 48
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- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
 - ❖ The Administration: CONH 431, 461, 619, 624
 - ❖ The Ablution: CONH 867
 - ❖ Post Communion Prayer
 - ❖ **Dedication of Standing Committee Members & Wardens (pages 16-18)**
 - ❖ **Thanksgiving**
 - i. 60th birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Ronke Ifederu, 30th birthday thanksgiving of her daughter, Feyisikemi Ifederu & God's numerous blessings.
 - ii. 60th birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Elizabeth Adebiji & God's numerous blessings.
 - iii. 80th birthday thanksgiving of Mr Ademola Babatunde Kuku & God's numerous blessings.
 - iv. 85th birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Esther Iyamu & God's numerous blessings.
 - v. Birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Iyabode Ayeni, miraculous healing, deliverance & God's numerous blessings on her family.
 - vi. Mr Laolu Akintobi thanking God for safety from motor accident & God's numerous blessings.
 - ❖ Doxology CONH 491
 - ❖ Benediction & Notices
 - ❖ Diocesan Anthem
 - ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 770

C. 2.00PM – COLLATION OF MOTHERS' UNION

D. EVENTS AHEAD

1. **MOTHERING SUNDAY – Sunday, 30th March, 2025.**
2. **Enrolment Service: Mothers Union – Sunday, 6th April, 2025 at 2.00pm.**
3. **PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, 13th April 2025.**
4. **MAUNDY THURSDAY- Thursday, 17th April, 2025.**
5. **GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, 18th April, 2025.**
6. **JESUS FESTIVAL – Saturday, 19th April, 2025**
7. **EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, 20th April, 2025.**
8. **EASTER CANTATA - Sunday, 20th April, 2025 sponsored by Fountain of Hope Society @ 4.00pm.**

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**E. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2025
EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES**

1. Sunday Mar 16, 2025 - Collation of Mothers Union
2. Sunday Mar 23, 2025 - Band of Faith
3. Sunday Mar. 30,2025 - Band of Grace
4. Sunday April 6, 2025 - Enrolment of Mothers Union
5. Sunday, April 13, 2025- Palm Sunday
6. Sunday, April 20, 2025- Easter Cantata - FOH
7. Sunday, April 27, 2025- Band of Light
8. Sunday, May 4, 2025 - Band of Glory
9. Sunday, May 11, 2025 - Band of Mercy
10. Sunday, May 18, 2025 - Synod Thanksgiving

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F. ANNOUNCEMENT

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G. 7.00am & 10.00am - YOUTH SERVICE

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Theme: The Worth of a Lost but Found Soul

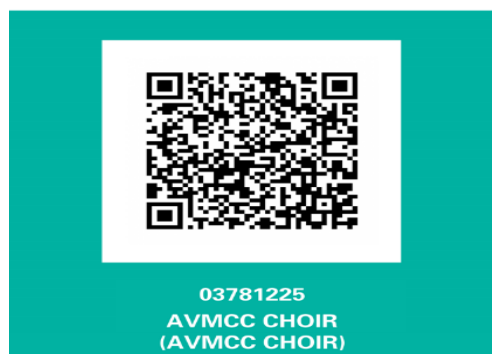
- ❖ Opening Hymn: CONH 788 (I)
- ❖ The Preparation to Penitence
- ❖ The Epistle: 1 John 3:1-10
- ❖ The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10
- ❖ Sermon
- ❖ Nicene Creed to Intercession
- ❖ The Peace
- ❖ Offertory: Praises
- (a) *First Fruits* (b) *Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering*
- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: Worship Songs
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ Youth Anthem
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 282



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15. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1st Thursday of the Month. Venue: The AVMCC Main Sanctuary. Time: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
- ii. Bible Study for Christian Mothers - Every 1st 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 & Wednesday by 3.30pm at the Vining Hall.

16. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

OBITUARIES

1. We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Chief Babatunde Adefarati of CUBN. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Service of Songs: On Tuesday, 8th April, 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.
Wake Keep: On Thursday, 24th April, 2025 at Oka Akoko at 4.00pm.
Funeral Service: On Friday, 25th April, 2025 at St. John's Anglican Church, Oka Akoko at 9.00am.
2. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother, Mrs Oluyinka Turner of Ladies Christian League. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Wake Keep: On Thursday, 1st May, 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.
Funeral Service: On Friday, 2nd May, 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.
3. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother, Mrs Rachael Oluyemisi Oduba of CUBN & Elderly Ministry. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Wake Keep: On Wednesday, 28th May, 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.
Funeral Service: On Thursday, 29th May, 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.

17. 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.

18. VACANCY

- (A) Maintenance Officer: Is urgently needed.
5 years working experience in reputable Construction Firm Registered Builder (NIDB)
B.Tech in or HND in Building. Interested persons to submit their application to the Cathedral office

2. SENTENCES FOR LENT II

Introductory Sentence

A great prophet has risen among us; God has visited His people. **Luke 7:10.**

Collect:

Eternal God, Whose glory it is always to have mercy! Be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word, through Jesus Christ Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for the Season:

Almighty and merciful God, You hate nothing that You have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from You, the God of all mercy, perfect forgiveness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence

My hearts says of You, "Seek His face" I Your face O Lord, I will seek. **Psalms 27:8.**

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 unto 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.

3. LET THERE BE PEACE (ADAPTED)

Let there be PEACE shared among us
Let there be Peace in our hearts
May NOW your Peace sweep this church
Cause us O Lord to Arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of Brotherly Peace that is Real
Let there be Peace shared among us
Let there be Peace.

3. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 16TH MARCH, 2025

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 that many more parishioners under their Episcopal jurisdiction shall turn to the Lord as the sole solution to their challenges.
- ii. For the Rt. Revd. Oluseyi Pirisola, his family and all members of the Diocese on the Coast.

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.*
- i. Pray for security and economic boom in Nigeria.
- ii. Pray that there shall be an end to endless cycle of horror on Abuja–Kaduna highway and other highways in Nigeria
- iii Pray for the peace of the whole world.

C. Prayer for AVMCC

- i. Pray that the glory of the Lord shall be revealed upon His church.
- ii. Pray for grace to trust God in every situation of life.
- iii. Pray that mercy shall speak for every member of AVMCC.

D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Durojaiye Family, Duru Family, Duruaku Family, Duruem Family, Ebilah Family, Ebiliekwe Family, Ebofin Family, Eboh Family, Ebonugwu Family, Echedom Family.

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

- i. For Mrs Iyabode Ayeni, Mr Chidera Okafor, Miss Confidence Okoro, Dr. Arinzechukwu Onubogu, Mrs Betty Balogun, Mr Olugbenga Siwoku, Miss Oluwafeyikemi Ifederu, Mrs Edith Onwuama 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, Mrs. Gladys Odedairo, 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.

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AVMCC HARVEST ACCOUNT

14. 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
- 4 “60” Inch Television
- 1 Sony XDCAM PMW-EX3 Camera for AVMCC Media
- 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
WALLPAPER & SAV SCTICKERS	= 84,000
VINYL FLOOR CARPET	= 469,220
Premium underlay for crèche	= 47,800

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should ensure adequate collection of all dues, adequate control and judicious spending of Church funds and render monthly accounts to Standing Committee. They should ensure that the Church Properties are properly maintained.

They should advise the Dean on the progress of Church projects. They should identify the needy members of the congregation and advise the Dean and the Standing Committee on how much such people can be helped.

I ask you before God and in the presence of this Congregation, will you carry out all these assignment faithfully?

Response: (Individually)
I will, God being my helper

Dean:
You are part of the leadership of the Congregation. The Dean and Clergy will need your help and advice in matters affecting the wellbeing and progress of the members. Will you by your acts and speech, assist and advise the Dean and the Clergy in their duties?

Response:
I will so do, the Lord helping me.

Dean:
O God our Father who in your great wisdom has prepare for each one of us task to do for you, grant that these your servants may seek to know your will and may dedicate themselves to serve You wherever they are needed. May they never from love of ease or from any fear turn from Your path, which You have appointed for them; but steadfastly walk on your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The Wardens will then put on their Robes.
Dean will hand over the Staff of Office to each of them, saying:*

Take this Staff of Office, which identifies you as the Cathedral Wardens of Archbishop Vining Memorial Church Cathedral, G.R.A, Ikeja, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

While singing Hymn CONH 559, the Verger, the Clergy and the Wardens will process to the Wardens' seats.

The Dean to place each Warden in his seat.

HYMN CONH 559
The procession, having got to the West Door,

The Dean will sit each of the Wardens in his seat, saying:
Take your seat, as the Cathedral Wardens of Archbishop Vining Memorial Church Cathedral, the seat occupied by Cathedral Wardens before you, in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. May the blessed Trinity watch over you and use you as He wills and to His purpose here on earth, and at the end of your sojourn here on earth, give you an everlasting place with Him in His eternal glorious Kingdom. **Amen.**

Having seated the Wardens, the Verger, the Clergy move back to their seats in procession.

The Congregation sings Hymn CONH 602

4. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK **SUNDAY, 16TH MARCH, 2025**

THEME: THE WORTH OF A LOST BUT FOUND SOUL

READING: PSALM 33:17-21; ISAIAH 53:1-12;
I JOHN 3:1-10; LUKE 15:1-10.

Introduction

You are welcome to the second Sunday in Lent and first day of the week. May the Lord Almighty bless us richly in Jesus Christ name. The primary assignment of the Lord Jesus for coming into the world is to look for the lost souls. This is the pointer to the fact that every soul is important to the Lord. Every soul is precious in the eyes of God. The Bible repeatedly emphasizes that God does not desire for anyone to be lost but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin in Luke 15:1-10 beautifully illustrate the great joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. Similarly, Isaiah 53 reveals the depth of Christ's sacrifice for humanity, and 1 John 3:1-10 reminds us of the incredible love God has lavished upon us by calling us His children.

To be lost is to be separated from God's presence and purpose. A lost soul wanders without direction, seeking fulfillment in things that can never satisfy. Sin blinds the heart and mind, leading people away from the truth. Isaiah 53:6 declares, "*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own way.*" This describes humanity's natural tendency to drift from God, choosing self-will over divine direction. Being lost is a disastrous state, but even more tragic is the failure to recognize the need for salvation. Many people are lost without realizing it, pursuing wealth, power, and pleasure, while their souls remain in darkness. However, God never abandons His search for the lost.

But in the midst of all this, God's love is relentless. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, actively seeks the lost. In Luke 15, He describes a shepherd leaving ninety-nine sheep to find the one that went astray. This shows that every individual matters to God. No one is insignificant in His eyes. The lost coin in the same passage highlights the diligence with which God seeks the lost.

In Luke 15, the religious leaders were to picture themselves as shepherds and of course in reality, as leaders of the nation, they should have been serving as shepherds of God's people. Each shepherd has one hundred sheep, a typical number for the average flock of sheep. Shepherds counted their sheep every night, for sheep would easily stray away and get lost. When this shepherd counted, he was missing one sheep. Jesus used the shepherd's concern for each sheep to set up the question, "Wouldn't you leave the ninety-nine others to go and search for the lost one?" The answer was obvious to these listeners; any caring shepherd would do so. He would search, find the lost sheep, carry it back to the flock, and rejoice.

God's love for everyone is so great that he seeks each one out and rejoices when he or she is "found." Jesus associated with sinners because he wanted to bring the lost sheep – people considered beyond hope, the Good News of God's Kingdom. Just as the shepherd took the initiative to go out and find the sheep, so Jesus actively seeks lost souls. These tax collectors and sinners (Luke 15:1) with whom Jesus was associating were like sheep who had strayed away from God and needed to be returned. More than that, they needed the salvation that Jesus offered.

Isaiah 53:5 proclaims, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities." Christ's sacrifice on the cross demonstrates the extent to which God would go to redeem us. He paid the ultimate price, shedding His blood to bring us back to Himself.

The Joy of Being Found

The shepherd did not rejoice alone. He even called his friends and neighbours to rejoice with him that he found his lost sheep. In reality, the shepherds would not have had a party over one found sheep. Jesus used this element in the story to stress his Kingdom's reality and the value of one lost person. God rejoices when one lost sinner is found and returns to God.

The Returning Officer brings the Verger and the Auditors forward.

The Congregation sings Hymn CONH 603 verse 4

4. Take up thy cross, then in His strength
And calmly every danger brave
I will guide you to the better home
And lead to victory over the grave

Returning Officer

Our Father in the Lord I bring to you for dedication, the Verger and the Auditors who were appointed during the vestry meeting

Dean:

It is the duty of the Verger to wait for the Dean during the service, to be the eye and ear of the Dean and to report to him anything that can cause any misunderstanding among the members of the Congregation.

It is the work of the Auditors to check the accounts of the Church regularly and to ensure judicious utilization of Church fund.

I ask you before God and in the presence of this congregation. Are you ready to perform these functions faithfully?

Response: (Individually)

I will God being my helper.

Dean:

Almighty God, who by Your holy Apostles has called upon us to present our bodies to You a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service; graciously grant that these Your servants, we beseech You, dedicate themselves wholly to Your service that henceforth, they may live only to Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All the Officers and Standing Committee return to their seats. The Returning Officer brings the Cathedral Wardens forward.

The Congregation sings Hymn CONH 603 verse 5

5. Take up your cross, and follow CHRIST
Nor think till death to lay it down
For only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown

Returning Officer

Our Father in the Lord I bring to you for dedication, the Wardens who have been nominated and elected by both the Dean and the Congregation during the last Vestry meeting.

Dean:

The Wardens should be persons of integrity, God-fearing and of exemplary character in all good things. They should show good examples by their punctual and regular attendance at the Church services and regular and prompt payment of their Church dues. They should assist the Dean in the preparation for the Services and in ensuring that all materials needed for the Services are made available before the service starts. They should organize the Guild of Stewards for effective control during service, to ensure that everybody sits reverently in the Church during Church services and visitors are reverently conducted to their seats and given necessary attention. They

**DEDICATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS AND
STANDING COMMITTEE**

1. **The Standing Committee**
2. **The Verger & Auditors**
3. **The Wardens**

The Congregation will sing verse by verse hymn CONH 603

The returning officers will lead the Standing Committee to the Altar. The congregation sing verses 1 and 2

- 1 Take up your cross', the Saviour said,
'If you would My disciple be,
Deny yourself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.
2. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame
Nor let your foolish pride rebel
Your Lord for you the cross endured,
To save your soul from death and hell.

Returning Officer:

Our Father in the Lord I bring to you for Dedication, Members of the Standing Committee elected during the last Vestry Meeting.

Dean:

Let each member take the Oath of non-membership of secret societies.

After each of them has taken the Oath, the Dean continues

Dean:

It is the duty of Standing Committee Members to attend Standing Committee monthly/emergency meetings punctually and regularly, to make your contributions at such meetings, to show good examples to others in attending Bible Studies, Prayer Meetings in exemplary lifestyle of humility, love and faith in Christ. It is also your duty to take care of the Church properties, to support lawful and useful policy introduced to the Church and to give support to the committee working on various projects. You must use your position and influence in the Church for the progress of God's work. You must ensure that the Church dues are promptly collected and Church funds are judiciously utilized, by checking the monthly accounts presented by the Wardens. You must attend Church services punctually and regularly and take part in Holy Communion services. You must support your Dean in everything lawful, and godly.

I ask you before God and in the presence of this Congregation. Are you ready to perform these functions faithfully?

Responses: (Individually)

I will, God being my helper

Dean:

Let us pray

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and to whom we owe our being, we are grateful for your glory. Grant these Your servants purity of heart, strength of purpose, wisdom and selfless spirits so that they may always be best for this Church. Protect them from evils and dangers and all forms of weaknesses so that in thy light, they may see clearly and in thy service find their perfect freedom through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

There is no greater joy than being found by God. When a sinner repents, heaven rejoices (Luke 15:7). The moment of salvation is a moment of restoration, where a person is transferred from darkness to light, from death to life. 1 John 3:1-2 reminds us that God not only saves us but also calls us His children. A found soul experiences true purpose, peace, and eternal security. No matter how far one has strayed, God's grace is sufficient to restore. His arms are always open to welcome the repentant.

The Dean of the Cathedral has been praying that God should release more of Andrew's anointing upon every member of the Cathedral. This is an anointing to spread the Gospel of God from our immediate family to all over the world. After spending a day with Jesus, Andrew immediately went to find his brother Simon and tell him that he had found the Messiah – the Christ. At this season of Lent, everyone is expected to be active in Kingdom assignment, remove all spiritual dross and get into the field as we labour for the Master.

The Diocesan Bishop recently told us at the Cathedral that, **“no candle loses its brightness by lighting another candle”**. This is in line with our wonderful and timely theme for 2025 in the Diocese of Lagos West **“BE A BEACON OF LIGHT.”** In the same way that a light shines from a stand, Christ's disciples must let their light shine before others by letting their “good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” Jesus made it clear that there would be no mistaking the source of a believer's good works. The believer's light shines not for himself but to reflect the light back to the Father and so direct people to him. Be a beacon of light by bringing others back to Christ.

Conclusion

The worth of a lost but found soul is immeasurable. It cost Jesus His life, and it brings unspeakable joy to heaven. If you have been found by Christ, live in gratitude and share His love with others. If you are still lost, know that God is searching for you, ready to welcome you home.

Shalom!

6. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

March 9 – March 15, 2025

7.00 am Holy Communion	876
7.00 am Youth Service	254
7.00 am Sunday School	302
10.00 am Mattins	543
10.00 am Youth Service	143
10.00 am Sunday School	201
Tuesday Bible Study	89
Wednesday Holy Communion	132
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	203

7. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The following Societies will meet immediately in the Church after service:

- ✚ *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*
- ✚ *Good Shepherd Society*
- ✚ *Torchbearers Society*
- ✚ *The Lord Vessel Society*

8. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 16th Mar., 2025

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Dr. Olivier Akinola, Mrs Nkiru Arah.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Dr. Remi Oladapo-Sanu, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Mrs Olufunke Olatunji, Mrs Chinelo Emenike, Mrs E. Osibajo.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 23rd March, 2025

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm. Deji Osinoiki, Pharm. Mrs Yomi Osinoiki, Mrs Nkiru Arah, Mrs Amah-Jerry.

10.00am-2.00pm: Prof. I. Akinsete, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Sister Nike Adefila, Sis Boladuro Ajibola.

B. Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 16th March. - Saturday, 22nd Mar. 2025

Funso Fagbuyiro, (Captain), Helen Arhagba (Assistant Captain), Adeyemi Muyiwa, Goke Uthman, Helen Arhagba, Caroline Omowhara, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Bolaji Dania, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael Enujioke, Olusegun Esan, Odanye Mojisola, John Okocha, Anthony Uwa, Afam Ogeleka.

ii. Sunday 23rd Mar. - Saturday, 29th Mar., 2025

Bolaji Dania (Captain), Ogunleye Adeboboye, (Assistant Captain), Ayo Tetede, Dare Sigbeku, Juliet Chimezie, Omotola Onakoya, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Rita Osibodu, Olusegun Esan, Michael Enujioke, Segun Openiyi, Okedurum Andrew, Gbenga Ojo, Ola Martins, Newman Ekwegh, Helen Adewale.

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11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Lent III March 23

Theme: Suffering Pain Before Glory

Colour: Purple

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: *The Rev. Fikayo Adenle*

Epistle: *Colossians 1:24-29*

Layreader Ada Ejikeme

Gospel: *Luke 9:18-27*

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Preacher: *The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*

THE YOUTH SERVICE

Venue: *The Adetiloye House*

Cantor: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

Preacher: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

10.00 am: MATTINS

Cantor: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*

O.T. Reading: *Genesis 7:17-24*

Layreader Abeke Nubi

N.T. Reading: *Luke 9:18-27*

Layreader Joy Nwadiugwu

Preacher: *The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye*

6.00 pm: EVENSONG

Cantor: *Layreader Adefope Adetujoye*

Cantor: *Layreader Elizabeth Osibajo*

Psalm: 31

Lesson: *Acts 12:1-17a*

Preacher: *Layreader Esther Alofe*

12. BANNS OF MARRIAGE LENT – NO WEDDING

13. 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, 10.00am-4.00pm on Saturdays and 9.30am-2.00pm on Sundays.

15.

- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Egube Family, Egunsola Family, Egwim Family, Egwuatu Family, Ehiedu Family, Ehira Family, Ehizonomen Family, Ehu Family, Ejebionu Family, Ejike Family.

Friday, March 21, 2025 Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: The Heavenly Lifestyle

Celebrant: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

Epistle: Romans 2:25-3:18 - Lay. N. Ochokwu

Gospel: Matthew 5:43-46

Hymns: CONH 08, CONH 16, CONH 835

Preacher: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Timothy Yahaya, his family and all members of the Diocese of Kaduna.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Sir. Godwin Omene, Miss Onyekachi Nwakanma, Mrs Eno Adejuyigbe, Mrs Esther Adewole-Ranti, Mrs Iyabode Adeyelu, Mr Igbo Arhagba, Mrs Mofoluso Olawunmi, Mrs Yvonne Olowokande, Dr. (Mrs) Josephine Soboyejo, Mrs Josephine Igrude, Mrs Ngozi Egesu, Mrs Tenrat Oche, Miss Adenike Adepoju, Mr Kolawole Oni, Engr. Obafolarin Aluko, Mr Lotachukwu Anyakora.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ejike-Kanu Family, Ejikeme Family, Ejiogu Family, Eke Family, Ekeanyanwu Family, Ekechi Family, Ekegbogu Family, Ekekezie Family, Ekele Family, Ekelozie Family.

6.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday, March 22, 2025 Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Two types of Reward

Celebrant: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Epistle: Romans 3:19-31 – Lay. Ola Nwoji

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-4

Hymns: CONH 15, CONH 503, CONH 834

Preacher: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Zakka Lale Nyam, his family and all members of Diocese of Kano.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Elizabeth Okuo, Miss Chimdinma Ejikeme, Mrs Taiwo Olowjoba, Mrs Chiagozie Jidenna, Mrs Janet Osinoiki, Mr Chimzuruoke Okpara, Mrs Adenike Victor-Osho.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ekenobi Family, Ekhomu Family, Eko Family, Ekine Family, Ekunwe Family, Ekwejunor Family, Ekwem Family, Ekwueme Family, Ekwugh Family, Ekwunife Family.

3.00 pm Youth Fellowship

4.00 pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade

4.00 pm Baptism

9. LIST OF CENTERS FOR HOME CELL FELLOWSHIP

S/N	NAMES	LOCATIONS	PHONE NO
1.	SIS. SUCCESS	VINING	08170342970
2.	LADY GINA OKOLO	MANGORO	08033235796
3.	SIS. AMARACHUCKWU	IKEJA	08127786418
4.		CEMENT	08038503506
5.	BARR. OKEY OGBU	IYANA PAJA	08023192145
7.	MR. I. O. ODENIRAN	OPEBI	08023096565
8.	MRS. AKINROTIMI	ABORU	08022791113 08134382592
9.	MRS. ALOFE	IJAIYE	08034857240
10.	BRO. MAYOKUN	ANIFOWOSE	08069530744
11.	SIS. OBUM OSY-ONYEKWELU	MARYLAND CRESCENT	08036684298
12.	VICTOR ADENUOYE	FAGBA	08069206291
13.	RTD. COL. C.O. AJALA	54, NEW IPAJA ROAD	08081654907
14.	CHINYERE UMEALO	OREGUN	08033052131

10. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 17, 2025 Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: The Danger of a lustful Look

Ante Communion: Layreader Kike Akinyemi

Celebrant: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Epistle: Romans 1:1-15 – Lay. Esther Alofe

Gospel: Matthew 5:27-30

Hymns: CONH 16, CONH 602, CONH 12

Preacher: Layreader Ola Nwoji

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Cornelius Adagbada, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ekiti West.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Isaac Olubowale, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ekiti Oke.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Barr. Makinde Ogunleye, Mrs Nkechinyere Amaechi, Miss Maureen Momoh, Dr. Okechukwu Obi, Sir, Chukwuemeka Obi, Master Destiny Amuzie, Mr Ralph Ekwugh, Mr Uzochukwu Ogbu, Mrs Nkiru Nieman, Engr. Oluwafolakemi Olatunji, Mr Chidumebi Obianagha, Mrs Stella Onwuzuruike, Mrs Alarape Popoola, Mrs Nkechi Uche, Mrs Oladipo Ismail, Miss Mosopeluwa Adewale.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Echendu Family, Echeozo Family, Echeta Family, Edeh Family, Edem Family, Edema Family, Ediwe Family, Edokwe Family, Edozie-Nnakee Family, Edun Family.

3.00pm Standing Committee Meeting

6.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Christian Marriage and Divorce

Celebrant: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

Epistle: Romans 1:16-23 - Lay. Funmi Alo

Gospel: Matthew 5:31-22

Hymns: CONH 04, CONH 65, CONH 712

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Isaac Adeyemi Adeniji, his family and all members of Diocese of Ilaje.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Joshua Sunday Oyinlola, his family and all members of Diocese of Irele Ese-Odo.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Zainab Ladi-Adeyemi, Mr Olaniyi Balogun, Mr Onugosim Ehiedu, Mr Chukwuma Ilo, Mrs Mosina Madueke, Miss Blessing Egorhua, Miss Lauretta Okolie, Dr. Ndubuisi Okaro, Mr Adewale Otusanya, Mrs Blessing Nwakozer, Mrs Joyce Okeke, Mrs Florence Ogunbiyi, Otunba Folayele Akinrolabu
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Edwards Family, Eferakeya Family, Effah Family, Efobi Family, Egbedeyi Family, Egberongbe Family, Egbo Family, Egbononu Family, Egholenwa Family, Egesi Family.

5.00pm - 6.00pm BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW

6.00pm BIBLE STUDY

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Wednesday, March 19, 2025 Colour: Purple

St. Joseph of Nazareth

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: He will save His people from Sin

Celebrant: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

Epistle: Hebrews 3:12-19 - Lay. Bolaji Dania

Gospel: Matthew 1:16-25

Hymns: CONH 07, CONH 431, CONH 420
CONH 455

Preacher: The Dean

Prayer Point

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Abel Ajibodu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ile-Oluji.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Ebenezer Onwuama, Mr Anreti Nelson, Miss Titilope Idowu, Miss Olaitan Ladele, Mr Oyedika Nwoji, Mrs Alache Obe, Mrs Deborah Olowu, Mrs Olunmi Udo, Capt. Charles Asuen.

8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation

6.00pm LENTEN SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Celebrant: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere

Preacher: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Intercession: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Theme: Holding on to Hope: Sustaining Faith in Dark times

1. Processional Organ Recital
2. Opening Hymn / Introit: CONH 267
3. The Preparation to Penitence – Rev. Adefope Adetujoye
4. The Epistle: Romans 1:28-2:11
5. Gradual Hymn: CONH 821
6. The Gospel: John 5:1-18
7. The Message
8. Nicene Creed - Intercession
9. Peace
10. Offertory Hymn: CONH 503
11. Eucharistic Prayers
12. Administration: CONH 785 (I), 614
13. Ablution Hymn: CONH 822 (*Self Denial Envelopes*)
14. Post Communion Prayer
15. Closing Prayer and Benediction
16. Notices
17. Withdrawal: Organ Postlude

Thursday, March 20, 2025 Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Do not swear at all

Celebrant: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Epistle: Romans 2:12-24 - Lay. I. Ogundiran

Gospel: Matthew 5:33-42

Hymns: CONH 14, CONH 461, CONH 877

Preacher: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Adegoke Oludare Agara, his family and all members of the Diocese of Idoani.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Philomina Atuchukwu, Mr Gabriel Agu, Mr Adeolu Balogun, Mr Nneamaka Ifezue, Mr Kolawole Ashiru, Miss Ijeoma Ezeakolam, Mrs Chinemelum Osegbo, Mr Daniel Owolabi, Mrs Ameila Ologunde, Miss Chiebonam Nwerri, Miss Cynthia Ogueliwu, Miss Celephina Onovo, Mr Emmanuel Alaba Julius, Mr Uche Claudios, Engr. Godfrey Chinwokwu.

13.

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 Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief (Nehemiah 6:2).
2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, empower and make me a man to further the refurbishment of Your church.
When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel (Nehemiah 2:10).

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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).
4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, do the miraculous as the work of the Cathedral kicks off, honour your word and your name.
Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:19).

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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.

then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries (Exodus 23:22).

5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, do not hold your peace before, during and after this project, let praises and Thanksgiving be our testimonies at the end of the day. *For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth (Isaiah 62:1).*

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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 offering of the sanctuary. So, the people were restrained from bringing (Exod 36:6).

5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, release the grace to enjoy constant access to divine treasury.

For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much (Exod 36:7).

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