

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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- B. **For Social Welfare and Charity**
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- C. **For Cathedral Societies**
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- D. **For The Elderly Ministry**
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- S. **For Cathedral Christian Mothers Matters**
Mrs Mercy Adewole, 08062910315; Mrs. Folake Owolabi - 08023156546
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The Dean; The Canon Residentiary
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The Dean;
- V. **For Booking of the Hall**
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- W. **For Booking of the Guest House**
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Vol. 21/3/09/2025

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, 2nd March - Saturday, 8th March, 2025

Quinquagesima

Theme: Christ: The Friend of Sinners

49TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARITY BAND

Colour: Green

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

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

1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 2nd March, 2025

A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Dean
 Epistle: Layreader Edith Cookey
 The Gospel: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle
 Preacher: The Ven. Idowu Eko
 Immanuel Anglican Church,
 Baltimore MD USA.

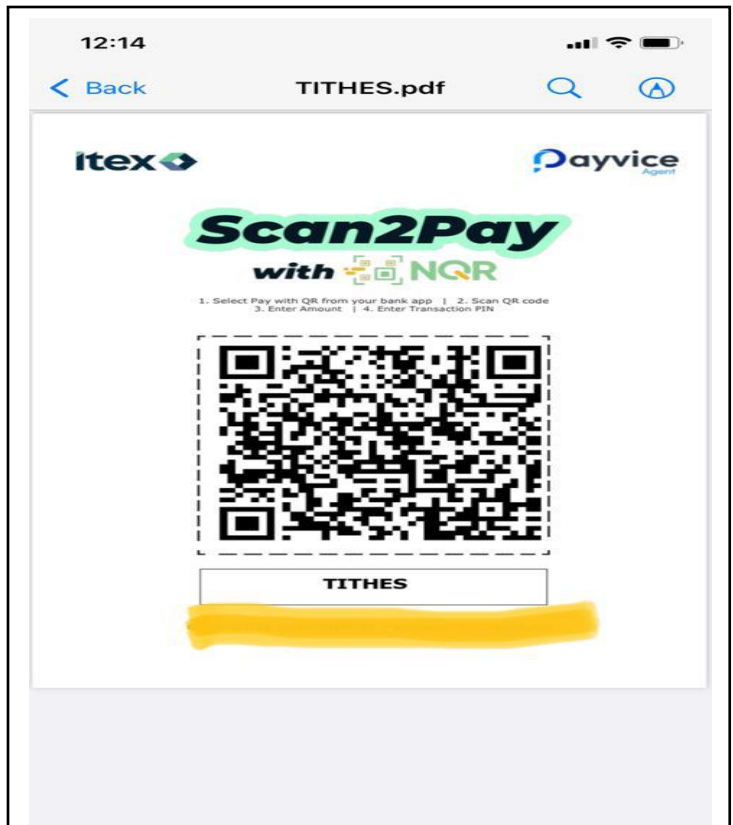
Intercessor: The Ven. Dr. Benajmin Okere

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 66 (I)
- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence– Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu
- ❖ The Epistle Colossians 1:18-23
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 1098
- ❖ The Gospel: Mark 2:13-17
- ❖ SERMON
- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession
- ❖ The Peace (Let there be peace)
- ❖ Procession of Elements: CONH 65
- ❖ All Offerings: Choruses
- {First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings}
- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: CONH 641, 623, 847, 427
- ❖ The Ablution: CONH 828
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ Thanksgiving
 - i. Monthly Thanksgiving
 - ii. Those born and / or married in February
 - iii. 60th Wedding Anniversary of Sir & Lady Kola Osinoiki, 48th birthday of their daughter, Pastor (Mrs) Abiola Oyetunde, gift of a great grandson & God's numerous blessings.
 - iv. Chief Tunji Olaniyan (MON) thanking God for recovery from illness & God's numerous blessings
 - v. Annual New Year Thanksgiving of Anambra Anglican Fellowship and God's numerous blessings.
 - vi. Thanksgiving after burial of Late Chief Clement Babatola & journey mercies.
 - vii. Thanksgiving after burial of Late Mrs Deborah Titilayo Olusodo & journey mercies.
- ❖ Doxology CONH 491
- ❖ Benediction & Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 932

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: IIRA Plc. 51A Adenivi .Jones Str Ikeja



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24. 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.

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. 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.

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3. ANNOUNCEMENT

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On March 4,2025 AVMCC will be 61. There will be special Communion Service to commemorate it on Tuesday March 4,2025 at 7:00am.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Male teachers needed at Sunday School

B. 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION 49TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARITY BAND

Celebrant: The Dean
Epistle: Charity Band
The Gospel: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle
Preacher: The Dean
Intercessor: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 66 (II)
- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence– The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju
- ❖ The Epistle Colossians 1:18-23
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 1098
- ❖ The Gospel: Mark 2:13-17

SERMON

- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession
- ❖ The Peace (Let there be peace)
- ❖ Procession of Elements: CONH 65
- ❖ All Offerings: Choruses

{First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings}

- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: CONH 184, 810, 619, 556
- ❖ The Ablution: CONH 828
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **The Anniversary**
 - i. Charity Band Anthem
 - ii. Rededication of Members
 - iii. Charity Band members, Patrons & Patroness
- ❖ **Thanksgiving**
 - i. Monthly Thanksgiving
 - ii. Those born and / or married in February
 - iii. 60th birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Olubukola Ajomale-Iyanda & God's numerous blessings.
 - iv. 60th wedding anniversary of Chief Olusegun & Chief (Mrs) Abosedo Osunkeye & God's numerous blessings.
 - v. 1st year remembrance of Late Mrs Modupeola Ilori & God's numerous blessings on the family she left behind.
 - vi. 5th year remembrance of Late Princess Beatrice Oyinlola (Mother of Mr Adeolu Oyinlola) & God's numerous blessings on the family she left behind.

- ❖ Doxology CONH 491
- ❖ Benediction & Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 551 (page 18)

C. EVENTS AHEAD

1. Swearing-in of Standing Committee & Wardens – Sunday, 16th March, 2025 at 10.00am Service
2. Christian Mothers Bible Study– Monday, 3rd March, 2025 at 5.00pm – Lady Chapel.
3. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – Wed. 5th March, 2025 at 6.00pm.
4. Wardens & Account Officers Retreat – Saturday, 8th March, 2025 at Anglican Ascension, Opebi.
5. Diocesan Women's Quiet Day – 8th March, 2025 at 8.00am.
6. Spiritual Conference –Organised by Christian Brothers – Saturday, 8th March, 2025 at 9.00am.
7. Collation of Mothers Union – Sunday, 16th March, 2025 at 2.00pm
8. MOTHERING SUNDAY – Sunday, 30th March, 2025.
9. Enrolment Service: Mothers Union – Sunday, 6th April, 2025 at 2.00pm.



10. MAUNDY THURSDAY- Thursday, 17th April, 2025.
11. GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, 18th April, 2025.
12. JESUS FESTIVAL – Saturday, 19th April, 2025
13. EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, 20th April, 2025.
14. EASTER CANTATA - Sunday, 20th April, 2025 sponsored by Fountain of Hope Society @ 4.00pm.

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

1. Sunday Mar. 2, 2025 - Ambassadors of Christ
2. Sunday Mar. 9, 2025 - Agape Sisters
3. Sunday Mar 16, 2025 - Collation of Mothers
Union
4. Sunday Mar 23, 2025 - Band of Faith
5. Sunday Mar. 30, 2025 - Band of Grace
6. Sunday April 6, 2025 - Enrolment of Mothers
Union
7. Sunday, April 13, 2025- Palm Sunday
8. Sunday, April 20, 2025- Easter Cantata - FOH
9. Sunday, April 27, 2025- Band of Light
10. Sunday, May 4, 2025 - Rogation Sunday

E. 7.00am & 10.00am - YOUTH SERVICE

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Theme: Christ: The Friend of Sinners

- ❖ Opening Hymn: CONH 66 (I)
- ❖ The Preparation to Penitence
- ❖ The Epistle: Colossians 1:18-23
- ❖ Praise Worship
- ❖ The Gospel: Mark 2:13-17
- ❖ Sermon
- ❖ Nicene Creed to Intercession
- ❖ The Peace
- ❖ Offering Hymn: Choruses

(a) First Fruits (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed &

Sunday Offering

- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: Worship Choruses
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ New Month Thanksgiving
- ❖ Youth Anthem



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16. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. Christian Mothers Bible Study comes up on Monday, 3rd March, 2025 at 5.00pm. Topic: Complacent vs A growing woman. Speaker: Anglican Fellowship.
- ii. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1st Thursday of the Month. Venue: The AVMCC Main Sanctuary. Time: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
- iii. Bible Study for Christian Mothers - Every 1st Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iv. Fasting & Prayer for Christian Mothers - Every last Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- v. All Sunday School Children from ages 5years upward meeting every last Sunday between 7.00am – 9.00am.
- vi. Adult Education Programme: This course is for young and old every Monday & Wednesday by 3.30pm at the Vining Hall.

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17. VACANCIES

- (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.

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18. 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 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

F. 6.00 pm. EUCHARIST WITH ANOINTING

- Ante Communion: Layreader Helen Adewale
- Celebrant: *The Rev. Fikayo Adenle*
- Preacher: *Layreader George Nnadi*
- Sponsor: *Ambassadors of Christ*
- Organist: *Mr Sina Oyeneye*
- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 291
- ❖ Preparation to Collect
- ❖ Psalm 99:4-9
- ❖ The Epistle: Colossian 1:18-23 – **Ambassadors of Christ**
- ❖ The Gospel: Mark 2:13-17
- ❖ Sermon
- ❖ Nicene Creed, Intercession to Peace
- ❖ Offerings CONH 590
- (a) *First Fruits* (b) *Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering*
- ❖ Eucharistic Prayer
- ❖ Communion: CONH 624
- ❖ Ablution Hymn: CONH 19
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 810

2. SENTENCES FOR QUINQUAGESIMA

Introductory Sentence

So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. **I John 4:16.**

Collect:

Almighty God, the Redeemer of all who trust in You: give heed to the cry of Your people, deliver us from the bondage of sin that we may serve You in perfect freedom and rejoice in Your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence

The Lord is good to all, He has compassion on all He has made. **Psalm 145:9.**

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

**3. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY,
2ND 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 for grace to hear from the Lord on daily basis in line with God's mandate in their episcopacy.
- ii. For the Rt. Revd. Prof. 'Dapo Asaju, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ilesa.

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. Pray that the Lord shall silence every rumour of war in the world especially in those countries where they are not at rest as at today.
- iii. Pray for the political leaders in our country that fear of God shall overshadow them.

C. Prayer for AVMCC

- i. Pray for those who are waiting on God for favour in our midst.
- ii. Pray for grace of God and divine help concerning our lives.
- iii. Pray that the joy of the Lord will be our portion in AVMCC.

D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Babatunde Family, Babayeju Family, Badejo Family, Bademosi Family, Badmos Family, Bagbonon Family, Baiyewun Family, Bajomo Family, Bakare-Oladipo Family, Baleen Family.

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

- i. For Mr Collins Kodaolu, Mr Yomi Odewale, Mrs Uche Jinwa, Mr Daniel Ohiomah, Miss Temitope Oseni 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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15. 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
SCREEDING OF THE WALLS	=	1,130,000
WALLPAPER & SAV SCTICKERS	=	84,000
VINYL FLOOR CARPET	=	469,220
Premium underlay for creche	=	47,800



14. 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.

**WITHDRAWAL HYMN FOR 10.00AM
CONH 551**

- 1 "For my sake and the Gospel's go,
And tell Redemption's story;"
His heralds answer, "Be it so
And Thine Lord, all the glory!"
They preached His birth, His life and cross,
The love of His atonement
For Whom they count the world but loss,
His Easter, His enthronement.
2. Hark, hark the trump of Jubilee
Proclaim to every nation,
From pole to pole, by land and sea,
Glad tidings of salvation;
As nearer draws the day of doom;
While still the battle rages,
The heavenly Dayspring through the gloom
Break on the night of ages.
3. Still on and on the anthems spread
Of alleluia voices.
In concert with the holy Dead
The warrior Church rejoices;
Their snow-white robes are washed in blood
Their golden harps are ringing;
Earth and the Paradise of God
One triumph song are singing.
4. He comes, Whose advent trumpet drowns
The last of Time's evangels.
Immanuel crowned with many crowns,
The Lord of saints and angels:
O Life, Light, Love The Great I AM,
Triune who changes never,
The throne of God and of the Lamb
Is Thine and Thine for ever! Amen.

4. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY, 2ND MARCH, 2025

THEME: CHRIST: THE FRIEND OF SINNERS

READING: PSALM 99:4-9; HOSEA 14:1-7;
COLOSSIANS 1:18-23; MARK 2:13-17.

INTRODUCTION

It is a delight that we have been preserved by God to see another new month in the land of the living! Once again, welcome to Quinquagesima Sunday, the Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday. It's another time of reflection and meditation. May we indeed encounter God as we prepare our hearts to seek His face and find Him. Amen

JESUS AND THE TASK COLLECTORS

1. The scandal of grace

The work of tax collectors.

In the time of Jesus the Roman empire was a vast organization that required enormous funding.

That funding came through a variety of taxes. There were fixed taxes: land tax, income tax, a poll tax just for being alive. These were collected by Roman citizens.

Then there were duty taxes: sales, import and export, road and harbor tolls. These were farmed out to locals who bid for the collection of a region.

The Romans calculated a base number which would be required from the local collector. That collector's income came from whatever he gained on top of the base tax rates. This most often came from cheating people with unfair demands.

Tax collectors are among the most reviled people in Jesus' day because of the corruption associated with the office. Customs duties on goods transported through Galilee are among the taxes collected, and it is likely that Matthew, whom we meet in today's passage (Matt. 9:9), gathers these fees. In his work he collects a set amount for Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, who in turn sends it to Rome. Matthew is free to assess the value of the goods carried through his region and, like other collectors, demands a tax higher than what the government requires and keeps the difference for himself. This offers ample opportunity for unjust taxation, giving the people reason to hate tax collectors." –Ligonier

However, When Jesus walked up to Levi at the tax collector's booth and said, "come follow me", it was absolutely scandalous. It was even more scandalous when Jesus attended a dinner party at Levi's house with his social network of fellow tax collectors and sinners. To dine with someone was to commune with them. It involved a connection, an exchange. To dine with someone who was sinful or unclean was to



It was unthinkable to imagine the Messiah lounging at a table with that kind of crowd. The problem was not that Jesus interacted with sinful people. John the Baptist did that. Out in the wilderness he called the sinful people to repentance.

Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" Luke 3:12

The scandal was that Jesus associated with these people prior to any sign of repentance.

"The scandal of this story is that Jesus does not make moral repentance a precondition of his love and acceptance. . . Rather, Jesus loves and accepts tax collectors and sinners as they are. If they forsake their evil and amend their lives, they do so, as did Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), not in order to gain Jesus' favor but because Jesus has loved them as sinners. Jesus' association with such people is not coincidental. He does not happen to be with them or wait for invitations. He initiates the fellowship, " **I must stay at your house today** " (Luke 19:5). We are not told how many sinners and tax collectors repented and reformed. We are only told that Jesus sowed love as profligately and uncalculatedly as the sower who threw seed in unpromising places (Mark 4:3-9)

Jesus communicates in word and deed that accepting and following him are more important than following Torah. When the unreformed and unregenerate do that, they will enter the kingdom of God before the scribes and Pharisees. In table fellowship with "sinners and tax collectors," Jesus scandalously asserts his exousia, his own person over Torah, and the profligate love of God over merit. That is the scandal of grace."

2. The power of grace

That love is powerful. That love melts hearts and produces genuine repentance.

Zacchaeus, another tax collector, after experiencing the love of Jesus responded to that love with repentance. Take a minute and read this again;

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Luke 19:8.

Levi the tax collector was Matthew the apostle. The world saw a despised tax collector, scum. Jesus saw a saint, a leader and a writer of Holy Scriptures.

The grace of Jesus is scandalous and it is immensely powerful.

3. The mission of grace

When the scandalized Pharisees asked Jesus' disciples – "why does he eat with sinners and tax collectors?". Jesus

C. Cathedral Youth Chapel Regular Weekly Programmes

- i. Strictly Feminine - Every 3rd Saturday of the month.
- ii. Just 4 Guys – Every 3rd 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 (2nd 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. 2025 Bible Quiz Book – The Book of Zechariah

E. Evangelical Ministry

i. Monthly Meeting

- (a) 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month at 1st Floor, Vining House by 6.00pm.
- (b) 2nd Saturday has been shifted to 3rd 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 3rd and last Sundays of the month.
(b) Prison visitation every 2nd Thursday of the month (c) Meeting comes up every 2nd 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



E. 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.*

F. 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.

G. Lagos Anglican Dioceses Bible College, Lagos

Admission interview into Lagos Anglican Bible College (LABICO) takes place on Saturday, 22nd February, 2025 at 10.00am at LABICO Office, 17 Broad Street, Lagos. Please obtain your admission form at the Church Office or contact: 08033083851. Admission form is N3,000.

H. Admission to Anglican Girl's College, Ketu-Ijanikin

The form for the school is out at the rate of N10,000.00. Payment should be made into Wema Bank Account No.0120980406. Account Name: Anglican Girl's College, Ketu-Ijanikin. Forms can be obtained from the Cathedral Office, please fill and submit to the school.

I. Admission to Lagos Anglican Schools

- Anglican Comp. High School, College Road, Ipaja,
- Anglican Girls Grammar School, Surulere,
- CMS Grammar School, Bariga
- Bishop Howells Memorial Grammar School, Bariga

The forms for the above schools are out at the rate of **N20,000**. Payment should be made into **Union Bank Acct NO 0002516850**. **Account Name:** Lagos Anglican Schools Management Board and Collect the form at the Cathedral Office and submit to the school of your choice. **Examination Dates:** Saturday, 5th April, 2025, Saturday, 3rd May, 2025, Saturday, 7th June, 2025 and Saturday, 5th July, 2025.

13. MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIPS

A. Children's Ministry

Parents are requested to send their children to the Sunday School with Bibles, Note Books & Birros. 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. Counsellors 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.

A doctor doesn't come for the healthy, but for the sick.

Given that mission, it is as senseless for Jesus to shun tax collectors and sinners as for a doctor to shun the sick. The grace of God extends to and overcomes the worst forms of human depravity. Ironically, in one sense great sinners stand closer to God than those who think themselves righteous, for sinners are more aware of their need of the transforming grace of God.

"You would expect to find a savior among those who need to be saved."

The question is, Where ought we to find those who serve a savior?

What ought we to find them doing?

But, Jesus' statement also said much about sinners. Recall it. He said: "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners"

Don't miss what Jesus is doing. Jesus said he was like a doctor going to the sick. He did not come for righteous people, but sinners. What did he mean? Was he trying to say the Pharisees were righteous, without sin, and not in need of his help?

Not at all! Some of the Pharisees became Christians, champions of the gospel. Paul the Apostle had been a Pharisee before he realized his need for Christ. But Jesus is saying that he cannot help the Pharisees. They didn't know they were sick. They couldn't see their sin. And, as long as someone thinks they have no sin, Jesus cannot help them. Just as someone who thinks they have no sickness will not pursue medical attention, so someone who thinks they're righteous will not turn to Jesus.

Beloved of God, what's our take home today

1. God is intentional about us: Jesus was sent for this course. He desires fellowship
2. God gave us His son even while we were yet sinners: for God so love the world that He gave His only begotten son!
3. Jesus' mission was and is for the lost!
4. Jesus loves you but doesn't love our sinful nature.
5. His grace is sufficient for you: often the devil fill out heart with guilt and shame. But he is the father of liars.

CONCLUSION.

You see, in Jesus' estimation, we are all sinners who have fallen short of the glory of God. The problem with this label today is that most will object. I'm not broken! I'm not a sinner! I don't need to be well! But those who've received the gospel had to first say, I am a sinner! I need grace! I am broken! So are you! And this offends.

But this is who we are, Beloved, sinners seated around the table with Christ. We need him. We need his grace, forgiveness, and cleansing. We need the great doctor to come and heal us. And to keep on healing us! No matter who we are, what our background is, or what our temptations are, we need Jesus. Our broken minds and wills and feelings and souls and bodies are all in need of his constant attention. Sin has plagued us, and Jesus is our only answer!



5. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

February 23 – March 1, 2025

7.00 am Holy Communion	789
7.00 am Youth Service	167
7.00 am Sunday School	267
10.00 am Mattins	607
10.00 am Youth Service	132
10.00 am Sunday School	190
Tuesday Bible Study	98
Wednesday Holy Communion	104
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	78

6. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

- *Band of Peace Society*
- *Ascension Fellowship*
- *Christian Brothers Society*
- *Ambassadors of Christ Executive*
- *Y.W.C.A. Executive*
- *Agape Christian Sisters*
- *Sons & Daughters of Egbaland*
- *Band of Light Executive*
- *Lords Labourers Fellowship*

* Anambra Anglican Fellowship to meet at Adetiloye Hall after 7.00am Service.

7. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 2nd 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, Prof. I. Akinsete, Pharm Dele Ajala, Pharm. Y. Olorunsola, Sis. Boladuro Ajibola.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 9th March, 2025

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Dr. B. Ibidapo-Obe, Mrs Nkiru Arah.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Mrs Olufunke Olatunji, Mrs Chinelo Emenike, Mrs E. Osibajo.

B. Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 2nd March. - Saturday, 8th Mar. 2025

Oyebanji Toba (Captain), Helen Arhagba, (Assistant Captain), Segun Adeniji, Chioma Obi, Caroline Omowhara, Funso Fagbuyiro, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael Enujioko, Olusegun Esan, Enujioko Michael, Odanye Mojisola, John Okocha, Anthony Uwa, Afam Ogeleka.

ii. Sunday 9th Mar. - Saturday, 15th Mar., 2025

Omotola Onakoya, (Captain), Goke Uthman; (Assistant Captain), Ogunleye Adeboboye, Adeyemi Muyiwa, Segun Adeniji, Chioma Obi, Juliet Chimezie, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Rita Osibodu, Olusegun Esan, Michael Enujioko, Nwaegwu Chinedu, Okedurum Andrew, Chene

10. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Lent 1 March 9

Theme: The Ploys of Satan

Colour: Purple

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Rev. Fikayo

Adenle

Epistle: James 1:2-19

Layreader Success Okeke

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

The Ven. Azibike

Ahubelem

Preacher: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

THE YOUTH SERVICE

Venue: The Adetiloye House

Cantor: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

10.00 am: MATTINS

Cantor: The Ven. Dr. B. Okere

O.T. Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Layreader Tosin Faloyin

N.T. Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Layreader Esther

Randle

Preacher: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

6.00 pm: FAMILY EVENING

Cantor: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Cantor: Layreader Nathan Eze

Psalms: 51

Lesson: Hebrews 4

Preacher: Layreader Ada Ejikeme

11. BANNES OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Bannes 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.

12. 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.

D. AVMCC Guest House

Stay within a Christian environment, also visit the restaurant for tastv and affordable meals all located at



Friday, March 7, 2025 Colour: Purple
7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Beware of Satan's half truth
Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Epistle: Titus 2:1-15 - Lay. Elizabeth Osibajo
Gospel: Matthew 4:5-7
Hymns: CONH 18, CONH 471, CONH 847
Preacher: The Rev. Yinka Akinpelu
Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Collins Babalola, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ajayi Crowther.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Oluseyi Oyelade, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ife-East.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Abayomi Kalejaiye, Miss Esther Olinya, Mr Samuel Lebi, Mr Oluwasola Babatunde, Mrs Adenike Adeniyi, Mr Olaniyi Olaleye, Mr Benjamin Ikebeotu, Miss Tamilore Osunleti, Mrs Adebisi Babatunde, Barr. Gbenga Olusola, Mrs Chinonso Onwuzurike, Mrs Kofoworola Odeyemi, Miss Queen Eze, Mrs Uzoamaka Okafor, Mr Ikenna Onyemaobi, Mrs Ijeoma Nwosu-Igbo, Mr Mike Echedom.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Chimezie Family, Chinakwe Family, Chine Family, Chinemelu Family, Chinwoke Family, Chinwokwu Family, Chinwuba Family, Chinwuko Family, Chiobi Family, Chioke Family.

6.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday, March 8, 2025 Colour: Purple
7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Love not the World
Celebrant: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye
Epistle: Titus 3:1-15 – Lay. Funmi Ladele
Gospel: Matthew 4:8-11
Hymns: CONH 16, CONH 598, CONH 877
Preacher: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle
Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Oluseyi Oyelade, his family and all members of Diocese of Ife-East.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Samuel Ifeyemi, his family and all members of Diocese of Osun North.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Ayo Obilana, Chief (Mrs) Dianne Aderiye, Mrs Viola Amuta, Mr Louis Ekwunife, Mrs Florence Osofisan, Mr Enefiok Isong, Miss Patience Gawan, Mrs Omolara Ajibike, Mr Alex Ezeocha, Mr Joshua Bamgbade, Mr Abiola Adepoju, Mr Louis Ekwunife, Mr George Okechukwu, Mr Olufemi Ogunboye, Chief Sanya Olusegun.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Chisom-Nze Family, Chivor Family, Christian Family, Christopher Family, Chukwu Family, Chukwudolue Family, Chukwudozie Family, Chukwudum Family, Chukwuemeka Family, Chukwuemela Family.

8.00AM MOTHERS'S QUIET DAY

9.00AM LENTEN SPIRITUAL PROGRAMME

3.00 pm Youth Fellowship

4.00 pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade

4.00 pm Baptism

8. 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



9. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 3, 2025 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Father's Intercession

Ante Communion: Layreader Temitayo Gidado

Celebrant: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*
The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Epistle: Genesis 18:23-27 - Lay. Uzor

Ejikeme

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Hymns: CONH 124, CONH 803 (II), CONH 835

Preacher: Layreader Helen Adewale

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Olugbenga Babatunji, his family and all members of the Diocese of Osun.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Olubunmi Akinlade, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ife.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Stella Azike, Miss Roseline Hale, Mrs Kate Igunma, Mrs Ifeoma Ezeani, Chief (Mrs) Adeola Oladipo, Mr Chibuike Okeke, Dame Elizabeth Omene, Mrs Adedoyin Osibanjo, Sir Josiah Ozumba, Mrs Blessing Okeke, Mrs Josephine Nduka, Mr Christian Ubeh, Miss Olaitan Sanya-Abiodun, Mr Rapuluchukwu Arinze, Miss Omotola Sosanya, Mrs Ngozi Nwanjoku, Mr Friday Iyayi, Miss Joy Onyechere, Mr Ernest Ifeakandu, Mrs Oluwayemisi Adeleke, Mr Joseph Olayinka, Mr Richardon Onwuka.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Balogun Family, Bamgbola Family, Bamgboye Family, Bamigbowu Family, Bamtefa Family, Bankole Family, Bartels Family, Bayode Family, Beckley Family, Bejide Family.

6.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Colour: Green

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7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Judgement

Celebrant: The Dean

Epistle: Hebrews 2:1-10 - Lay. Nkiru Arah

Gospel: Matthew 11:20-24

Hymns: CONH 125, CONH 785 (I), CONH 878

Preacher: The Dean

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Oluwagbemiro Fabuluje, his family and all members of Province of Oke-Osun.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Williams Aladekugbe, his family and all members of Diocese of Ibadan North.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Abiola Hashimawo, Miss Oluwakemi Makinde, Mr Thompson Obla, Mr Emmanuel Ochogu, Miss Nneoma Okechukwu, Mrs Olabisi Faola, Mr Afolabi Ogun, Miss Tomewo Solo-Edema, Mr Olufemi Okelana, Prof. Richard Oladokun, Mr Victor Akwueh, Mr Olanlokun Akinjide.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Belolise Family, Benjamin Family, Bielonwu Family, Blue-Jack Family, Boboye Family, Boham Family, Bolaji Family, Bolarinwa-Oye Family, Bonojo Family, Botu Family.

5.00pm - 6.00pm

BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 Colour: Purple

Ash Wednesday

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Turning to the Lord in Prayer & Fasting

Celebrant: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Epistle: Daniel 9:3-14 - Lay. Patricia Olagbaju

Gospel: Matthew 6:16-21

Hymns: CONH 126, CONH 503, CONH 802
CONH 22

Preacher: The Dean

Prayer Point

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Akintunde Popoola, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ibadan South.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Olukemi Oduntan, his family and all members of the Diocese of Oyo.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Chief (Mrs) Adunni Ogunsanya, Mrs Omowunmi Adeyemi, Miss Solape Ajala, Miss Ifeoma Anadu, Mr Ikechukwu Iwekuba, Miss Ezinne Nwanguma, Mrs Charity Enebeli, Miss Demilade Fawehinmi, Mr Idemudia Ekhomu, Mr Akinkunmi Akideinde, Mrs Patience Owhe, Mr Solomon Okokoro, Miss Aderemi Opeoluwa, Mrs Adaeze Ikedife, Mr Ekene Okoli, Mrs Rosemary Onebunne, Mr Tolulope Ijogun, Mr Chizaram Kanu, Mr Chukwuemeka Kanu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Braimah Family, Brodricks Family, Bruce Family, Buolu Family, Caulcrick Family, Chiaghanam Family, Chibueze Family, Chibuzor Family, Chidi Family, Chiedozie Family.
- ❖ 88th birthday of Chief (Mrs) Adunni Ogunsanya today

8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation

6.00pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

THEME: GOD'S LIGHT IN OUR HEARTS

2 Cor. 4:6

Thursday, March 6, 2025 Colour: Purple

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Dealing with Temptations

Celebrant: *The Rev. Fikayo Adenle*

Epistle: Titus 1:1-16 - Lay. Temitayo Gidado

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-4

Hymns: CONH 116, CONH 834, CONH 452

Preacher: *The Ven. Dr. Benjmain Okere*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Titus Babatunde Olayinka, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ogbomosho.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Adewale Adebisi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Oke-Ogun.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Adetola Adeyanju, Mr Oluwatosin Adigun, Engr. Adeyemi Ajibade, Otunba Samuel Deru, Mr Oluwagbemiga Odeneye, Miss Oyinkansola Odeneye, Mr Nwachukwu Obokohwo, Miss Obianuju Nwobi, Miss Obianufo Nwobi, Miss Olubusola Onakoya, Mr Olakunle Williams, Pharm. Alfred Osijoiki, Mr Chike Ezeagabu, Mr Chukwudi Okeke.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Chieji Family, Chiemelie Family, Chigbo Family, Chigbu Family, Chika Family, Chikozie Family, Chima



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

