

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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- U. **For The Choir**
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- V. **For Booking of the Hall**
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- 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.

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Vol. 23/12/52/2025

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, 28th December. - Saturday, 3rd Jan. 2026

CHRISTMAS 1

Theme: The Word Became Flesh

Colour: WHITE

Dr. Dayo Omogbehin
Cathedral Warden

Mr. Olawale Fasuyi
Cathedral Warden

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 – 28th Dec. 2025

A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe
 The Epistle: Dio/Layreader Gloria Okeke
 The Gospel: The Rev. Adeniyi Okeowo
 Preacher: The Ven. Abiodun
 Omoyelu

Intercessor: Rev. Dr. Oludare Ogungbe

❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 26

❖ Praise & Worship

❖ Preparation to Penitence—Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere

❖ The Epistle Galatians 4:1-7

❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 157

❖ The Gospel: John 1:14-18

❖ 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 65, 238, 237, 245

❖ The Ablution: CONH 428

❖ Post Communion Prayer

❖ Thanksgiving:

i. End of the month Thanksgiving

ii. Mr & Mrs Kunle Williams Family Thanksgiving & God's numerous blessings

iii. 55th birthday thanksgiving of The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu & God's numerous blessings.

iv. 50th wedding anniversary thanksgiving of Sir & Lady Lazarus Ezike, successful graduation of their children & God's numerous blessings.

v. Mr Joseph Danladi thanking God for successful retirement from service from AVMCC & God's numerous blessings.

❖ Doxology CONH 491

❖ Benediction

❖ Notices

❖ Diocesan Anthem

❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 989

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 RAPTORABLE.

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

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*737*000*40195+5000# to give #5000 from a GTB account

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Sort Code: 214150377.

USD Account Number - 2003086682

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26. 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	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.

HARVEST NEWS

The theme for this year's harvest is 'HARVEST OF GOODNESS AND MERCY' (Psalm 23:6)

1. Harvest Handover - Sunday, 11th January, 2026

23. NOTICE ON CATHEDRAL FINANCE

1. Payment of Church Dues for 2025.
 - (a) **Church Dues:** For Direct payment of Church Dues into the Cathedral Bank Account please send evidence of payment, Full Name and Year to the church office.
 - (b) All Societies should pay and send in their lists of members on or before December 20, 2025.
 - (c) All individuals should ensure payments are done by December 30, 2025.
2. Payments can now be done using POS Terminals which are available in the Church office.
3. All payments by cheques should have the payers name and phone for ease of reference, if the need arises.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

KINDLY TAKE CARE OF YOUR BELONGINGS IN THE CHURCH PLS

24. COMMITTEE'S, MINISTRIES & SOCIETIES REPORTS

This is to inform the above that the next Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday 22nd February, 2026. Kindly send the report of your activities for the year 2025 to the Cathedral Office.

25. NAMES OF CURRENT PRESIDENT & SECRETARIES & THEIR PHONE NUMBERS

This is to inform all Societies that the Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday, 22nd February, 2026. Kindly send the names of your current Presidents, Secretaries & their phone numbers to the Cathedral Office to enable us update the 2026 Vestry Report.

26. FIRST FRUIT – LEV. 23:10-11; DEUT. 26:1-10

1. Your first salary on a new job.
2. The first profit from a new line of business
3. For those already working, it is the first salary in the year.
4. When promoted to another level, the difference between your former salary and the new one.
5. To the aged with no pension, it is your first allowance from your children.
6. For Landlords and Landladies, the rent for the first month in the year is your first fruit.
7. For students, the poor, the jobless, it is your first gift in the year.

TEST GOD WITH IT, TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD – Mal. 3:10, Ps. 34:8

Acct NO - STANBIC IBTC - 9200212515- First Fruits

B. 10.00am

MATTINS
Cantor: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju
O.T. Reading: Layreader Edith Cookey
N.T. Reading: Layreader Temitayo Gidado
Preacher: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye
Intercessor: The Rev. Adeola Odusanya

❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 27

❖ Call to Worship

❖ Psalm 2 (To be Chanted)

❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 62:10-12

❖ Hymn: CONH 810

❖ N.T. Reading: John 1:14-18

❖ Apostle's Creed – Collects

❖ Hymn: CONH 157

❖ SERMON

❖ Worship Songs:

❖ Intercession - Grace

❖ The Offerings: **Choruses**

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

❖ **Thanksgiving:**

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❖ Doxology CONH 491

❖ Benediction

❖ Notices

❖ Diocesan Anthem

❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 164

EVENTS AHEAD

1. WATCHNIGHT SERVICE – Wednesday, 31 December, 2025 at 9.00pm.
2. NEW YEAR SERVICE – Thursday, 1st January, 2026 @ 7.00am & 10.00am.
3. Harvest Handover – Sunday, 11th January, 2026
4. Rededication of Ladies, Girls Guild & Royal Gems & Vessel – Sunday, 18th January, 2026 at 2.00pm.
Rededication of Ikeja Zonal Christian Mothers – Sunday, 25th January, 2026 at 2.00pm.
6. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – Wed. 18th February, 2026 at 6.00pm.
7. VESTRY MEETING - Sunday, 22nd February, 2026 after 10.00a.m service.

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

1. Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025 - Lord's Labourers
2. Sunday Jan. 4, 2026 - Clergy Family & Evangelical ministry
3. Sunday Jan. 11, 2026 - YMCA
4. Sunday Jan. 18, 2026 – Rededication of Royal Gem & Vessel
5. Sunday Jan. 25, 2026 – Rededication of DLW Christian Mothers
6. Sunday Feb. 1, 2026 – YWCA
7. Sunday Feb. 8, 2026 – Agape Sisters
8. Sunday Feb 15, 2026 – Anglican Fellowship
9. Sunday Feb. 22, 2026 - Vestry Meeting
10. Sunday Mar. 1, 2026 - Ambassadors of Christ

F. 7.00a.m & 10.00am - YOUTH SERVICE

Cantor: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Theme: The Word Became Flesh

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 27
- ❖ Opening Praise
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Psalm 2
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 62:10-12
- ❖ N.T. Reading: John 1:14-18
- ❖ Apostle's Creed – Collects
- ❖ Choir Ministration
- ❖ Word and Prayer Ministries
- ❖ Offerings: Praises

**(a) First Fruits (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed,
Offering**

- ❖ Thanksgiving:
- ❖ Youth Anthem
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 164

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20. 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. Young Wives Prayer Meeting – Every Thursday at 8.00pm on the YWF AVMCC WhatsApp Group.
- 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.

21. 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.

22. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

A. OBITUARY

- i. We announce the passing into glory of our Father Engr. John Nnaemeka Ofili of YMCA (Husband of Mrs Rose Ofili) Aged: 86 years. Burial arrangement are as follows:

Service of Songs: On Friday, 30th January, 2026 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.

Wake Keep: On Thursday, 5th February, 2026 at Ugbodu, Delta State.

Funeral Service: On Friday, 6th February, 2026 at Ugbodu, Delta State.

2. SENTENCES FOR CHRISTMAS 1

Introductory Sentence

Let the peace of Christ rule your hearts: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly and whatever you do, do everything to the glory of God.

Colossians 3:15, 17.

Collects for the Week:

Almighty God, You have given us Your only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him and to be born of a pure Virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Collects for the Season:

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

Post Communion Sentence

God showed His love among us, He sent His One and Only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

1 John 4:9.

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 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.**

4. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 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 our Bishop that many more parishioners under their Episcopal jurisdiction shall turn to the Lord as the sole solution to their challenges.
- ii. For the Rt. Rev. Andrew Ajayi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ekiti.

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 kidnapping and killings shall be a thing of the past in Nigeria.
- iii. Pray that God shall expose monsters behind the wickedness going on in the world.
- iv. Pray for peace of all Nations of the world.

C. Prayer for AVMCC

- i. Pray for spirit of humility among our members
- ii. Pray that we shall not lack help as we continue our journey in this coming year.
- iii. Pray for grace to constantly hear the voice of God as the sheep of His pasture.

D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Olanian Family, Olaniyi Family, Olankanpo Family, Olanlokun Family, Olanrewaju Family, Olaoye Family, Olatokun Family, Olatunji Family, Olawoyin Family, Olawunmi Family.

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

- i. For Mr Goddy Akujor, Mr Emeka Elo Chukwuma, Mr Daniel Alabuike, Sir Emeka Asiegwu, Mr Kingsley Asinobi, Mrs Uchenna Ndulue, Mr Wale Awe, Miss Mojoyinola Olabode, Mrs Godiya Fwangkat, Mrs Lovina Emeffo, Mrs Iyamide Gafar, Mr Oyeniyi Sodipo, Mrs Precious Itua, Mr Olutayo Ayeni, Mrs Omobonike Museo, Miss Oladunni Taiwo, Mrs Itohan Uduehi.
- 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.



AVMCC HARVEST ACCOUNT

18. AVMCC CHURCH NEEDS

Dear Parishioners,

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

Development of our landed properties

Painting of the Adetiloye & Vining halls
Sound System Overhaul (Mixer, Amp etc) N1.8m

400 Plastic Chairs for the Halls
80 Plastic Tables for the Halls

1 Ambulance Bus

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)

MURAL & CREATIVE PAINTING OF A MODERN

CRECHE AND PLAYGROUP = 642,000

WALLPAPER & SAVSTICKERS = 84,000

VINYL FLOOR CARPET = 469,220

Premium underlay for crèche = 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.

15. ICT LOUNGE:

Kindly patronize the AVMCC ICT LOUNGE at Adetiloye House (Ground Floor), which opens at 9.00am-5.00pm 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 No: 07063214646.

16. SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Revd Yinka Akinpeju - 08024060758

Adetunji Odeneye - 08033163337

Mrs Folake Owolabi - 08023156546

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.

B. Sales & Marketing: are needed at Akzul Nigeria Limited Aviation Company. Interested persons to send their CV to Akzul@yahoo.com. Or call - 08023925590.

C. CATERING SERVICES

A caterer is urgently needed in the Guest House. Interested person (preferably a parishioner) to submit application to the Dean's Secretary in the Cathedral Office.

18. AVMCC Endowment Fund: Subscribe Today!

Invest in the future of our Cathedral.

The AVMCC Endowment Fund is a lasting legacy to support the growth and mission of our church community.

Disbursement support goes toward:

- ② Education & Training of Priests, Cathedral Staff & Indigent Children ② Economic Empowerment through the EEP
- ② Evangelism ② Social Welfare
- ② Many parishioners collected the Endowment Pledge Form last year but have not yet returned it.

Kindly submit your completed form to the Cathedral Wardens. Need a form? Please contact any of the Cathedral Wardens.

② Contact Info: +234 803 600 199 | +234 811 276

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AVMCC Endowment Fund Committee

Diocese of Lagos West – Anglican Communion

5. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 2025

THEME: THE WORD BECAME FLESH

**READING: PSALM 2; ISAIAH 62:10-12;
GALATIANS 4:1-7; JOHN 1:14-18**

“The Word became flesh”. This is a phrase most of us, if not all, are familiar with. We read it year in year out, especially during Christmas season. So what does it mean?

The Phrase ‘The Word became Flesh’ is a simple term used in explaining the mystery of Christ's incarnation as both divine and human (God and man). Apostle John describes him in John 1:1 as the ‘Word’ who has been from the beginning, who has also been with God and who is also God.

‘The Word became Flesh’ as believed by many New Testament scholars is the fulfillment of all Old Testament prophecies. Beginning from Genesis 3:15, Jesus said to be coming as the rescuer of all humanity from sin and Satan. Jeremiah 23:5 proclaims that Jesus will be from the tribe of Jesse, a king that deals justly and wisely with all. Finally, we see in Isaiah 7:14 that Jesus is prophesied to be born of a virgin, having God alone as His Father, and being called Immanuel, God with us.

Each of these prophecies is fulfilled as Jesus is conceived by the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:28-38), from the line of Jesse (Matthew 1:5-6), and has ultimately defeated sin, Satan, and death as He bore the weight of the world on the cross and rose from the grave. God becoming flesh means the rescuer we needed in Genesis 3:15 has finally come, and He has come to stay and dwell among us.

The “Word became flesh” is a pivotal phrase from John 1:14 signifying that the divine, pre-existent “Word” (Logos) took on human form as Jesus Christ, embodying God's invisible presence in the visible, tangible world, revealing His glory, grace, and truth to humanity.

It describes the mystery of Jesus’ incarnation, where the eternal God entered human history as a man, becoming both fully divine and fully human to dwell among people, fulfilling prophecy and offering salvation.

According to Galatians 4:4 God sent forth His Son 'The Word' at the fullness of time to redeem those who were under the law and that through Him we may become an heir and no longer slaves. In other words, Jesus (The Word) became flesh and dwelt among us, and made the Father known to us. So, going back to John 1:18 which says "No one has ever seen God, it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known". Here, John wants us to understand that the reason the Word became flesh was that we might get to know the Father. Jesus is the Father's Word to us. Jesus is the revelation of God the Father. How do we get to know the Father? By getting to know Jesus. Jesus, the Word made flesh, is the way to the Father. If we want to know the Father, go through Jesus.

Six Reasons Why the Word became flesh

1. So that God could dwell with humanity.
2. To reveal God's glory, grace, and truth in a tangible way to humanity.
3. To offer salvation through His life, death, and resurrection.
4. To bridge the gap between the divine and human.
5. To fulfil prophecy.
6. To provide humanity with a path of reconciliation with God.

As Christians, our response to "the Word becoming flesh" should therefore be in awe, worship, and transformation, leading us to make room for Jesus in our hearts, believe in Him as our Saviour, reflect His glory in our lives, and share His grace with the world, becoming His messengers. It is about receiving God's presence, accepting His salvation, and living out His divine life daily as God's children.

"The Word became flesh" is the greatest gift from God to mankind. God loves us and thinks so much about us that He became one of us. Therefore, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ this season, let us not forget that He is the Word that became Flesh. He lived and conquered all sin, all shame, and all death for our sakes. We should therefore use this period to make our hearts and minds focus on the goodness and graciousness of a God who desires all people to know Him and make Him known to those who are yet to know Him so that we can all behold His glory.

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 –Kemi Oyedokun - 08161844858.

Just 4 Guys Co-ord. – Mayowa Oshadare - 08034544366

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. **2026 Bible Quiz Book – The Book of NUMBERS**

E. Evangelical Ministry

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 fellowshipping of God's grace every last Thursday of the month at 11.00am.

For the fellowship's objectives, registration form and other information, visit the church office or call 08023125243.

D. AVMCC Guest House

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

E. Admission to DLW Vocational Center, City

of God, 10 Majiyagbe Layout, Ipaja.

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

F. Lagos Anglican Dioceses Bible College, Lagos

Enrolment into Advanced Diploma Course in Biblical Studies at LABICO is ongoing. Pls obtain your form from LABICO Office 17 Broad Street Lagos or from the Cathedral Church Office or contact 08033083851. **Admission form- N3,000.**

G. 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.

H. 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

- Bishop Howells Memorial Grammar School, Bariga
The forms for the above schools are out at the rate of **₦20,000**.
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.

13. MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIPS

A. Children's Ministry

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

B. COUNSELLING MINISTRY

Prospective couples are counselled in the ministry after which they are referred to the priest assigned to them for the concluding part of the Counselling session.

Counselees from overseas (with evidence) who intend to spend a short period in the country for their wedding, undergo crash programmes because of their time limitations.

NOTES

5. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

December 21– December 27, 2025

7.00 am Holy Communion	779
7.00 am Youth Service	324
7.00 am Sunday School	-
10.00 am Mattins	667
10.00 am Youth Service	134
10.00 am Sunday School	-
Tuesday Bible Study	-
Wednesday Holy Communion	123
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	-

6. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The following Societies will meet immediately in the Church after service:
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- Band of Faith Society*
- Ladies Christian League*
- Christian Friends Society*
- Lord Labourers Fellowship*

7. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 28th Dec. 2025

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlembola, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Dr. B. Ibidapo-Obe, Mrs Gina Okolo.

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

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 4th Jan., 2026

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

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Pharm Ranti Adedeji, Dr. Remi Oladapo-Sanu, Pharm Dele Ajala, Sis. Boladuro Ajibola.

B. Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 28th Dec. - Saturday, 3rd Jan. 2026

Bolaji Dania (**Captain**), Ogunleye Adeboboye, (**Assistant Captain**), Ayo Tetede, Juliet Chimezie, Omotola Onakoya, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Rita Osibodu, Olusegun Esan, Michael Enujiroke, Segun Openiyi, Okedurum Andrew, Newman Ekwegh, Helen Adewale, Olusola Poroye.

ii. Sunday 4th Jan. - Saturday, 10th Jan. 2026

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

10. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Christmas II January 4

Theme: God Leads And Protects His Own

Colour: White

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Diocesan

Epistle: *Revelations 21:22-22:1-5*

Layreader: *Titi Afolabi*

Gospel: *Matthew 2:1-2, 19-23*

The Rev. Adeola Odusanya

Address: *The Diocesan*

Venue: *The Adetiloye House*

Celebrant: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

Preacher: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

10.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Diocesan

Epistle: *Revelations 21:22-22:1-5*

Dio/ Lay. *Grace Odukomiaya*

Gospel: *Matthew 2:1-2, 19-23*

The Rev. Adeniyi Okeowo

Address: *The Diocesan*

6.00 pm: EUCHARIST WITH ANOINTING

Celebrant: *The Rev. Adefope Adetiloye*

Epistle: *Revelations 21:22-22:1-5*

Gospel: *Matthew 2:1-2, 19-23*

Preacher: *The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*

12. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Banns 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.

1ST NOTICE

Mr Kenechukwu Okagbue & Miss Onyekachi Nwaogu

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.

Friday, January 2, 2026 Colour: White
6.00am Alpha & Omega
7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Trust in the Lord

Celebrant: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere

Epistle: Psalm 125:1-5- Lay. A. Okpara

Gospel John 6:1-14

Hymns: CONH 116, CONH 828, CONH 835

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Jeremiah Ndana Kolo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Kutigi.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Chijioke Oti, his family and all members of the Diocese on the Lake.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthday today: Mrs Beatrice Agbola, Miss Shirley Agu, Mr Frank Ajala, Arch Omololu Akinbobola, Mr Adeolu Aladesawe, Mrs Amarachi Diala, Mrs Oluchi George, Mrs Elechi Godson-Ikoro, Onyedikachi Ejike-Kanu, Mrs Grace Nwosu, Mrs Phoebe Ogbu, Mr Festus Okiya, Miss Divine Agbo, Mr Nwabueze Ubani, Mr Oduntan Dada, Mrs Joy Ubaka, Mrs George Eze, Mr Ugochukwu Anemeje.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Olumoroti Family, Olumuyiwa Family, Olundegun Family, Olupitan Family, Olusa Family, Olusanya Family, Olusegun-Adeyanju Family, Oluseye Family, Olusina Family, Olusodo Family.

6.30pm. Choir Practice

Saturday, January 3, 2026 Colour: White
6.00am Alpha & Omega

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Prayers –Birth lasting Revival

Celebrant: The Rev. Adeola Odunsanya

Epistle: Psalm 126:1-6-Dio/Lay. K. Akinyemi

Gospel: John 6:15-27

Hymns: CONH 118, CONH 803(II), CONH 877

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Oludare Ogungbe

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Chidi Oparaojiaku, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ohaji/Egbema.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthday today: Mrs Ijeoma Unogu, Miss Olubusola Agboola, Miss Ifeoma Agu, Mr Ernest Elue, Mrs Titilayo Fasogbon, Mrs Joyce Ezeigbo, Mrs Bolanle Odutayo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Olusoga Family, Olusola Family, Olutayo Family, Oluwakoya Family, Oluwase Family, Oluwatosin Family, Oluwatusin Family, Oluwatuyi Family, Oluwole Family, Omaghi Family.

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. AMARACHUKWU	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

HYMN FOR DOXOLOGY - (CONH 491)

1. Let Your blessings, Lord, attend us,
As we go out of this place,
And abiding in Your presence
Basking in Your joy and grace.
2. Let us in Your sight find favour
In all on which our hands lay
Make Your face Lord shine upon us
As You lead us on our way.
3. May Your heavenly peace surround us
Turn our darkness into light,
Give us strength, now and forever
So, to live within Your might.
4. God, our compassionate Father,
Look upon us with mercy
Let Your Name receive our praises
Now and for eternity. Amen.

9. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 29, 2025 Colour: White

The Holy Innocents' day (Transferred)

6.00am Alpha & Omega

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Be Comforted

Ante Communion: Layreader Chijioke Onuma

Celebrant: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

The Rev. Dr. Dare Ogungbe

Epistle: II John 1-13 -Lay. Nneka Ochoku

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

Hymns: CONH 124, CONH 835, CONH 877

Preacher: Layreader F.Okey-Ogbu

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Johnson Atere, his family and all members of the Diocese of Awori.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Sunday Adewole, his family and all members of the Diocese of Kwara.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthday today: Mr Adeyemi Adejuwon, Mr Christian Ajulu, Miss Amaka Akuihe, Miss Gloria Ineh, Miss Omosewe Jide-Fadiya, Mr Chukwudi Anyakora, Mr Daniel Nwaokeneme, Mr Chidera Obi, Mr Ugochukwu Okaro.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Olawuwo Family, Olayemi Family, Olayinka Family, Olikeze Family, Olisaemeka Family, Oliver Family, Olodetohun Family, Olofin Family, Olofin-Sodeinde Family, Ologunde Family.

6.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesday, December 30, 2025 Colour: White

6.00am Alpha & Omega

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Full of Grace and Truth

Celebrant: The Rev. Adeniyi Okeowo

Epistle: III John 1-15 - Lay. J. Nwadiugwu

Gospel: John 1:14-18

Hymns: CONH 18, CONH 770, CONH 828

Preacher: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Henry Okeke, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ideato.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthday today: Mrs Abonyi Madueke, Miss Odunola Atolagbe, Mr Stanley Ekwunife, Mrs Fela Shodeke, Natalie Shodeke, Mrs Nkechi Isong, Mr Chimezie Unogu, Mr Chibuzo Okoli, Mrs Toyin Makinde-Akinrolabu, Mr Ikenna Okebata, Mr Enitan Odunyi, Mr Bayo Opadiran, Mr Tochi Madubuike.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Oloko Family, Olomolehin Family, Oloniniyi Family, Olopade Family, Olorunfemi Family, Olorunfemi-Ojo Family, Olorunhundo Family, Olorunsola Family, Oloruntoba Family, Olowojoba Family.

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 Colour: White

New Year Eve

6.00am Alpha & Omega

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: On a Note of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Epistle: Psalm 124:1-8- Dio/Lay. T. Faloyin

Gospel: John 5:1-15

Hymns: CONH 26, CONH 179 (I), CONH 608

CONH 836.

Preacher: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

Prayer Point

- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthday today: Rev. Dr. Ogo-Oluwa Adeyemi, Mrs Beatrice Ikwuemesi, Mrs Benedicta Amadi, Mrs Evelyn Anyadiiegwu, Mr Bright Ucheka, Mrs Caroline Sodeinde, Mr Ebuka Okechukwu, Ms Catherine Ejike, Miss Anayo Hale, Miss Olamide Ola-Isola, Placidaus Ogueliwa.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Olowokande Family, Olowole Family, Olowoniyi Family, Olowosile Family, Olowoyo Family, Olowu Family, Olowu-Fadeyibi Family, Oloyede Family, Olua Family, Olubobokun Family.
- ❖ 10th year remembrance of our Matriarch Late Mama Caroline Adefiola Adebiyi.

8.00pm PRAISES & WORSHIP

9.00 pm INTERCESSION & ANOINTING SERVICE

10.00 pm WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

12.00 am COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, January 1, 2026 Colour: White

6.00am Alpha & Omega

6.00am Hour of Blessings

7.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion

Theme: The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Celebrant: The Diocesan

O.T. Reading: Genesis 17:19-24

Epistle: Romans 4:8-14

Gospel: Luke 2:21-24

Hymns: CONH 29, 247, 561, 163, 628, 619
19, 509

Preacher: The Diocesan

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Stanley Fube, his family and all members of the Diocese of Langtang.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthday today: Mr Ogochukwu Anukaenyi, Mr Samuel Chukwudum, Mrs Ngozi Ekekezie, Mrs Folasade Ogunsakin, Mr Demuvi Eferakeya, Mr Obinna Kanu, Mr Chito Ezeani, Mr Paul Igbede, Mrs Amaka Joe-Nwagbo, Mr Manhattan Madu, Mr Gabriel Okoli, Engr. Uche Nwoji, Mr Nnamdi Obi, Mrs Florence Oguchi, Mrs Chinyere Okeke, Ms Susan Olorunhundo, Miss Chidinma Olugbua, Mr Abiodun Oluseye, Mr Samuel Olanrewaju, Mr Iziken Omiunu, Mr Humphrey Opara, Mrs Amaka Eke, Mr Alezander Okorocha, Ms Chinazor Agbasimalo, Mrs Ada Agbasimalo, Mrs Frances Nwadigo, Mr Chinedu Ikenua.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Olubodun Family, Olufade Family, Olufowobi Family, Olufunwa Family, Olugbogi Family, Olugbua Family, Olukole Family, Olukolu Family, Oluleye Family, Olumide Family.