

## 7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

Colour: PURPLE

Theme: **PREPARING OTHERS FOR  
ETERNAL SALVATION**

**Celebrant: Ven. Henry Adelegan**

Stewards on Duty: **Group B**

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 46 (*Winchester New*)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Matthew 3 :3*
3. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
4. **Collect for Purity**
5. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
6. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
7. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

8. **Collects:**

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

*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 for ever. Amen.*

9. **Epistle:** I Corinthians 4: 1-5 - **Mr. Solanke Ogunlana**
10. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 498 (*Tune A&MRW 337 -  
Blaenwern*)
11. **Gospel:** Luke 3: 1 - 18 **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
12. **Sermon:** Canon Residentiary
13. **Creed:** (Page 178)
14. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Mrs. Uwaila Ogunlana**
15. **The Peace:** (page 186)
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Luke 9:60*
17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 487 (*Love Unknown*)
18. **Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer** (Pages 187-190)
19. **Breaking of Bread to Anthem:** (Pages 190-193)
20. **Prayer of Humble Access:** (Pages 193-194)
21. **Communion Sentence:** *"As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'" Matthew 10:7*
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
  
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
  - (i) A&MRW 506 (*Aurelia*)
  - (ii) A&MRW 436 (*Tune A&MRW 231- (Regent Square)*)

- (iii) A&MRW 499 (*Tune A&MRW 422 - Hyfrydol*)
- (iv) A&MRW 505 (*Thornbury*)
- (v) A&MRW 460 (*Song 1*)
- (vi) A&MRW 453 (*St. Helen*)
- (vii) A&MRW 450 (*Tune: A&MRW 293 - Everton*)
- (viii) A&MRW 646 (*Benson*)
- 24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 488 (*Lux Eoi*)
- 25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *God for whom we watch and wait, You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of Your Son: give us the courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of the right to prepare this generation for eternity with You, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- 26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
- 27. **Thanksgiving at the Altar**  
- **Outing: Family of late Chief Christopher Ogunbanjo**  
(A&MRW 296)
- 28. **Spiritual Tonic: Joel 2:32**
- 29. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Pages 404)
- 30. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 507 (*Fulda*)  
*At the Organ: Mr. Jola Adeosun*

## **9.15 A.M. CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHURCH**

**WORSHIPPING**

**IN THE MAIN**

**CHURCH**

## **9.15 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**AND**

**PARTY**

*THE BIRTH OF JESUS*

*Luke 2: 1-14*

*Conductor: Revd. Henry Mooh*

# 9.15 a.m. CHRISTMAS CAROLS OF NINE LESSONS

Conductor: The Provost  
(Special Programme)

## Readers at the Christmas Carol Service of Nine Lessons

1. Name: Children's Church  
(Master Ademide Martins)  
Theme: The Fall of Man  
Passage: Gen. 3: 1-24
2. Name: Choir Boy (Adekitan Ademorin)  
Theme: The Promise to Abraham  
Passage: Gen. 22: 1- 19
3. Name: Federal Society for the Blind  
Theme: The Prophet Tells of the Prince  
of Peace  
Passage: Isaiah 9: 2,6-7
4. Name: Chief Eric Teniola  
Theme: The Prohecy of the Messiah's Kingdom of Peace  
Passage: Isaiah 11: 1-9
5. Name: Chief (Mrs) Olawunmi  
Fajemirokun  
Theme: The Annunciation to Mary  
Passage: Luke 1:26-38
6. Name: Mrs. Bisi Shonekan  
Theme: The Birth of Emmanuel  
Passage: Matt. 1: 18-23
7. Name: Ms. Alero Browne  
Theme: The Shepherds' Visit  
Passage: Luke 2: 8-20
8. Name: Mr. 'Supo Shasore, SAN  
Theme: Adoration of the Magi  
Passage: Matt. 2: 1-12
9. Name: Ven. Henry Adelegan  
Theme: St. John Unfolds The Great  
Mystery of the Incarnation  
Passage: John 1:1-14

### Thanksgiving at the Altar:

- Wedding Thanksgiving of Babasola and Adenike Sosanya  
(A&MRW 753)
- Family of Late Chief J.K. Randle Memorial Thanksgiving  
(A&MRW 303)
- Outing: Family of late Mrs. Claudette Adetutu Dawodu  
(A&MRW 299)

# SUNDAY 17/12/2023

# Day 351

*Bible in a year: Micah 4,5; Revelation 12*

**Points for Prayer:**

- ❖ *The Venerable Samuel A.O. Osungbeju, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ibadan North and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ *All those trusting in God for the fruit of the womb*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Okene (Lokoja, Nigeria)**
  
- ❖ **Birthdays Intercession:**  
*Mrs. Cecilia Olufunmilayo Onojobi, Prince Adebayo Michael Onakoya, Master Akinsanya Sode, Master David Demilade Adeyeye, Master Emmanuel Obinna Ogolo, Miss Titilayo Mabogunje, Mr. Adebayo Abiodun King, Mrs. Simileluwa Martins.*
  
- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**  
*Prince and Mrs. Michael Onakoya, 49th Wedding Anniversary.*
  
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
  - (i) *Revd. Capt. Samuel Williams Olatubosun Doherty(Rtd), 6 years' mind.*
  - (ii) *Mr. Victor Adekunle Williams, 6 years' mind*
  - (iii) *Mrs. Martha Leopold Thomas, 9 years' mind.*
  - (iv) *Mrs. Josephine Abimbola Adeseye, 12 years' mind*
  
- ❖ **Family Intercession:**  
**Families of** *Late Chief E.A.O. Shonekan, GCFR, CPA, Mr. Taiwo Soyawo, Late Surv. S. Ekundayo Martins, Mrs. Gladys Aberdeen, Dr. Sonuga, Late Mr Bamidele Coker, Late Mr. D.O. Ogun, Late Mr. Deji Sasegbon, Mr. Enyinnaya Akagha, Mr. Daniel Etim-Effiong, Late Mr. Victor Wey.*
  
- ❖ **Prayer for Businesses**  
*F.O. Fagbohunbe & Co, Come On Naija Limited, Hommaston Limited, Festive Bow, Snappilly Ever after Photography Services, Abax-Oosa Professionals, MBO Capital Management Limited, Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority, Thaname, B.I.D. Ezeogu & Associates, Ogeciious Ventures, Bengyees Ventures, Digitrack Nig. Ltd; Fortissimo Nig. Ltd. Mastatouch Nig. Enterprises, Knowledge Transfer Consulting, Phika (Nig.) Limited, Oieka Nigeria Limited, Quramo Media Group, Lenox Heights Ltd., Purple Scents Ltd, Quintus Projects Ltd, Favoured One Catering Services, Goodness and Mercy Enterprises, Neak B Ventures. ALP NG & Co. Ryansteve Logistics and Ventures.*

## SUNDAY 17/12/2023 - MEETINGS

9.00 a.m. *There will be a meeting of The Koinonia.*

**After Mattins**

- (ii) *The Monthly General Meeting of the Choirwives/Choir Parents Association will hold in the Choir Vestry.*
- (iii) *The Monthly General Meeting of the Cathedral Missionary Society will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (iv) *Executive Committee Meeting of the Cathedral Circle will take place at the Fellowship Centre.*

11.00 a.m. -1.00 p.m. **Clinic**

**CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

# ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 18/12/2023 Colour: PURPLE

Day 352

*Bible in a year: Micah 6,7; Revelation 3*

6.45a.m. **Holy Communion**

**Celebrant: Revd. Canon 'Kunle Dina**

**Epistle: Rev. 3: 7-13**

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

**Points for Prayer**

- ❖ *The Very Revd. A.A. Alalade, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ibadan South and the Assistant Synod Secretaries*
- ❖ *All Church projects across the Diocese.*
- ❖ **The Anglican Church of Korea.**
  
- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**  
*Squadron Ldr Olatunde Coker, Mrs. Aderonke Kokoruwe(nee Ademiluyi), Mrs. Majolagbe Obire, Mr. Habila Golen, Mr. Temitope Samuel Shittu, Mrs. Aderonke Shoneye, Master Adriel Abba Yunusa, Mr. Olumuyiwa Sowunmi.*
  
- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**  
*Mr & Mrs. J.A. Spaine, 58th Wedding Anniversary.*
  
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
  - (i) *Mrs. Abigail Oyebimpe Kehinde Sowemimo, 20 years' mind.*
  - (ii) *Engr. Olabamidele Adamson, 21 years' mind.*

6.45 a.m. **Family of late Mrs. Abigail Oyebimpe Kehinde Sowemimo, 20 years' mind.**

TUESDAY – 19/12/2023

Colour: PURPLE

Day 353

*Bible in a year: Nahum 1-3; Revelation 14*

6.45a.m. **Holy Communion**

**Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh**

**Epistle: Rev. 3: 14-22**

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

**Points for Prayer**

- ❖ *The Ven. Dr. Taiwo Olodude, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Oyo and the Assistant Synod Secretaries*
- ❖ *8th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Oluwasegun and Mrs. Oluwayemisi Sopeju.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Oke-Ogun (Ibadan, Nigeria).**
  
- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**  
*Mrs. Olaitan Adekunbi, Mr. Stephen Olukayode Sorinwa, Mr. Emmanuel Oluyomi Ajilo, Mr. Abiodun Oyeyemi Afolabi, Miss Temitope Kuti, Engr. Shobowale Gbolahan Abimbola, Master Simileoluwa Abimbola, Miss Aderinsola Aurela Phillips.*
  
- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary:**
  - (i) *Revd. Olusegun and Mrs. Omolara Lufadeju, 8th Wedding Anniversary.*
  - (ii) *Mr & Mrs. Lanre Sasegbon, 16th Wedding Anniversary*
  - (iii) *Mr & Mrs. Bunmi Olubode, 31st Wedding Anniversary.*
  
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
  - (i) *Mr. Taiwo Koffie Sagoe, 11 years' mind.*
  - (ii) *Mrs. Angela Dalla Modupe-Davies, 12 years' mind.*
  - (iii) *Mr. Hector Erastus Abiodun Wilson, 27 years' mind.*
  - (iv) *Mr. Emmanuel Ifeanyi Abiose Okwuraiwe, 35 years' mind.*

**WEDNESDAY -20/12/2023**

**Colour: PURPLE**

**Day 354**

*Bible in a year: Habakkuk 1-3; Psalm 145*

**6.45 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** The Provost

**Epistle:** Rev. 4: 1-8

**Gospel:** Matt. 24: 45-51

**Points for Prayer**

- ❖ The Revd. Canon J.A. Adekunle, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Oke Ogun and Assistant Synod Secretaries.
- ❖ 15th Wedding Anniversary of The Revd. Ayokunle and Mrs. Adeyinka Ogunyinka
- ❖ **The Diocese of Oke-Osun (Ibadan, Nigeria)**
  
- ❖ **BirthDay Intercession:**  
Mr. Femi Odunayo Oladunni, Engr. Justice Tochukwu Chime, Mrs. Tokunbo Kofoworola Orekoya (nee Ogunyemi), Miss Mary Adekunbi, Miss Doris Uzoamaka Njoku, Miss Rose Sackey, Miss Yewande Majiyagbe, Mr. Olusola Okikiade(Jnr), Master Daniel Nwobodo, Miss Daniella Nwobodo, Miss Emmanuella Faloye.
  
- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession**  
Mr. and Mrs. Olufemi Atteh, 26th Wedding Anniversary
  
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
  - (i) Mrs. Abiola Omotayo Peters, 22 years' mind.
  - (ii) Engr. Alexander Adekunle Adeniji-Fashola, 37 years' mind.
  - (iii) Hon. John Adepitan Otunba-Payne, 117 years' mind

**5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting**

**THURSDAY – 21/12/2023**

**Colour: PURPLE**

**Day 355**

*Bible in a year: Zephaniah 1-3; Revelation 15*

**6.45 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

**Epistle:** Rev. 4: 9-5.5

**Gospel:** Matt. 25: 1-13

**Points for Prayer**

- ❖ The Venerable Emmanuel A. Ojo, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ife-East and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.
- ❖ Mr. Kunle Meadows - An Altar Server in the Diocese.
- ❖ **The Diocese of Okigwe (Owerri, Nigeria)**
  
- ❖ **BirthDay Intercession:**  
Prof. Debo Adeyemi, Ms. Adebimpe Adepeju Alaba, Miss Oluwadamilola Elizabeth Abidogun, Miss OreOluwakiitan Makinwa, Miss Felicity Bodunde Ademokun, Master Tanitoluwa Adeyeye, Miss Millicent Bucknor, Miss Omotayo Demuren, Dr. Rotimi Ekisola, Mrs Omolade Durosinmi-Etti(nee Fajemirokun)
  
- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**  
Mr & Mrs. David Majekodunmi, 32nd Wedding Anniversary.
  
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
  - (i) Chief Bonifacio John Alabi Oyebode, 11 years' mind.
  - (ii) Mr. Akijobi Oyedola Sodeinde, 16 years' mind.
  - (iii) Mr. Jibolu Gbadebo Ayodele, 46 years' mind.

**FRIDAY - 22/12/2023**

**Colour: PURPLE**

**Day 356**

*Bible in a year: Haggai 1,2; Revelation 16*

**6.45 a.m. Celebrant: Canon Residentiary**

**Epistle: Rev. 5: 6-14**

**Gospel: Matt. 25: 14-30**

**Points for Prayer**

- ❖ *The Venerable J.A. Oladeinde, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Osun North and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Solomon Omoare Aiyedun(70)*
- ❖ *Mrs. Peace C. Okoli*
- ❖ **The Diocese of Okigwe North.**
  
- ❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**  
*Mrs. Christianah A. Chukwu(80), Miss Ese Bob-Okonedo, Miss Itunu Awogbade, Mr. Christian Azoani Agozie, Miss Abiodun Georgina Ajisafe, Mr. Afolabi Olumuyiwa Osiberu, Miss Mosopef Oluwa George, Miss Jessica Ingleby, Miss Temitope Angela Farri, Mr. Adebayo Olumide, Mr. Ekwueme Udemba, Mr. Chidiebere Ezenwabasili, Mr. Olufemi Okikiade.*
  
- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary:**  
*(i) Mr. Oluwatoyosi and Mrs. Peju Odunmbaku, 11th Wedding Anniversary.*  
*(ii) Mr & Mrs. Ademola Olubunmi Kuti, 21st Wedding Anniversary.*
  
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**  
*Chief Mrs. Margaret Oluremilekun Young, 22 years' mind.*

**6.45 a.m. Altar Call: Mrs. Christianah A. Chukwu, 80th Birthday Thanksgiving.**

**12.00 Noon: Wedding: Oguonu and Iwekogu**

**2.00 p.m. Wedding: Omobolanle Akinkugbe and Adedeji**

**Tejuosho**

**5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Class**

**SATURDAY -23/12/2023**

**Colour: PURPLE**

**Day 357**

*Bible in a year: Zechariah 1,2; Psalm 146,147*

**7.45a.m. Holy Communion**

**Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye**

**Epistle: Rev. 6: 1-17**

**Gospel: Matt. 25: 31-46**

**Points for Prayer:**

- ❖ *The Venerable M.K. Olanihun, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ilesha South West, and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Paul Abiodun Fasoro*
- ❖ *The Revd. Stephen Odunayo Akinbolade*
- ❖ *Mrs. Chizoba Okechukwu-Ikeri*
- ❖ *Mrs. Abigail Omolola Olorundare*
- ❖ **The Bishops of the Dioceses of Okigwe South (Owerri, Nigeria)**
  
- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**  
*Prince Immanuel Churchill Olubodunwa Omogbehin, Miss Harriet Azu, Mrs. Edewele Abodunrin Babatunde, Mr. Oluwagbemiga Oni, Mr. Charles Amala Ahuchuaogu, Mr. Adegboyega Ajayi, Miss Mawume Akran, Master Ifeanyi Nzekwe, Mrs. Anuoluwapo Eniola Oduwole, Mrs. Erefa Thomas, Mr. Tunji Odugbesan, Mr. Rotimi Ayodele Odumuyiwa*
  
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**  
*(i) Omoba Dr. Adedolapo Ademola, 1 year's mind.*  
*(ii) Chief Richmond Gbadebo Daniel, 15 years' mind.*  
*(iii) Pa Isaac Omotosho Owoka, 27 years' mind.*  
*(iv) Pa Gabriel Oluwole Laja, 35 years' mind.*

# Bible Study Outline

**THEME: GOD'S CHILDREN AS PILGRIMS TO THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM:  
MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S REIGN ON EARTH**

**SUB-THEME:** Living the Victorious Life 2

**TOPIC:** Victory Over Sin

**TEXTS:** Rom 8:1-11

**AIMS:**

*i. to understand study the concept of victory over sin*

*ii. to expound on the work of redemption as the basis of our victory over sin.*

## INTRODUCTION

The doctrine of sin is central to Christianity, since It is an immoral act considered to be a transgression of divine law and its basic message is about redemption in Christ. Overcoming sin starts by realizing the fact that our body has been purchased by God, and through Christ's redemption, you can have the power to live in victory over sin. Our Bible passage today clearly exposed us to the fact that only those in Christ Jesus, who had been born of the Spirit have the power over sin and carnalities of this world.

## STUDY GUIDE:

1. Define sin in the context of Gen 3:11-12; Rom 3:23
2. How have we received victory over sin? Matt 20:28; Rom 3:24-25; 5:8.
3. How can we abuse the grace of salvation and victory over sin in a sinful world? Rom 8:5-6; 1Jn 1:8; 2:4.
4. How can we continuously live a victorious life over sin? Rom 6:13-14; 8:1-2, 6; Gal 5:16

**CONCLUSION:** The Redemption work of our Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary formed the basis for our victory over sin. As pilgrims to the kingdom of God, we must always live sacrificial lives of righteousness through wish the sinful works in the world shall be rendered meaningless to our Christian livelihood.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Christ conquered sin, only His followers can enjoy victory over sin.

**MEMORY VERSE:** Rom. 6: 14 "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."



SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

*JOEL 2:32*

“And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.”

I have called on the name of the Lord and He has saved me. I have been delivered from the assaults of the enemies. No matter what the circumstances may hold, whatever is coming against me, I stand safe and secure because the Lord called out my name and I responded. My destiny, henceforth, is one of greatness. I have declared it, and so shall it be in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.



**ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS**

39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION

**ARTICLE X & XI**

**10. Free Will**

The condition of man since the fall of Adam is such that he cannot turn and prepare himself by his own natural strength and good works for faith and for calling upon the name of the Lord. Hence we have no power to do good works which are pleasing and acceptable to God, unless the grace of God through Christ goes before us so that we may have a good will, and continues to work with us after we are given that good will.

**11. The Justification of Man**

We are accounted righteous before God solely on account of the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through faith and not on account of our own good works or of what we deserve. Consequently the teaching that we are justified by faith alone is a most wholesome and comforting doctrine. This is taught more fully in the homily on Justification.

**TITHE:**

**Remember to pay your Tithe\***

*(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)*

**1013180620**

**(The tithe is a tenth of all our increase)**

*‘You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field, year by year’ Deut. 14:22.*

**SUSTENTATION**

Please pay your Sustentation/Church Dues (for the upkeep of the Church to: First Bank: **2000519164**

(Kindly indicate the following: Name & Sustentation No)

**157, BAMBOSE BUILDING PROJECT**

Please pay all donations toward the project into Cathedral Access Bank Account Number: **0773948851**

*(I Chronicles 29:14)*

## PAYMENT INTO CHURCH'S ACCOUNTS

"Honour the LORD with your possession... so your barns will be filled with plenty". Proverbs 3: 9&10.  
Your kind and generous donations to the Cathedral will be highly appreciated. Below are the Church's Bank Accounts.

No	PURPOSE	BANK	ACCT NO
1.	Social Welfare Service Unit	Polaris Bank	1770128010
2.	Cathedral Clinic	First Bank	2000514561
3.	Donations/Sunday Collection/Thankoffering	GT Bank	0124088211
4.	Offertory/Communion Basket	UBA	1017498994
5.	Sustentation	First Bank	2000519164
6.	Family Harvest/Harvest Donatons	FCMB	0130543010
		Union Bank	0071028724

You can also visit the Cathedral website [www.thecathedrallagos.org](http://www.thecathedrallagos.org) to make your donations.  
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DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

## WOMEN'S CORNER *NOTICES* CLOSED FOR THE YEAR

### Payment of Sacrifice

#### - Women's and Girls' Organisations

May God bless and prosper you as you give monthly towards Women's work in the Diocese. Thank you for giving to the Lord. Kindly make cheques payable to Womens' & Girls' Organisations, Diocese of Lagos.

### THIS MONTH IN THE HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL

- DECEMBER

*- By Church History Sub-Committee*

2002

Dec.1 The new Public Address System, donated by the Cathedral Torch Bearers on their 60th Anniversary, was dedicated by His Grace, the Most Revd. Dr. Ephraim Adebola Ademowo.

2009

Dec. 2 The 70th Birthday and Retirement Service for Provost Dr. Yinka Omololu was held.

Dec. 3 The Greater Chapter announced the appointment of the Venerable Babatunde Colenso Akinpelu Johnson, Vicar of Christ the King Anglican Church, Apapa as the new Provost of the Cathedral

Dec. 6 The Diocesan confirmed the appointment of Provost Akinpelu Johnson to the Cathedral congregation.

Dec. 20 The Venerable Babatunde Colenso Akinpelu Johnson was inducted and installed as the 7<sup>th</sup> Provost of the Cathedral (His Father the Very Revd. Samuel Hugh Akinsope Johnson was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Provost of the Cathedral 1970 - 1995)

## NEEDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Donations are vital to the Cathedral's future, and your gift will make a difference.

Kindly donate towards the purchase of any of the items listed below. Thank you.

- i. Risograph Printing Machine @ N5.5m
- ii. Toyota Coaster Bus @ N105m
- iii. Cisco 350X-24 MP Switch for CCTV cameras @ \$1500
- iv. Transformer and Tape Guide for the Lift car in the Cathedral House @ \$3000
- v. D-link Switch - DGS-1210-28P @ NGN230K
- vi. IP Camera @ NGN1,196,000
- vii. One 1.5 hp Airconditioners @ N220,000 each
- viii. Two 3 hp Airconditioners @ N300,000 each
- ix. HP all-in-one desktop computer "Intel core i7 16gb ram 1TB ssd - 1,650,000.00

**OBAFUNKE AKINKUGBE GIFT SHOP** IS NOW OPENED. VISIT THE SHOP FOR YOUR BRANDED GIFT ITEMS, COFFEE AND SNACKS. THE SHOP OPENS DAILY EXCEPT ON MONDAYS. THANK YOU.

## SUNDAY 24/12/2023

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Stewards on Duty: **Group C** Colour: **WHITE**

**7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)**

Theme: **THE PLACE OF HIS WILL**

Celebrant: **Canon Residentiary**

N.T. Reading: Romans 1: 1-17 **Capt. 'Dapo Olumide**

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38 **Canon Residentiary**

Address: **Revd. Canon Kunle Dina**

Prayer **Mrs. Roli Olumide**

*Thanksgiving at the Altar*

**9.00 a.m.** *There will be a meeting of The Koinonia.*

## 9.15 a.m. CHORAL MATTINS

Theme: **THE PLACE OF HIS WILL**

Cantor: **Revd. Henry Mooh**

Sermon: **The Provost**

O.T. Reading: Isaiah 7: 10 -17  
N.T. Reading: Romans 1: 1 -7  
Prayer: **Revd. Henry Mooh**  
**Thanksgiving at the Altar**

**After Mattins**

- (i) *The **Young Women's Christian Association** will meet at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (ii) *The Monthly General Meeting of the **Cathedral Ladies Helpers' Union and the Youth Wing** will take place at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (iii) *There will be a meeting of the **Girls' Guild** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

**11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Clinic**

**CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

**11.15 a.m. SUNG EUCHRIST**

**Theme: THE PLACE OF HIS WILL**

Celebrant **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**  
N.T. Romans 1: 1-7 **Guild of Stewards**  
Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38 **Revd. Henry Mooh**  
Address: **Revd. Olawole Faloye**  
Prayer: **Guild of Stewards**  
**Thanksgiving at the Altar**

**After 11.15 a.m.**

**Communion** *The Statutory Meeting of the Standing Committee will take place at the Chapter House.*

**5.00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**WELCOME**

A warm welcome to this and every worship in this Cathedral. Whether you have come from far or near, may you find real joy and inspiration in this service. We are very happy to see you and hope that you will come again.

**GENERAL NOTICES**

**1. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols:**

The Cathedral Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols holds today, **Sunday, 17th December, 2023, at 9.30 a.m.** and will be preceded by an Organ Recital at 9.00 a.m.

**2. Cathedral Women End-of Year Thanksgiving** holds today at **9.15 a.m. Choral Mattins**. Reception follows at the Seminary Grounds. Dress Code: **TOUCH OF GREEN**.

**3. (a) Christmas Eve:**

There will be the Annual Christmas Eve Service on **Sunday, 24th December, 2023, at 5.00 p.m.** We should all try to attend.

**(b) Christmas Day:**

Please note that we have our usual **Christmas Day Services** at **7:30 a.m.** and **10.00 a.m.**

**4. Birthday Present for Jesus:**

Our birthday gifts for Jesus for the year 2023 can be given from **25th December** till **6th January 2024** (Feast of Epiphany) for a project that will be determined later. May we all receive good gifts from the Lord in 2024 and beyond.

**5. Christmastide Baptism:**

There will be Christmastide Baptism on **Boxing Day, Tuesday 26th December, 2023 at 12.00 noon**. Interested candidates should register with Revd. Henry Mooh.

**6. Activities till the end of the year/New Year**

31st Dec. - Watchnight Service  
- 8.00 p.m. - Praise Worship Service  
- 10.30 p.m. - Choral Evensong into the New Year  
**1st January, 2024 New Year Day Service**  
The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus  
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
- 10.00 a.m. Choral Mattins

**7. Light Up The Night 2023**

This year's Light Up the Night comes up on **Friday, 29th December, 2023 at 5.30 pm** at the seminary grounds of the Cathedral. Preparations have started in earnest to make this year's even a memorable one. We are inviting willing members of the Cathedral to kindly join the 100 of Us choral group to sing a few songs during the event. Please contact Gbenga Bello – 0802 315 6979 or Michael Agbogidi - 0802 918 0308 to indicate interest. God bless you as you offer to serve.

**8. 2024 Vestry Meeting and Election** comes up Sunday, February 25, 2024. To vote at the Election, a voter must be a financial member of the Cathedral and must be on the sustentation list as having subscribed a minimum of **N5,000 in 2023**. The congregation is hereby reminded to make payment on or **before 31st December 2023**. Pay into Cathedral Church of Christ, **First Bank Account No. 2000519164**.

**9. 2024 Confirmation**

Confirmation Preparatory Classes will start on **Sunday, 14th January, 2024**. Classes will hold at 9.15 a.m. every Sunday, thereafter at the Ayo Rosiji Hall, Cathedral House. Candidates must be at least 13 years old. Interested candidates are to register with Revd. Henry Mooh.

Revd. Henry Mooh.

**10. Mid-Week Fellowship and Love Feast:**

Are you celebrating your birthday or any joyous occasion in your family or remembering a loved one? Think of sharing your joys with the less privileged, who can give you nothing in return, but are being led to Christ by us. Sponsor a Wednesday afternoon.

Cost is N100,000 per Wednesday. You can pay part of an afternoon's cost. See Omoba Ademola or the Parish Clerk during the week. Thank you and God bless.

**11. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 17/12/2023**

We thank **Mrs. Olawunmi Ilori** who hosts the Fellowship Hour after 7.15 a.m. Service in thanksgiving to God for her birthday which comes up on 28th December, 2023. *God will continue to grant her good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of her life.*

**(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: December 2023**

Sunday, 24/12/2023 - **Mr. Oluwadamilola Mojolaoluwa Ajilo** for his Birthday after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15a.m. Services.  
Sunday, 31/12/2023 - The Fetuga Family in memory of their late Husband, Father and Grandfather,  
**Omoba Abiodun Oyinade Fetuga, CPA**, who died 5 years ago on 29th December, 2018.

**(c)** Fellowship Hour - Parishioners who are not the main hosts of the Fellowship Hour but who wish to celebrate any events in their lives or who will like to simply contribute to the 'community spirit of the Cathedral are encouraged to do so by providing fruits, cakes, muffins, etc. Such parishioners should please contact Omoba Adegbola Ademola.

**(d) Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2023**

The following dates are available for booking for **Fellowship Hour on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of 2024**. Please indicate your preferences on first come first served.

		<b>7.15 a.m.</b>	<b>9.15 a.m.</b>
Sunday	14&28/1/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	22/1/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	11&25/2/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	10/3/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	24/3/2024	Booked	Booked
Sundays	14&28/4/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	12&26/5/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	9 & 23/6/2024	Vacant	Vacant

Sundays	14&28/7/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	11&25/8/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	8&22/9/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	13 &27 /10/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	10&24/11/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	8&22/12/2024	Booked	Booked



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### WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

Parishioners should please inform either the Welfare Sub-Committee - Mrs. Ayo Shodipo-Olabode 0802 787 2516; Mr. Akin Martins - 0802 316 0305 or Mrs. Mary Ojutiwon (Provost's Secretary) - Tel No. 08053322557 of any one that has not been present in the Church for some time (young or old) either due to illness or any other reason whatsoever and who needs to be given Communion at home.

## SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE UNIT (SWSU)

❖ *The SWSU Panel wishes through this medium, to appreciate all those who are helping the needy through the Unit (SWSU) in cash and kind. God Almighty will bless and enrich you more in Jesus name. Amen.*

### (a) Sponsorship:

Our Social Welfare Service Unit is seeking sponsorship for the following. Part payments will be gratefully appreciated.

1. **Adereti Esther Oluwatimilehin (19 years)** needs the sum of N1,083,995 for her University Education. She got an admission into Lagos State University for 5 years at N216,799 per session.
2. **Mr. Jimoh Aleem** a Secondary School student needs a sum of N900,000 for a 6 years level of education at N50,000 per term.
3. **Master Daniel Elijah (10 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for his Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
4. **Miss Ikuomola Oluwanifemi Blessing (13 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for her Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
5. **Master Iremide Ejionome (3 years)** needs the sum of N1,308,000 for his hearing aid. He is a cerebral palsy child.
6. **Mrs. Bimbo Durosimi-Etti (50 years)** need the sum of N4,901,000 for a hip replacement surgery.

7. **Mrs. Akinbode Felicia Titilayo (64 years)** and a widow who was diagnosed with Brain tumor, enlarged brain organ, blood clot and untreated hypertension seeks assistance for N2.5 million to undergo the surgery.
8. **Mrs. Rukayat Saheed:** She is suffering from Cancer of the nose that makes her bleed for the past three years. She will need the sum of N500,000 for the surgery.
9. **Mrs. Gbanifa Ganiyat (45 years)** was diagnosed of Breast Cancer on her right breast. She is looking for support of N500,000 for surgery.
10. **Miss Sangodipe Monsurat (28 years)** She was diagnosed of brain tumor which has affected her eyesight. She needs the sum of N2,000,000 for brain surgery.

(b) The members of the Social Welfare Service Unit would appreciate the donation of fairly used clothes, shoes for both young and old, and also food items like Rice, Gari, Beans, Provisions, etc.

#### PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

**Eternal Father, the only God of wonders and possibilities, Your power is beyond compare, with You there is no impossibility, we acknowledge before You our feebleness; if Your power will not be our power we are doomed to failure: Grant, O Lord, that each day of our lives, this year and beyond, will be a reflection of Your wondrous power, level the mountains and break down gates of bronze before us to make possible every impossibility that lies ahead. We beseech You also to visit our land with Your unfailing help, cut through the bars of iron to deliver to us the treasures and riches stored in secret places, in Your mercy redeem and re-establish our Nation; and accomplish for Your Church what only You can accomplish to the praise and honour of Your one and only Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen**

**Theme for the year: "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE"**

**TEXT: MATTHEW 19:26**

#### **HYMN FOR THE YEAR ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM**

1. All things are possible to him  
That can in Jesus' name believe;  
Lord, I no mote thy truth blaspheme,  
Thy truth I lovingly receive;  
I can, I do believe in thee;  
All things are possible to me.
2. The most impossible of all  
Is that I e'er from sin should cease;  
Yet shall it be; I know it shall;  
Jesus, look to thy faithfulness!  
If nothing is too hard for thee,  
All things are possible to me.
3. Though earth and Hell the word gainsay,  
The word of God can never fail;  
The Lamb shall take my sins away,  
'Tis certain, though impossible;  
The thing impossible shall be,  
All things are possible to me.
4. When thou the work of faith hast wrought,  
I here shall in thine image shine,  
Nor sin in deed or word or thought;  
Let men exclaim and fiends repine,  
They cannot break the firm decree;

**All things are possible to me.**

**5 Thy mouth, O Lord, to me hath sworn  
That I shall serve thee without fear,  
Shall find the pearl which others spurn,  
Holy and pure and perfect here;  
The servant as his Lord shall be;  
All things are possible to me.**

**6 All things are possible to God,  
To Christ, the power of God in man,  
To me, when I am all renewed,  
When I in Christ am formed again,  
And witness, from all sin set free,  
All things are possible to me.**

**ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 10/12/2023**

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion (Youtube 335/Facebook 166 views)....188  
9.15 a.m. Children's Church/Sunday School..... 145  
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Youth Church ..... 51  
9.15 a.m. Choral Mattins (Youtube 272/Facebook 163 views)..... 290  
11.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist.(Youtube 179/Facebook 163 views)..... 183

**Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday**

	HC		HC
Saturday		Wednesday	
9/12/2023	14	13/12/2023	25
Monday		Thursday	
11/12/2023	15	14/12/2023	20
Tuesday		Friday	
12/12/2023	21	15/12/2023	18

**COMING EVENTS (DECEMBER 2023)**

24/12/2023 - Christmas Eve at 5.00 p.m.  
25/12/2023 - - 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service  
- 10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist  
25/12/2023 - Ladies Helpers' Union attends Christmas Party at Federal Neuro-Physchiatric Hospital, Yaba



**SOUL FOOD 51/2023  
PREPARING OTHERS FOR  
ETERNAL SALVATION**

***"And in this way, with many other exhortations, John proclaimed the good news to the people." Luke 3:18***

As the day of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ draws nearer, it becomes increasingly important for believers to fulfil their assignment of spreading the Good News of His redemptive works. This will help prepare those who are not yet part of the fold for the imminent establishment of Christ's kingdom. In doing so, more people can receive the eternal salvation that Jesus purchased with His lifeblood. 2 Peter 3:9 says: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

According to Scripture, faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is what assures eternal salvation when Jesus returns. To achieve this, one needs to make a personal commitment to turn away from sin and lead a life of devotion to God. John the Baptist called upon the Jewish people to repent of their sins and be baptised, which was an outward manifestation of their inward dedication to God through immersion in water. As Christians, we are also called to follow in John the Baptist's footsteps and urge this generation to repent of their sins and be prepared for the second coming of Jesus.



Jesus instructed His disciples in what is known as the Great Commission to go out and make disciples of all nations. This involved baptising them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as well as teaching them to obey all of Jesus' commands. In a similar vein, John the Baptist was assigned to prepare the way for Jesus' first coming by making it clear to the Jews that their ancestral heritage alone would not be enough to save them. John needed to ensure that the path to salvation was made straight and that the Jews understood this important truth.

John's belief in his role as preparatory, to make people aware of the Messiah's coming and the need to be spiritually prepared, continues to inspire us today. We, too, must understand our role in preparing for His second coming by being spiritually prepared to fulfil the purpose of our calling of preparing others for eternal salvation. The Great Commission tells us how to do this, through sharing our salvation testimony, preaching the gospel, baptising new converts, and teaching the Word of God. That is, we are to replicate ourselves in the lives of those who respond to the message of Christ's salvation. Let us take up this noble task with enthusiasm, knowing that it can turn people's disobedient hearts to the law of love.

The main objective of Jesus' time on Earth was to save the lost according to God's plan. He came to seek and save those who were lost. As followers of Jesus, it is our duty to make His mission our own. We must spread the message of repentance and forgiveness of sins in the name of Jesus to all nations with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Frances J. Crosby summarised our assignment thus:

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying  
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave  
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen  
Tell them of Jesus the Mighty to save

*Rescue the perishing, care for the dying  
Jesus is merciful. Jesus will save*

Though they are slighting him, still he is waiting  
Waiting the penitent child to receive  
Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently  
He will forgive if they only believe

Rescue the perishing; duty demands it  
Strength for thy labour the Lord will provide  
Back to the narrow way, patiently win them  
Tell the poor wanderer a Saviour has died

Every Christian has a divine responsibility to contribute towards spreading the message of Christ and preparing people for eternal salvation. Each one of us has a unique and significant role to play in fulfilling the Great Commission. It does not matter how rich, famous, intelligent, or influential you are, no other cause can compare to this life-transforming and world-changing calling from God. No matter how many accolades, honours, or achievements you receive, they cannot even come close to the importance of the commandment of Jesus Christ to help spread His message of love and forgiveness to every individual in every community, city, and country around the world, and make disciples of all nations.

We have received a precious gift: "the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people" (Jude 1:3). Jesus' words in the Great Commission reveal the heart of God, who desires "all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). The Great Commission compels us to share the good news until everyone has heard. Like the servants in Jesus' parable, we are to be about the business of the kingdom, making disciples of all nations: "He called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13, KJV). Paul says: "This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:1&2)

Let us join hands and inspire each other to prepare those around us for eternal salvation. With the help of the Almighty, we can spread the message of hope and redemption to those in need. May our actions henceforth reflect the love and compassion of God, as we strive to make a positive impact on the lives of those around us.

***Have a blessed week!***

*The one who serves among you,*



**Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi, PhD**

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