

7.15 a.m HOLY COMMUNION Colour: GREEN

Theme: ASSURED FRUITFULNESS IN CHRIST ALONE

John 15: 4&5

Celebrant: Canon Residentiary

Stewards on Duty: Group C

- 1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 537 (Tune MHB 35 - Noricum)**
- 2. Introductory Sentence: While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease." Genesis 8:22**
- 3. The Preparation (Page 170)**
- 4. Collect for Purity and Gloria in Excelsis (Page 171)**
- 5. Summary of the Law (Page 172)**
- 6. Words of Comfort (Page 175)**
- 7. Confession to Collect (Pages 175-176)**

8. Collects:

God of our fore-bears, as Your chosen servant, Abraham, was given faith to obey Your call and go out into the unknown, so may Your church be granted such faith that we may follow You courageously now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Collect for Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

- 9. Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 - Mr. Gbenga Owootomo**
- 10. Gradual Hymn: A&MRW 285 (Tune A&MRW 324 - Marching)**
- 11. Gospel: John 15: 1-8 Canon Residentiary**
- 12. Sermon: Revd. Olawole Faloye**
- 13. Creed: (Page 178)**
- 14. Intercession:(Pages 183-184) Mrs. Yeside Owootomo**
- 15. The Peace (page 186)**
- 16. Offertory Sentence: Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked: A man reaps what he sows." Galatians 6:7**
- 17. Offertory Hymn: A&MRW 750 (Almsgiving)**
- 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: "“When you sacrifice a thank offering to the Lord, sacrifice it in such a way that it will be accepted on your behalf." Leviticus 22:29**
- 22. Administration: (Page 194)**
- 23. Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 283 (Regent Square)**
 - (ii) A&MRW 289 (Bishopgarth)**
 - (iii) A&MRW 538 (Rhuddlan)**

- (iv) A&MRW 601 (Blessed Assurance)
- (v) A&MRW 689 (St. Sepulchure)
- (vi) A&MRW 741 (Londondery Air)
- (vii) A&MRW 743 (Thaxted)
- (viii) A&MRW 746 (St. Anne)

24. Post Communion Hymn: A&MRW 678 (Tune: In Christ Alone)

25. Post Communion Prayer: Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

26. The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer (Pages 195-196)

27. Thanksgiving at the Altar:

- Harvest Launching (A&MRW 290 - Wir Pflugen)

29. Notices:

30. Spiritual Tonic: Luke 6: 38

31. Benediction to Dismissal: (Page 196)

32. Withdrawal Hymn: CoNH 189 -There shall be showers of blessing

- see page 3

At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun

1. There shall be showers of blessing:
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.

*Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need:
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.*

2. There shall be showers of blessing,
Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys,

Sound of abundance of rain.

3. There shall be showers of blessing:
Send them upon us, O Lord;
Grant to us now a refreshing,
Come and now honor Thy Word.
4. There shall be showers of blessing:
Oh, that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing,
Now as on Jesus we call!

9.30 a.m CHILDREN'S CHURCH/ SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOPIC: RUN TO THE REFUGE

Worship Leader: Uncle Bola Adegbonmire

1. Choruses
2. Opening Hymn: - C.H. 416
3. Bible Reading: Psalm 46
4. Creed to Prayers:
5. Hymn: - C.H. 202 (Offering to be taken)
6. Closing Prayer
7. Closing Hymn - from Pamphlet
8. Children go to their various classes

9.30 a.m LAUNCHING OF 2023 HARVEST SEASON

Theme: "ASSURED FRUITFULNESS
IN CHRIST ALONE"
- *John 15: 4&5*

Cantor: The Provost
Responses: John Reading in A

1. Processional Hymn:
C.H. 695 - Praise, O Praise our God and King!
(Tune A&MRW 286 - Monkland)
2. Introit: This Is The Day - John Rutter
3. Call to Worship
4. Venite: ASB 3 - Henry T. Smart in A Flat
5. Psalm: 107: 1-22 - ASB 193 (George Thalben-Ball in B Flat)
6. First Lesson: Genesis 8: 1-22 - Her Excellency, Mrs. Bamidele Abiodun
7. Benedictus: ASB 8 - Joseph Barnby in A Flat
8. Second Lesson: John 15: 1-8 - Mr. Ade Atobatele
9. Benedicite Omnia Opera - Charles Lloyd in B Flat
10. Creed - 3rd Collect
11. Collect for the Day:
God of our fore-bears, as Your chosen servant, Abraham, was given faith to obey Your call and go out into the unknown, so may Your church be granted such faith that we may follow You courageously now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Collect for Harvest:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

12. Anthem: Let All The World In Every Corner Sing - R.

Vaughan Williams

1 Let all the world in every corner sing,
"My God and King!"
The heavens are not too high,
God's praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
God's praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
"My God and King!"

2 Let all the world in every corner sing,
"My God and King!"
The church with psalms must shout:
no door can keep them out.
But, more than all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
"My God and King!"

13. Hymn Before Sermon: A&MRW 678
- In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found

14. Sermon: Ven. Ebenezer Adewole,
Dean, Archbishop Vining Memorial
Cathedral Church, Ikeja

15. Intercession: Clergy

16. Hymn for Offerings:

(i) A&MRW 537 - For the Beauty of the Earth (*Tune:*
MHB 35 - Noricum)

(ii) A&MRW 290 - We Plough the fields, and scatter
(*Tune: Wir Pflugen*)

(Drop all your envelopes)

17. Thanksgiving at the Altar

- *10th Memorial of Engr. Olateju Oyeleye (A&MRW 296)*

18. Blessing of Fruits and other Offerings.

19. Presentation of Thankoffering *with choruses by the*
Cathedral Band

20. Notices:

21 Spiritual Tonic: Luke 6: 38

22. Doxology: Gloria - Martin Shaw (Fanfare)

22. Conclusion to Benediction:

23. Final Amen: John Reading in A

24. Withdrawal Hymn: CoNH 189

There Shall be Showers of Blessing
(*Tune: Showers of Blessings*)

At the Organ: Mr. Jola Adeosun

Choral Conductor: Mr. Jimi Olumuyiwa

SUNDAY 09/07/2023

Day 190

Bible in a year: Nehemiah 3,4; Luke 6

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Chijioke B.N. Oti, Bishop of the Diocese on the Lake
- ❖ Mrs. Ijeoma P. Oti, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese on the Lake.
- ❖ Mr. Wole Okunfulure, Diocesan Adviser on Land Matters
- ❖ **The Anglican Church of Burundi**

❖ **Birthdays Intercession:**

Mr. Cornelius Adebola Olusodo, Mrs. Omolabake Ademuyiwa Martins, Mr. Mobolaji Oluwakayode Onikoyi, Mr. Oluwasegun Oni, Master Oluwamayowa Phillips, Miss Oluwaseun O. Coker, Miss Eseoghene Evabeta, Mrs. Oluwakemi Elias (nee Sapara), Mr. Babatunji Thorpe, Miss Eyitade Oyolola, Mr. Kofoworola Fagbohun, Miss Amarachi Ogbonna.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Mrs. Olaitan Adekunbi Olaitan (nee John) 8 years' mind.
- (ii) Miss Opeyemi Olohita Ejemai, 23 years' mind.
- (iii) Chief Mrs. Sabinah K. Bamisebi, 30 years' mind.
- (iv) Mrs. Olufunmilayo Ogunsakin, 33 years' mind.
- (v) Madam Comfort Titilola Cole, 57 years' mind.
- (vi) Mrs. Violet Agbeke Peters, 57 years' mind.

❖ **Family Intercession:**

Families of Late Pa Adeseye, Late Dr. E.A. Adewole, Ms. Irene Adewunmi, Late Mr. Ranti Adeyinka, Engr. Segun Adeyinka, Late Chief John Adollo, Late Chief Fijabi Afilaka, Mrs. E.A. Afolabi, Engr. G.O.M. Agbogidi, CPA, Mr. Femi Ajana, Lady P.A. Balogun, Mr. Clement Losa, Late Pa Adeseye, Late Dr. E.A. Adewole, Ms. Irene Adewunmi.

❖ **Prayer for Businesses**

FCMB Group Plc, Ibot Exclusive Events, Pee Mart Cuisine, Wajufot Services Ltd., Pearce-Dawodu and Co. Printing, Holala Catering, Vegs and Foods Farm, 3D Food Chains Ltd, Bucknor and Grandels Ltd, Joke Stores Nig. Ltd, Capri-Gem Integrated Services Limited, Drinks on Toks.

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. CLINIC

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

after Harvest Launching

1.30 p.m The Monthly General Meeting of the **Cathedral Youth Fellowship** will take place at the Fellowship Centre

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY – 10/07/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 191

Bible in a year: Nehemiah 5,6; Luke 7

6.45 a.m.

Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Epistle: Acts 9: 19b-31

Gospel: Luke 23: 44-56a

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Dr. Geoffrey N. Chukwunonye, Bishop of the Diocese of Oru.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Joy Chukwunonye, President, Women's Work, Oru Diocese.*
- ❖ *The Revd. James Olumide Abioye.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Timothy Chukwudi Okere.*
- ❖ *12th Wedding Anniversary of Ven. and Mrs. Philip A. Akinwande.*
- ❖ *12th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Ikpeonyenachia and Mrs. Amarachi Ezeji.*
- ❖ **The Church of the Province of Uganda.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Kweku Ayodeji Brodie-Mends, Mrs. Olabomi Oluwatoyin Fawibe, Mr. Mayowa Oladimeji Oladunni, Mrs. Louisa Omolara Oguntade, Mr. Olufemi Babatunde Olufajude, Mr. Edmund Uwam, Miss Eseigbe Bisola Borha, Mr. Israel Rotimi Faji, Master Henry Ayokunle Nylander, Mrs. Adebukola Olubanwo Peters, Mr. Maduka Kanma-Okafor.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Mr. & Mrs. Olaseni Ramos, 24th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

Dr. T.K.E. Phillips, 54 years' mind.

4.00 p.m.

Service of Song for Lt. Col (Rtd) Samuel Adeleye Agbede by Cathedral Torch Bearer Society

4.00 p.m.

Women Bible Class/Bible Study - The Place of Restitution by Mrs. Abeke Spaine.

TUESDAY – 11/07/2023

Colour : GREEN Day 192

Bible in a year: Nehemiah 7,8; Luke 8

6.45a.m.

Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Epistle: Acts 9: 32-43

Gospel: Luke 23: 56b-24,11

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Dr. Edward C.D. Ozuegbu, Bishop of the Diocese of Okigwe.*
- ❖ *Lady Chinenye Chikezie Ozuegbu, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Okigwe.*
- ❖ *Mr. Theophilus Okang - Diocesan Organist and Master of Music.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of the Diocese of Utah, The Episcopal Church (Province VIII)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Abolade Olaonipekun Bode-Thorpe, Master Daniel Cornelius Aiden Ekpo, Mr. Emmanuel Olusanya Onipinla, Master Joseph Abiola Babatunde Ajibade, Mr. E. Oluwadurotimi Ekisola, Mr. Folly Samuel Kutojo, Mr. John Damilola Olayinka, Miss Ginikachukwu Adanma Karis Ezeogu, Mrs. Andrea Chinyere Ishie, Master Kosisochukwu Charles, Master Ifechukwu Kanma-Okafor, Mr. Emeka Sheyi Ogidi, Mr. Emmanuel Onosiem.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr. John Olugboyega Moses, 1 year's mind*
- (ii) *Mr. Alexander Kwamina Sagoe, 20 years' mind.*
- (iii) *Mrs. Mojisola Oluwatoyin Solanke, 22 years' mind.*
- (iv) *Mrs. Abebi Aderogun Ariyibi, 28 years' mind.*

10.00 a.m.

Commendation Service for Dansaaki Lt. Col (Rtd) Samuel Adeleye Agbede

11.00 a.m.

Care Ministry Fellowship at the Fellowship Centre

WEDNESDAY – 12/07/2023 Colour: GREEN

Day 193

Bible in a year: Nehemiah 9,10; Psalm 78:38-72

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: Acts 10: 1-16

Gospel: Luke 24: 12-35

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Emmanuel C. Maduwike, Bishop of the Diocese of Ikeduru.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Anuli Maduwike, President, Mothers' Union and Women's, Diocese of Ikeduru.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Godis Okechukwu Ukaumuna.*
- ❖ *21st Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Ufomaefe and Mrs. Oluwatoyin Oruma.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Uyo, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Miss Yewande Ore-Dawodu, Miss Adesola Ibisomi Ilori, Mrs. Edith Olayinka Fowora, Miss Grace Oluchi Uwandu, Mr. Desmond Ovbiagele, Miss Omolara Sobowale, Mrs. Caroline Emmanuel, Miss April Apakama, Mr. Amalunweze Melifonwu, Mr. Akintunde Oladotun Kehinde, Mr. Reynold Olusegun Moses, Mrs. Olamide Fetuga.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
 - (i) *Mrs. Adeola Abimbola Williams, 3 year's mind.*
 - (ii) *Chief (Mrs) Juliana Ayinka Oladunni Fasehun, 4 years' Mind.*
 - (iii) *Mr. Asuquo Edet, 23 year's mind.*
 - (iv) *Olori Christiana Siyanbola Ademola, 26 years' mind*

11.00 a.m. 80th Birthday Thanksgiving for Mrs. Yinka Fowora

3.00 p.m. Service of Songs for Mr. Sobayo Kuti by Medical Society, Missionary Society and Elders' Fellowship

5.00 p.m. Christian Wake Keep for Mr. Sobayo Olukayode Kuti

5.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY – 13/07/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 194

Bible in a year: Nehemiah 11,12; Luke 9

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju

Epistle: Acts 10: 17-33

Gospel: Luke 24: 36-53

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Dr. P.O.J Imasuen, Bishop of the Diocese of Benin.*
- ❖ *Mrs. G.O. Imasuen, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Benin.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Christiana Oluwayemisi Adeyeye.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Valparaiso - Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Mrs. Enitan Macaulay, Miss Uduak Sunday Akpan, Mr. Oluwole Ajeigbe, Mr. David Akinola Adetola, Mrs. Folusho Ibiyemi Olaniyan, Master Niran Ademiluyi, Mrs. Oladotun Taiwo, Miss Dara Adesanya, Miss Oluwadamilola Elliot, Miss Adebosipo Fetuga, Mr. Ekeng Henshaw, Mr. Samuel Olusola Odunfa, Mr. Obinna Chukwuemeka Osuji.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession**
 - (i) *Mr & Mrs. Oluseun Adewunmi, 10th Wedding Anniversary.*
 - (ii) *Mr & Mrs. Joseph Ajiboye Oni, 42nd Wedding Anniversary.*

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
 - (i) *Mrs. Ibiyemi Olubunmi Craig, 1 year's mind*
 - (ii) *Princess Adewunmi Olayinka Karunwi, 3 year's mind.*
 - (iii) *Mr. Felix Ifeanyi Nwajei, 4 year's mind.*
 - (iv) *Dr. Arthur Nylander, SAN, CPA, 6 years' mind.*
 - (v) *Mrs. Adepeju Iyabo Marinho, 11 years' mind.*

6.45 a.m. Altar Call - Family of Late Mrs. Ibiyemi Olubunmi Craig

11.00 a.m. Funeral Service for Mr. Sobayo Olukayode Kuti

6.00 p.m. Choir Practice

FRIDAY – 14/07/2023 Colour: GREEN Day 195

Bible in a year: Nehemiah 13; Luke 10

6.45 a.m. Celebrant: Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe

Epistle: Acts 10: 34-48

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-13

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Kingsley Chukwukamadu Obuh, Bishop of the Diocese of Asaba*
- ❖ *Mrs. Comfort Obuh, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Asaba*
- ❖ *The Revd. Francis Oluwatosin Omoleye*
- ❖ *20th Wedding Anniversary of Ven. Olabisi and Mrs. Isioma Adebayo.*
- ❖ *5th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. IyanuOluwa and Mrs. Abosede Amoo.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Vanuatu and New Caledonia, The Anglican Church of Melanesia.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**

Mr. Ademola Olubunmi Kuti, Mrs. Olabo Deborah Johnson, Mr Olanrewaju Jackson-Cole, Ms. Alayo Ogunbiyi, Mrs. Judith Nkemdiun Wakama, Miss Victoria Sesede Busayo Okupevi, Miss Olanrewaju Dasaolu, Miss Adebanke Otubanjo, Pharm. Ayodeji Busuyi Oni, Miss Deborah Da-Costa, Mr. Sunday Babajide Badipe, Miss Deborah Adedotun, Miss Olubunmi Winnie Olujuyigbe, Mrs. Izogie Imhientitana, Mrs. Melita Yetunde Dabiri, Dr. Miss Okwuchi Apakama, Miss Roseline Ekeopara, Mrs. Bisola Cole, Mr. Adejuwon Bankole Adenuga, Mrs. Abisola Modupeoluwa Ajose, Miss Oluwadamilola Araba, Mrs Funsho Wunmi Folorunsho (nee Durodola), Master Fasusi Ayotonkan, Mrs. Fadeke Fatayi-Williams, Mrs. Modupe Alakija Williams, Mrs. Olufunke James.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mrs. Patience Olabisi Adejumo (nee Akinsaya), 23 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Chief Stephen Adeleye John, 25 years' mind*
- (iii) *Revd Ezekiel Adeleke Babalola, 35 years' mind.*

5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY – 15/07/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 196

Bible in a year: Esther 1-3; Psalm 79

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: Acts 11: 1-18

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-28

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Christian E. Ide, Bishop of the Diocese of Warri.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Patience O. Ide, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Warri.*
- ❖ *The Ven. David Olabisi Adebayo*
- ❖ *Mrs. Joy Ifeoma Ojukwu.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Vellore, The (United) Church of South India.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Dr. (Mrs) Folorunso Alakija, CPA, Mrs. Obafunmilayo Abiodun, Ven. Folarin Shobo, Mr. Ayodeji Tolulope Awodein, Mrs. E. Ibikuno Ibhugom, Miss Rita Tolu-Ajayi, Miss Mildred Folashade Young, Miss Omolara Otolurin, Master Stephen Oluwaseyi Onojobi, Mr. Olatunde Adedayo Sobowale, Mrs Olufunke Iyabode Williams, Miss Oluwatamilore Kofoworola Ladeinde, Miss Hannah Adenike Ajose, Mrs. Emueleoxy Anyahan, Mrs. Mary Olajumoke Banmeke, Miss Chisom Destiny Enendu, Mr. Chiemeka Idike, Master Emmanuel Onipede.

❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**

- (i) *Prof. Adeboye Oluwole Ogunmekan, 12 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Pa Rex Kayode Ayilara, 12 years' mind.*
- (iii) *Chief Jacob Adenola Akintoye, 13 years' mind*
- (iv) *Engr. Napoleon Alaba Mefful, 14 years' mind*
- (v) *Ambassador Peter Afolabi, 17 years' mind.*
- (vi) *Mrs. Florence N. Nwaka, 21 years' mind.*
- (vii) *Chief Adebayo Olutugbiyele Morgan, 26 years' mind*
- (viii) *Chief Mrs. Ore Jones, 36 years' mind.*
- (ix) *Chief David Oluwole Johnson, 52 years' mind*

Bible Study Outline

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

SUB-THEME: Manifesting Spiritual fruits 1

TOPIC: Love

TEXTS: Matt. 5: 43-48

AIMS:

i. to discuss the extent of Christian love ii. to expose the implication of loving all people in our earthly pilgrimage.

INTRODUCTION

Love simply means a deep feeling, affection, interest and pleasure in another person or something. In the context of today's study, Jesus emphasised the unlimitedness, immeasurability and inexhaustibility of love by Christians. Christian love has no geographical, ethnic, cultural or religious boundary. It can't be limited or measured by these factors. Whoever will inherit the kingdom of God must understand this teaching; otherwise he or she will be exhausted by worldly factors and thereby loses the tendency to win souls into the Kingdom of God.

STUDY GUIDE:

1. From Jesus' teaching in our text, how can you define love? Read again Matt 5:44, 46
2. How can we easily put boundary or limit to love in our Christian race? Read Luk 10:30-32; John 4:6-8.
3. According to Luk 19:5-9, what is the implication of loving all people?
4. How best can we love our enemies especially our persecutors? Matt 5:44; Rom 12:19-20

CONCLUSION: Love by a Christian should never be limited to friends, relatives, tongues and tribes; but to all that comes across us including those that persecute us. By so doing, we replicate our Lord Jesus Christ who prayed for His persecutors on the cross.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A limited love is a godless love. Christian love is unlimited.

MEMORY VERSE: Matt. 5: 44

"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,"

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

Luke 6: 38

“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

Jehovah Jireh, You are the Mighty Provider, thank You for Your provision for me. At the beginning of another harvest season, I receive grace to give without grumbling. As I give let Your good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over be measured back to me. Banish poverty from my territory. Launch me into Your abundance and load my life with bumper harvest of good things and surround me with Your heavenly beauty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS

39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION

ARTICLE XXXIV

34. The Customs of the Church

It is not necessary that customs and forms of worship be exactly the same everywhere. Throughout history they have differed. They may be altered according to the differing nations, times, and habits of people provided that nothing is commanded contrary to God's Word. Whoever by his own private judgment openly, willingly, and deliberately breaks those customs and forms of worship of the church which do not contradict the Word of God and are approved by common authority, is to be openly rebuked. This is so that others will be afraid to act similarly, and in so doing offend against the common order of the church, to undermine the authority of the state's representative and to wound the consciences of weak Christians. Every particular or national church has authority to command, change, or abolish the ceremonies or forms of worship of the church which are appointed by man's authority provided that every thing is done for the building up of Christian people.

TITHE:

Remember to pay your Tithe*

(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

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(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**

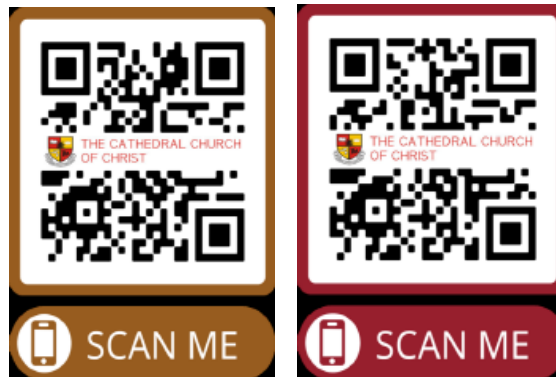
(I Chronicles 29:14)

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 Donations	FCMB	0130543010
		Union Bank	0071028724

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FOR YOUR OFFERINGS AND OTHER
DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WKI)

Sunday, 16th July, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar.

1. Dayo Sobowale Family
2. Olusola Okikiade Family
3. Family of F.A.O Phillips,
4. Adekunle Abisogun Mr.
5. Akintunde Abisogun Mr.
6. Adefowope O.A. Mr
7. Emmanuel Adesanya Mr
8. Tokunboh Adesanya Pastor
9. Late Pa Adeseye Family
10. E.A. Adewole Dr
11. Irene Adewunmi Ms
12. Late Mr. Adeyinka Ranti Family
13. Engr. Adeyinka Segun and Family
14. Engr.G.O.M. Agbogidi,CPA
15. Ajayi Owoyemi Dr
16. Kehinde Ajayi Dr
17. Late Muyiwa Ajisafe Family
18. Muyiwa Ajose-Alatishe Mr
19. Amb. Audrey Ajose
20. Joy Esther Faji-Pratt Mrs
21. Late Mr. M.A. Adeyemi Family
22. Mr. & Mrs. Kayode Sorinwa
23. Jumoke Adeniyi Jones Family
24. The Family of Hugh Oluwole Shogbola

May the good LORD continue to enlarge the coast of our families.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 2)

Sunday, 23rd July, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar.

1. Mr & Dr. (Mrs) Modupe and Folorunsho Alakija,CPA
2. Family of late Prof. Mrs. Grace Alele-Williams
3. The Doherty Family
4. Family of Admiral Soroh
5. Dr. J.A. Akindele
6. Ms Yewande Cole
7. Amb. Modupe Akintola
8. Late Otunba Afolabi Alu
9. Family of Late Mrs. M. Aluko
10. Mr & Mrs. Eyimofe Atake,SAN
11. C.A. Authe and Family
12. Mr. S.A. Bailey
13. Family of Late Dr. Bankole Martins
14. Mr. Gbenga Bello
15. Mrs. Tolu Animashaun
16. Mr. Bode Boardman
17. Chief Sam. Bolarinde Family
18. Mr. & Mrs. David Majekodunmi
19. Family of Late Engr. Layi Ajayi-Bembe
20. Family of Late Loretta Abiola Cole
21. Lady Dupe Akin-Taylor
22. Family of late Mr Olubunmi Jenkins Coker
23. Family of Late Dr. & Mrs. Dayo Akinrele
24. Towry-Coker
25. Prof. and Mrs. Akinyanju
26. Mrs. Funmilayo Benson
27. Mrs. Yetunde Cole
28. Mr. Jide Derby
29. Arc.Chima Chijioke
30. The Amure Family
31. Mrs. Mosun Atigbi
32. Family of Late Engr. Tunji Babaniji
33. Late Banjoko Family
34. Family of late Mrs. O.O. Bankole Oki
35. Family of late Mr. Benjamin Opara
36. Family of late Mr. Richard Gbadebo Onafeko
37. Mrs. Bamidele Olubimpe Abiola

May the good LORD continue to enlarge the coast of our families.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 3)

Sunday, 30th July, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar

1. Late Dan 'Saaki (Col.) Samuel Adeleye
Agbede
2. Dr. Damola Da-Costa Family
3. Gen. Theophilus Danjuma Family
4. Family of late Chief B.I.D. Ezeogu
5. Mr. A.M. Samuel Family
6. Mr. J.B. Daramola and Family
7. Late Chief S.A. Durojaiye,CPA
Family
8. Family of lateMrs. Nike Marinho
9. Mr. D.A. Edobor Family
10. Chief D.C. Egere Family
11. Family of Late Mr. Abiodun David
Ejemai
12. Late Dr. Alex Ekwueme Family
13. Akenuwa Family
14. Dr. Bode and Mrs. Yemisi Oyewole
and Family
15. Family of late Mr & Mrs. S.O. Wey,
GCON,CPA
16. Curtis Adeniyi Campbell Family
17. Mrs. Femi Laguda Family

***May the good LORD continue to enlarge
the families.***

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK4)

Sunday, 6th August, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar.

1. Family of Otunba D.B.O. Ogutuga
2. Family of Mr. & Mrs. Deji Awodein
3. Family of Engr. J.S. Obembe
4. Family of late Mr.S.O. Wey
5. Family of Chief Ebum Omoyele
6. Late HRH (Engr.) Adebayo Idowu Onadeko
7. Revd. J.P. Adebayo Adeyemi-Cole
8. The Pearce-Maja Family
9. Professor G.O.A. Sowemimo and Family
10. Family of Late Lady Ayo Alakija
11. The Fetuga Family
12. Laolu Taiwo and Family
13. The Otuyalo Family
14. Late Chief & Mrs. T.O. Balogun Family
15. The Obikwelu Family
16. Chief Lanre Ladipo and Family
17. Family of Late Mrs. Nancy Adebisi Akande
18. Dolphine Esere Family
19. Family of Mr. George Etomi
20. Family of Late Mrs. V.M. Farri
21. Family of Late Chief S.O. Fadahunsi
22. Ms S.O. Gbinigie & Family
23. Family of Dr. O. Gbonegun
24. Family of George Obasola
25. Family of Late Engr. V.A. Haffner,CPA
26. Family of Chief Fagbohunbe,SAN
27. Family of Engr.J.C. Ayanele
28. Family of Engr. Ajoka.
29. Mrs. Mosun Fayemi (nee Ogutuga)
30. Mr & Mrs. Benibo David-West
31. Family of Chief Reggie Uduhiri
32. Pearce-Dawodu Family
33. G. Veronica Onwuchekwa Family
35. Mrs. Bolanle Adeniyi

May the good LORD continue to enlarge the coast of our families.

WOMEN'S CORNER

NOTICES

- 10/7/2023 - Bible Study - The Place of Restitution by **Mrs. Abeke Spaine**
17/7/2023 - Health Talk - Gastro Intestinal Disorder by Dr (Mrs) Oluchi Okafor
23/7/2023 - Cathedral Ladies'/Girls Guild Anniversary
24/7/2023 - Contemporary Issue - Self Esteem vs God Esteem by Mrs. Damola Adelegan

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 - JULY

- By Church History Sub-Committee

2002

July 3 Very Revd. Dr. Yinka Omololu moved into residence, with a short service held to welcome him.

13 Institution, induction and installation of Very Revd. Dr. Yinka Omololu as the 6th Provost.

2006

July 1 to

Sept.30 The Diocese of Asaba sent two Priests to the Cathedral for a 3 months parish experience.

July 27 The first in the series of Cathedral Lectures was held in the Ayo Rosiji Hall of the Cathedral House.

2007

July(a) A second 5 year term as Archbishop of Ecclesiastical Province of Lagos was approved for Most Revd. Dr. Adebola Ademowo by the Standing Committee of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

(b) A second 5 year term as Provost was approved for the Very Revd. Dr. Yinka Omololu by the Cathedral Greater Chapter.

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) A server for the Cathedral Microsoft Active Domain Controller and Associated server license = \$3,200 or N2.4m
- (ii) iMac with Retina 4.5k Display/Apple M1 Chip/ 8 Core CPU/ 8-Core CPU/256GB = N1,500,000
- (iii) Five 1.5 hp Airconditioners @ N180,000 each

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 16/07/2023
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
(Pentecost 7)

Stewards on Duty: **Group D** Colour: **GREEN**

7.15 a.m HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: **RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE TO POSSIBILITIES THROUGH**
(i) Circumstantial Events

Celebrant: **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**
Epistle: Acts 10: 1-20 **Mr. Bisi Adebambo**
Gospel: Matthew 11: 1-9 **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**
Address: **Revd. Henry Mooh**
Prayers: **Mrs. Mayowa Adebambo**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

09.15 a.m CHORAL MATTINS

Theme: **RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE TO POSSIBILITIES THROUGH**
(i) Circumstantial Events

Cantor: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
Sermon: **The Provost**
OT. Numbers 22: 21-34 **Mrs. Modupeore Aleshinloye-Williams**
N.T. Galatians 6: 1-10 **Dr. (Mrs) Funmilayo Doherty**
Prayers **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

After Mattins

- (i) *There will be a meeting of the **Mothers' Union** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (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.*
- (v) *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 EUCHARIST

96th Anniversary – Cathedral Ladies Helpers' Union
and 22nd Anniversary of the Youth Wing

Theme: **RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE TO POSSIBILITIES THROUGH**
(i) Circumstantial Events

Celebrant: **Revd. Olawole Faloye**
Epistle: Acts 10: 1- 20 **Ladies Helpers' Union**
Gospel: Matthew 11: 1-19 **Revd. Olawole Faloye**
Sermon: **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
Prayers: **Ladies Helpers' Union**

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. **Launching of 2023 Harvest Season:**

We start our harvest season today with the Harvest Launching service. We are grateful to God for his faithfulness and love. He has promised **“As long as the earth endures, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”** (Gen. 8: 22)

We congratulate the hosting society, **YOUNG WOMEN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION**. May the good LORD bless you and may you soar high like the eagle. Congratulaton!

We welcome our Guest Preacher, **The Venerable Ebenezer Adewole, Dean, Archbishop Vining Memorial Cathedral Church, Ikeja**. We pray that God will continue to bless him and prosper his ministry.

We also welcome specially all our **invited Guests**. We are really glad and thrilled to see you and we really appreciate your coming. As you honour God with your substance, God will continue to honour you and you will never lack anything good in your lives.

2. **2023 Clergy Welfare Week:**

This annual exercise in support of the House of Clergy holds from **Sunday, 9th July 2023 to Sunday, 23rd July 2023**. While thanking you for the past, we solicit your unwavering support this year. Kindly issue cheques in favour of **"Clergy Welfare of Lagos Anglican Diocese"** or do an online transfer to - **"First Bank-3093480027"**. For any transfer made, kindly oblige the Provost with a copy of the receipt.

We shall take special donations on the **16th and 23rd of July 2023**. Thank you.

3. **The Care Ministry:**

The Care Ministry Monthly Fellowship will take place on **Tuesday, 11th July, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. at the Fellowship Centre**.

4. **Family Harvest 2023**

This is to notify all parishioners that the Family Harvest for 2023 will commence on Sunday the 16th of July 2023 and will run through to the 30th of October. Please find below the dates for the

July:	16th	23rd	30th	
August:	6th	20th	27th	
September	10th	17th	24th	
October	8th	15th	22nd	29th

Kindly visit the membership office or desk provided by the membership office to verify the dates allotted to your family so as to enable you make changes to more suitable dates if need be or identify any omission of your family's name. Envelopes will be available from the 3rd of July. Family Harvest Sub-Committee members: - **Mrs. Esther AsubiARO-Adewuyi 08032985511, Miss Iyabo Aboaba- 08033022587, Olatunji Jolayemi, Miss Oluwatoyin Henshaw, Miss EyiYemi Meadows**. Please come forward and give thanks to the Almighty as one family. May the good Lord bless you.

5. **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.

6.(a) **Fellowship Hour - Sunday 9/7/2023**

Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: July - September, 2023

- Sunday, 23/7/2023 - **Mrs. Juliet Okubadejo** for her 70th Birthday which comes up on Friday, 21st July, 2023 after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services.
Sunday, 13/8/2023 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
Sunday, 27/8/2023 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
Sunday, 10/9/2023 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
Sunday, 24/9/2023 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
Sunday, 8/10/2023 - **Mr. Akunna and Christiana Akagha** for their Birthdays on October, 2023 after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
Sunday, 22/10/2023- **Mrs. Aronke Nylander** for her Birthday which comes up Friday, 20th October, 2023 after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services

(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 2023**. Please indicate your preferences on first come first served.

		7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m
Sunday	12/11/2023	Booked	Booked
Sunday	26/11/2023	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	10/12/2023	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	24/12/2023	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 Ojutlwon (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. **Akintade Aderonke Victoria (13 yrs)** need the sum of N3.6 million for a corrective surgery of a hole in the heart.

2. **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.
 3. **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.
 4. **Imafidon Aduragbemi Ajodamen (19 years)** needs the sum of N600,000 for her University Education. She got an admission into the Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State for 4 years at N150,000 per session.
 5. **Mr. Iperepolu Omoniyi Ernest (40 years)** A visually Impaired student of Vocation Training Centre, Oshodi needs a sum of N420,000 for 2 years at N210,000 per session.
 6. **Mr. Jerry Shanu Samson (38 years)** A visually impaired Student of Vocational Training Centre Oshodi needs the sum of N420,000 per 2 years at N210,000 per session.
 7. **Mr. Komolafe Olasumbo Ajayi (46 years)** needs the sum of N300,000 for a dialysis of N60,000 per sessions.
- (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 of 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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 02/07/2023

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion(Youtube 265/Facebook 447 views)..... 184
9.15 a.m. Choral Mattins (Youtube 382/Facebook 400 views)..... 228

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday 01/07/2023	12	Wednesday 05/07/2023	32
Monday 03/07/2023	10	Thursday 06/07/2023	23
Tuesday 04/07/2023	15	Friday 07/07/2023	22

COMING EVENTS (JULY 2023)

- 15/7/2023 - LADGOS Training
- 16/7/2023 - Family Harvest Begins
- 16/7/2023 - 95th Anniversary - Ladies Helpers' Union and 22nd Anniversary - Youth Wing.
- 25/7/2023 - Diocesan Hour of Intercession
- 26-29/7/2023 - Annual Youth Conference at Diocesan Multipurpose Complex, Igboye, Epe/Centenary City



SOUL FOOD 28/2023

***“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing.”
- John 15:4&5***

The Lord, after the deluge that destroyed the earth in Genesis, promised: *As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. (Genesis 8:22).* The Lord has again shown us His mercy, in His faithfulness He has visited the earth with His abundance, assuring us that He is in control of our life, now and in the future. I must congratulate the host society of this year’s harvest events – the Cathedral Group of the YWCA on the excellent start of this year’s celebration. I pray that they will end on a joyous note with unprecedented abundance in Jesus’ name. I equally rejoice with every member of the Cathedral for the privilege to witness another Harvest season on earth. It will not be your last in Jesus’ name.

Paul Wigmore in his composition titled: ***This is our harvest; season of fruitfulness*** again intimates us with the essence of Harvest celebration:

***This is our harvest, season of fruitfulness;
God shows his mercies, signs of his faithfulness.
Come to his throne and lay before him
tokens of thankfulness that we owe him.***

Harvest celebration the world over is a celebration of fruitfulness. In an agricultural setting, the harvest refers to the gathering of crops at the end of the growing season. It is a time of reaping the rewards of hard work, patience, and favourable conditions. The harvest represents abundance, provision, and sustenance. It is the culmination of the planting and cultivation process and symbolises the fulfilment of our material needs. In other words, the farmer expects fruitfulness when he plants a seed or grows a vineyard. His expectation is that the garden will be fruitful and that he will harvest fruits.

Metaphorically, the concept of harvest can be extended beyond agriculture. It can represent the results or outcomes of our efforts in different areas of life. It can signify the achievements we attain through our endeavours, be it in our careers, education, hobbies, or personal goals. Just as a farmer cultivates the land and expects a bountiful harvest, we invest time, energy, and resources in our pursuits, hoping to enjoy the fruits of our labour. As a sequel, Fruitfulness encompasses more than just the act of harvesting. It refers also to a state of being fruitful or productive and implies a sense of abundance, growth, and vitality. Being fruitful involves not only achieving tangible results but also experiencing personal growth and development along the way. Fruitfulness, therefore, is a sign of life. It is a source of deep satisfaction. It is the fulfilment of GOD’s purpose for man.

Our theme – ***Assured Fruitfulness in Christ Alone*** - stresses that the key to fruitfulness is not effort, though effort will be necessary. The key to fruitfulness is not circumstance, though how we handle our circumstances is important. The key to fruitfulness is not our personal strength, charisma, or wisdom, though each of these abilities will be given to us to help make us more fruitful. The key to fruitfulness is for us to have our lives joined to the one, true, healthy vine — Jesus. As our lives are joined to His, as we “remain” in Him and He in us, then fruitfulness happens naturally. As branches, we derive our health and productivity from the vine. (See John 15:4&5).

This year, our attention is being drawn to the source of fruitfulness which is Jesus Christ, “without Him, we can do nothing.” Jesus tells His disciples that drawing life from Him is essential to their fruitfulness. Our source of life and spiritual fruit is not in ourselves; it is outside us, in Christ Jesus. So, we must depend on Jesus for everything, starting with our very life - “For in Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28) Just as seasons change and crops are harvested, our lives go through different

phases and stages. There are times of sowing, nurturing, and waiting, followed by seasons of reaping and enjoying the rewards. All these must be through, in and from Jesus Christ.

At the beginning of the 2023 Harvest Season/Celebration, I encourage us to look beyond the present economic situation around us and draw closer to Christ, He will nourish and multiply us for the advancement of His kingdom here on earth. Remember, to whom much is given much is expected. The life you have, what you have acquired, the wealth you have at your disposal, the health and strength which you enjoy, they all come from Him. He expects that we show fruitfulness by reciprocating His love for His work. "He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." (John 15:2)

Have a blessed week!

The one who serves among you,



Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi, PhD

Provost

Prince 'Dapo Opeaye.....People's Warden
Mr. Adeyinka Shonekan.....Provost's Warden
Mr. Adejola Adeosun -Acting Master of the Music and Organist
Revd. Henry Mooh - Confirmation Class/Children's Church
Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju - Youth/Missionary Society
Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun M. Adeyemi -Altar Servers/Readers Guilds
Revd Olawole Faloye -Correctional Centres Ministry/Elders' Fellowship
Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe -SWSU and Care Ministry
Ven. Henry Adelegan -Harvest Sub-Committee/Cathedral Choir and Band
Very Revd. Dr. Adebola Ojofeitimi -Evangelism

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