

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION Colour: GREEN

Theme: **RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE TO POSSIBILITIES THROUGH**
(iii) Commanding Scriptures

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Stewards on Duty: **Group B**

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 753 (*Laudate Dominum Parry*)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." II Timothy 3:16.*
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. **Collect:**
Almighty God, Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light upon our path : grant that by patient study of the Scriptures we may follow more closely the way that You set before us; through Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, You see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

9. **Epistle:** Hebrews 4: 1-12 - **Engr. Lolade Yahaya**
10. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 810 (*Moscow*)
11. **Gospel:** Matthew 7: 24-29 **Revd. Olawole Faloye**
12. **Sermon:** **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**
13. **Creed:** (Page 178)
14. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Mrs. Batare Yahaya**
15. **The Peace** (page 186)
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword..." Hebrews 4:12*
17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 453 (*St Helen*)
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:** *"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says". Amen. James 1:22*
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 423 (*Unde Et Memores*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 436 (*Tune A&MRW 635 - Alleluia Dulce Carmen*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 441 (*Song 46*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 447 (*H.C. 444 - Beamaris*)
 - (v) A&MRW 449 (*Moseley*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 455 (*Rockingham*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 456 (*Tune A&MRW 507 - Fulda*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 458 (*Grafton Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 714 (*Slane*)
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *We thank You, O Lord our God, for You has not rejected us, but has made us worthy to be partakers of Your Holy Things. Let Your word continue to guide us in the path of righteousness so that we can unlock full possibilities and enjoy Your Grace for the rest of our lives through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*
26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
28. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
15th year Memorial of Prof. Ajibayo Akinkugbe - A&MRW 683
29. **Notices:**
30. **Spiritual Tonic: *Psalm 32:8***
31. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
32. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 652 (*CWM Rhondda*)
Collection for the Ile Aanu-Olu Pre-School for the Physical Challenged

At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Cantor: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi
Responses: William Byrd in E Flat

Theme: **RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE TO
POSSIBILITIES THROUGH
(iii) Commanding Scriptures**

1. Processional Hymn: A&MRW 742 (*Lyngham Desert*)
2. Call to Worship:
3. Confession and Absolution
4. Venite: ASB 72 - Frederick A.G. Ouseley
5. Psalm: 90: ASB 164 - Frederick A.J. Harvey in A
6. 1st Lesson: Jeremiah 1: 1-19 - Mrs. Akinwunmi Dongo
7. Benedictus: ASB 61 - Edwin G. Monk in G.
8. 2nd Lesson: Hebrews 4: 1-12 - Mrs. Esther Asubiaro-Adewuyi
9. Te Deum: ASB 27, 31, 35 (Set A)
10. Creed to 3rd Collect
11. Anthem: Grateful - Ayo Ajayi (August 2018)
Grateful am I to the Lord God, I lift up His praise to the highest, for merciful undeserved, all Glory to God Hallelujah! All of my days, I will praise him, I'll speak of his love to all people, His peace so Divine that he gives us, All Glory to God Hallelujah! I will dwell in the shadow of the most High, He is my Glory and the lifter of my head, He is strength, He is my shield, He calmed my stormy seas and took my sins Away and now I am hopeful in Jesus. For Merciful undeserve. All Glory God Hallelujah!
12. Hymn before Sermon: A&MRW 383 (*Ravenshaw*)
13. Sermon: Canon Residentiary
14. Intercession: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi
15. Hymn for Offering: A&MRW 820 (*Contemplation*)
17. Thanksgiving at the Altar
- 1 year Memorial Thanksgiving for Chief (Mr.) Oyeyemi Borisade
- Family Harvest
18. Notices:
19. ***Spiritual Tonic: Psalm 32:8***
20. Conclusion to Benediction
21. Final Amen: Byrd in E Flat
22. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 116 (*Abridge*)
Collection for the Ile Aanu-Olu Pre-School for the Physical Challenged

At the Organ: Princewill Ubani
Choral Conductor: Jola Adeosun

9.15 A.M. CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHURCH

Conductor - The Chaplain

1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 742 (*Lyngham Desert*)
2. Call to Worship
3. Praise and Worship
4. Psalm: 90
5. Bible Reading: Hebrews 4: 1-12
6. Special Number
7. Seminar: Mr. Bola Adegbonmire
8. Creed, Collects and Intecession/Creed to Prayers
9. Sunday Offering: Choruses
10. Notices
11. Prayer and Benediction
12. Closing Hymn: A&MRW 116

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

TOPIC: TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL (1)

Worship Leader: Aunty Yvonne Alayideino

1. Choruses
2. Opening Hymn: - C.H. 472 (CS)
3. Bible Reading: Genensis 32: 24-32
4. Creed to Prayers:
5. Hymn: - C.H. 579 (Offering to be taken)
6. Closing Prayer
7. Closing Hymn - from Pamphlet
8. Children go to their various classes

11.15 a.m SONG EUCCHARIST

2023 ANNUAL SEA SUNDAY

Theme: **RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE TO POSSIBILITIES THROUGH**
(iii) Commanding Scriptures

Celebrant: Ven. Henry Adelegan

Communion Setting: Bruce Steane in F

1. **Hymn:** A&MRW 676 (*St. Denio*)
2. **Introit:** **God is Living, God is Here** -J.S. Bach (*See White Paper*)
3. **Matching In of Colors**
4. **Introductory Sentence:** *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." II Timothy 3:16.*
5. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
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11. **Epistle:** Hebrews 4: 1-12 **Guild of Stewards on Duty**
12. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 623 (*Melita*)
13. **Gospel:** Matthew 7: 24-29 **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
14. **Sermon:** Rt. Revd. Dr. Olusola Odedeji (Supervising Bishop)
15. **Creed:** (Page 178)
16. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Guild of Stewards on Duty**
17. **The Peace** (page 186)
18. **Offertory Sentence:***"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword.." Hebrews 4:12.*
19. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 422 (*Hyfrydol*)
(Please drop all your envelopes)
20. **Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer** (Pages 187-190)
21. **Breaking of Bread to Anthem:** (Pages 190 -193)
22. **Prayer of Humble Access:** (Pages 193 -194)
23. **Communion Sentence:** *"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says". Amen. James 1:22*
24. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 621 (*Repton*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 532 (*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 689 (*St. Sepulchre*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 675 (*Bishopthorpe*)
 - (v) A&MRW 632 (*Richmond*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 645 (*Dambuster's March*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 640 (*Warrington*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 788 (*Take this Moment*)
25. **Post Communion Hymn:** *Will Your Anchor Hold in the Storm of Life (See the page next to family Harvest List)*
26. **Post Communion Prayer:** *We thank You, O Lord our God, for You has not rejected us, but has made us worthy to be partakers of Your Holy Things. Let Your word continue to guide us in the path of righteousness so that we can unlock full possibilities and enjoy Your Grace for the rest of our lives through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*
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28. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
- **The Mission to Seafarers**
29. **Notices:**
30. **Spiritual Tonic: Psalm 32:8**
31. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
32. **Final Amen: Seven Fold - Sir John Stainer**
33. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 794 (*Dominus Regit Me*)
Collection for the Ile Aanu-Olu Pre-School for the Physical Challenged

At the Organ: 'Jola Adeosun & Chukwuka Onyenze
Choral Conductor: 'Jimi Olumuyiwa

SUNDAY 30/07/2023

Day 211

Bible in a year: Job 24, 26; Luke 21

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *Minister of Environment*
- ❖ *7th Wedding Anniversary of The Revd. Uchechukwu & Mrs. Uchenna Nwagboso.*
- ❖ ***The Bishop of the Diocese of America (La Iglesia de la Region Central de America)***

❖ ***Birthday Intercession:***

Mr. Alaba Alakija, Mrs. Alero Jadesimi, Miss Olorunjuyinlo Adepero Benson, Master Ajibola Osunkoya, Miss Ogochukwu Sophia Anyanwu, Mr. Babatunde Akintola, Master Enoch Fatoye, Mrs. Datore Ojo, Mr. Eric Teniola, Mrs. Yetunde Olowu Mabinuori.

❖ ***Wedding Anniversary Intercession:***

- (i) *Mr. & Mrs. Opeoluwa Sebanjo, 7th Wedding Anniversary.*
- (ii) *Mr & Mrs. David Jitoboh, 7th Wedding Anniversary.*

❖ ***Memorial Intercession:***

- (i) *Mr. Babatunde Shonekan, 5 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mr. Ademuyiwa Adewole Adebogun, 14 years' mind.*
- (iii) *Prof. Ajibayo Akinkugbe, 15 years' mind.*

❖ ***Family Intercession:***

Families of *Amb. (Mrs.) Modupe Akintola, Mr. 'Supo Shasore(SAN), Mrs. Funmi Akiode, Engr. Apakama, Mr. Tunde Alase, Late Otunba Afolabi-Alu, Late Dr. A.E. Amabibi, Dr. Eyimofe Atake, SAN, Mr. C.A. Authe, Mr. Babasola Adebajo, Mr. S.A. Bailey, Mr. Akinwande Olutobi Martins, Dr. Olu McGuinness Otubusin, Mrs. Mosun Fayemi, Late Mr. David Okafor Nwobodo, Mr. Kehinde Oliyide, Prince Kola Abumere.*

❖ ***Prayer for Businesses***

Oladele Fajemirokun Foundation, Ginger Baker Nigeria Enterprises Limited, Facility and Environmental Care Plus, Common Naija, Breaking Barriers Support Initiative, Promaco Associates Ltd, Promaco Engineering Ltd, Billington Petroleum Ltd, Keystone College Lagos, Quintus Projects Ltd, Coconut Grove Apartments, PentAir Ltd, Lasaco Asssurance Plc. Oluolu Industries Nigeria Limited, Yem Yom Ventures UK.

SUNDAY 30/07/2023 - MEETINGS

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

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

4.00 P.M. PSALMODY

RENDITION OF PSALMS AND EVENSONG

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 31/07/2023

Colour: GREEN Day 212

Bible in a year: Job 27, 28; Luke 22

6.45a.m.

Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju

Epistle: Acts 15: 36-16.5

Gospel: Mark 6: 14-29

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *Minister of Water Resources.*
- ❖ *47th Wedding Anniversary, The Most Revd. Dr. Adebola and Mrs. Oluwafeyiranti Ademowo, PhD, OON, D.Litt. FNAL*
- ❖ *The Bishop of the Diocese of Wangaratta; The Anglican Church of Australia (Victoria Province).*

❖ **BirthDay Intercession:**

Mrs. Flora Yetunde Adeluwoye, Mr. Stephen Edegware, Miss Morenikeji Adesoye, Prince Adebayo Ademiluyi, Mr. Ojekhoa Ovbiagele, Miss Bukola Oshinowo, Miss Oreoluwa Awodein, Mr. Oladipupo Fatoki, Miss Morenike Ilori, Miss Motirola Oluwa Omojadesola Layeni, Miss Emmanuella Adaeze Peter.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

(i) Mrs. Olapeju Olufunmilayo Art-Alade, 17 years' mind.

(ii) Chief Ayo Rosiji, CPA, 23 years' mind.

4.00 p.m. Women Bible Class/Visitation

TUESDAY – 01/08/2022

Colour: GREEN

Day 213

Bible in a year: Job 29, 30; Luke 23

6.45a.m.

Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Epistle: Acts 16: 6-15

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-46

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *Minister of Youth and Sports*
- ❖ *The Revd. Isaac Oluwatosin Ariyo.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Haniel Senayon Adeyemi*
- ❖ *The Bishop of the Diocese of Wanyjok; The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Northern Bahr el Ghazal Province)*

❖ **BirthDay Intercession:**

Mr. Olukayode Otukoya, Omoba Adeboye Ademola, Mr. Charles Jidefor Nwakaeze, Miss Folake Williams, Mrs. Olatokunbo Ayodele, Mrs. Comfort Mgbechinyere Ndubuka, Mr. Olumide Oladipo Owolabi, Mrs. Olubusola Folasade Ajayi, Miss Abimbola Pedro, Mrs. Adefolake Tolulope Ojemuyiwa, Mr. Tobi Ashafa, Mr. Echidinma Ezeogu, Mr. Moyosore Olagoke, Mr. Joseph Ajiboye Oni, Mr. Adesegun Shode, Mr. Samuel Umeobi, Master Ebubechukwu Ezeogu, Mrs. Ebunayo Oloruntele Fetuga, Mrs. Abimbola Ebokhume Adubifa. (nee Williams), Mrs. Haniel Senayon Adeyemi, Chief Echidinma Ezeogu, Master Ebubechukwu Ezeogu.

Wedding Anniversary:

(i) Mr. & Mrs. Adegboyega Omoniyi, 8th Wedding Anniversary.

(ii) Mr & Mrs. Olukoyejo Alaba, 8th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

(i) Mrs. Rosella Abiodun Akinyemi, 9 years' mind.

(ii) Mr. Archibald Olatunde Young, 11 years' mind.

(iii) Engr. Jacob Omo Ihonde, 27 years' mind.

WEDNESDAY - 02/08/2023 Colour: GREEN Day 214

Bible in a year: Job 31, 32; Psalms 86,87

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: **The Provost**

Epistle: **Acts 16; 16-24**

Gospel: **Mark 6: 47-56**

Points for Prayer

- ❖ Minister of Aviation
- ❖ Mrs. Rhoda Nkemjika Ekeke
- ❖ 15th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Canon Adelekan and Mrs. Yetunde Ogundipe.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Warri; The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion , Bendel Province)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Adebomi Adeboya (nee Oyenuka), Mr. Okhai A. Ajakaiye, Mrs Oiza Effanga (nee Osho), Miss Amarachi Amaoge Apakama, Mr. Richard Ogunderu, Mr. Oluwaseajomi Adebola Okunribido, Mr. Oluwafemi Olajide Oni, Miss Oluwatobiloba Soyannwo.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

(i) Pa Michael Olufemi Abiodun, 13 years' mind.

(ii) Chief (Mrs) Hilda Adunola Ogunbajo, 18 years' mind.

(iii) Oloye Adesola Kolajo Lamilisa, 20 years' mind

(iv) Chief Ruth Elizabeth Okonedo, 24 years' mind

5.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

5.00 p.m **Christian Wake Keep for Mr. Hugh Oluwole Shogbola**

THURSDAY 3/08/2023 Colour: GREEN Day 215

Bible in a year: Job 33, 34 ; Luke 24

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

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

Epistle: **Acts 16: 25-40**

Gospel: **Mark 7: 1-23**

Points for Prayer

- ❖ Minister of State for Environment
- ❖ The Revd. Benjamin Azagba Okwumabua
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Washington; The Episcopal Church of Church (III (3) Province)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Angelina Omolara Wey, Mr. Joseph Ajiboye Oni, Mr. Oluwabusayo Odugbesan, Miss Olaruyiwa Afolabi, Miss Aghogho Ruth Bob-Okonedo, Mrs Abiola Mohammed (nee Adeniyi-Jones), Miss Fatimah Mohammed, Miss Folakemi Bamidele, Miss Iyabo Loretta Okwuraiwe, Miss Maureen Paul, Miss Nkolika Doris Umeaokafor, Mr. Nelson Olatunde Williams, Miss Oluwadamilola Oke, Miss Ayondu Oguejiofor, Master Modebayo Olatawura.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

(i) Mrs. Petronilla Akon Akpan, 5 years' mind

(i) Miss Adebola Omolara Ayodele, 7 year's mind.

(ii) Mrs. Stella Omoladeeni Johnson(nee Cole), 13 years' mind.

(iii) Mrs. Olufunmilayo Ibidunni Phillips, 29 years' mind

(iv) Mr. S. Solomon Ojo-Osagie, 31 years' mind.

(v) Mrs. Mary Henrietta Modupe-Davies, 30 years' mind.

11.00 a.m **Funeral Service for Mr. Hugh Oluwole Shogbola**

6.00 p.m. **Choir Practice**

FRIDAY – 04/08/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 216

Bible in a year: Job 35,36; Phil. 1

6.45 a.m.

Celebrant: Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe

Epistle: Acts 17: 1-15

Gospel: Mark 7: 24-37

Points for Prayer

- ❖ Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
- ❖ The Ven. Eleazar Uchenna Ekwensi.
16th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Adeboye and Mrs. Olusola Ojuolape
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Wau; Te Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Northern Bahr el Ghazal Province)**

- ❖ **BirthDay Intercession for:**
Mr. Kayode Odukoya, Miss Amoke Tinuade Spaine, Mr. James Samuel Peters, Ms. Joan Oluwaseun Obafemi-Ajayi, Mr. Oyediran O. Afolabi.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
 - (i) Engr. Rotimi Morgan, 4 year's mind.
 - (ii) Mrs. Omosalewa Joana Adebogun, 5 years' mind.
 - (iii) Mr. Tokunbo Bolaji Layeni, 31 years' mind.
 - (iv) Engr. Rotimi Morgan

5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY -05/08/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 217

Bible in a year: Job 37,38; Psalm 88

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: Acts 17: 16-34

Gospel: Mark 8: 1-10

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ Minister of State for Solid Minerals.
- ❖ The Ven. Paul Ogedegbe.
- ❖ Mrs. Oluwayemisi Olawunmi Onifade.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Wellington; Teh Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Plynnesia (Pakeha Tikanga)**

- ❖ **BirthDay Intercession:**
Mrs. Abeke Oladunni Spaine, CPA, Mrs. Olapeju Eniola Sofowora, Miss Olutosin Olayide, Mr. Akinwande Olutobi Martins, Mr. Ugocuhkwu S. Ahamefuna, Miss Adesuwa Ovbiagele, Mrs. Ibronke Yetunde Santos, Miss Oluwanimoni Ajeigbe, Master Noah Edegware, Mr. Mosope Taiwo.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
 - (i) Mr and Mrs. John Obomanu, 6th Wedding Anniversary.
 - (ii) Mr. and Mrs. Olumayowa Sunmoni, 6th Wedding Anniversary.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**
 - (i) Princess Cecilia Noye Mensah, 13 years' mind.
 - (ii) Mrs. Sabainah Felicia Bolajoko Adeyinka, 18 years' mind.
 - (iii) Mr. Ebenezer Bankole Beckley, 31 years'

10.00 a.m.

Children's Treat at the Seminary Ground

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 4

TOPIC: Longsuffering

TEXTS: 2 Cor 6:1-10

AIMS:

i. to understand longsuffering in biblical context a

ii. the significance of longsuffering in our Christian race.

INTRODUCTION

Long-suffering is from the Greek word "*makrothumia*," which means "long-tempered" or "patient". Contrary to popular view, a person who is long-suffering is not weak; instead, he or she is strong in character and bold in resisting rash reactions. It is simply having or showing patience in spite of trouble, affliction and oppression.

STUDY GUIDE:

1. Carefully analyse our text today with particular emphasis on 2Cor 6:3-5 and explain longsuffering.
2. Expatiate on Est 4:13-17 and from the passage, how can you describe Esther as a paragon of longsuffering? Compare with Est 5:4, 8, and 7:1-6.
3. What can we learn from the prototype of Jesus' longsuffering in Phil 2:5-10; 1Tim 1:16
4. What is the significance of longsuffering in our Christian race? Jam 1:12; Rev 2:10

CONCLUSION: Our Lord Jesus Christ endured as human on earth even though he is one with God and also endured the longsuffering on the cross to win the crown of victory. Therefore, our ability to radiate the spiritual fruit of longsuffering is an attestation of our Christlikeness.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Longsuffering is never weakness, but spiritual fruit for the crown of life.

MEMORY VERSE: Jam 1:12 "Blessed is the man who endures temptation, for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to those who love him".

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

PSALM 32: 8

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.”

Heavenly Father, Thank You for Your guidance and leading in time past through Your word. This week I commit myself and my household into Your hand. Guide us in all our ways, help us to trust in You, and direct my path and that of my family in the way of all possibilities. Father Lord, hear my prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.



ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS

39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION

ARTICLE XXXV & XXXVI

35 The Homilies

The second Book of Homilies contains godly and wholesome teaching which is necessary for these times, as does the first book of Homilies published during the reign of Edward VI. We therefore judge that they ought to be read diligently and distinctly in the churches by the ministers so that they may be understood by the people.

36. The Consecration of Bishops and Ministers

The Book of Consecration of Bishops, and Ordering of Priests and Deacons, as set forth by the General Convention of this Church in 1792, contains all things necessary to such Consecration and Ordering; neither has it any thing that of itself, is superstitious and ungodly. And, therefore, whosoever are consecrated or ordered according to said Form, we decree all such to be rightly, orderly, and lawfully consecrated and ordered.

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, BAMGBOSE BUILDING PROJECT

Please pay all donations toward the project into Cathedral Access Bank Account Number: **0073948851**

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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GOD WILL COUNTENANCE YOUR SACRIFICE



FOR YOUR OFFERINGS AND OTHER DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 3)

Sunday, 30th July, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar

1. Family of Late Dan 'Saaki (Col.) Samuel Adeleye Agbede
2. Dr. & Prof. (Mrs) 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. Family of Late Chief S.A. Durojaiye,CPA
8. Family of Late Mrs. Nike Marinho
9. Mr. D.A. Edozor Family
10. Chief D.C. Egere Family
11. Family of Late Mr. David Ejemai
12. Family of Late Dr. Alex Ekwueme
13. Akenuwa Family
14. Dr. Bode and Mrs. Yemisi Oyewole and Family
Curtis Adeniyi Campbell Family
16. Mrs. Femi Laguda Family
17. Mr. & Mrs Martins Obinna Anekwe
18. Family of Late Admiral Soroh

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 Engr. J.F. Obembe
2. Family of Late Mr. & Mrs S.O. Wey GCON
CPA
3. Otunba D. B. O. Ogutuga & Family
4. Mr. & Mrs Deji Awodein
5. Family of Chief Ebun 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 J.C. Ayanele
28. Family of Engr. Ajoka.
29. Mrs. Mosun Fayemi (nee Ogutuga)
30. Family of Chief Reggie Uduhiri
31. Pearce-Dawodu Family
32. G. Veronica Onwuchekwa Family
33. Mrs. Bolanle Adeniyi
34. Bamidele Ojo-Osagie and Family

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

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 5)
Sunday, 20th August, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar.

1. Family Late Engr Chief Leonard Adeniyi-Williams
2. Family of Late Omooba Francis Adetola Adewunmi,CPA
3. Family of Late Chief P.A.F. Ojemuyiwa
4. Family of Late Dr. A.E. Amabibi
5. Chief Olu Falomo,CPA and Family
6. Mrs. C.O. Ibirogba and Family
7. The Ibru and Family
8. Mrs. Modupe Sowemimo-Coker and Family
9. Amb. O.O. Fafowora,CPA and Family
10. Mrs.E.O. Oyedele and Family
11. Family of Late Pa Alfred Abraham Adewoyin Gooding
12. Family of late Pa John Alabi Oyebode
13. Family of Late Mrs.Georgietta Kofoworola Oyebode
14. Family of Late Mrs. Catherine Aderemi Gooding-King
15. Family of Late Yeyeoba Edith Adenike Ola-Vincent
16. Family of Late Mr. Victor Ekundayo Babatunde Gooding
17. Mrs. Funmilayo Pereira and Family
18. Revd. Olukayode Oyebode and Family
19. The Ajilo and Family
20. Mr. Temitope Adegboyega Alao and Family
21. Sir Dr. Agbaike and Family
22. The Otubanjo and Family
23. The Owolabi and Family
24. Arc Remi Akodu and Family
25. Mr. Emmanuel Iyamah and Family
26. Family of Late Engr. George Adegboyega Martins
27. Mrs. Onigbanjo and Family

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

WOMEN'S CORNER

NOTICES

24/7/2023 - Contemporary Issue - Self Esteem vs God Esteem by **Mrs. Damola Adelegan**

25/7/2023 - Contemporary Issue - Conflict - Resolution Strategies

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

2016

July 24 Rt. Revd. Akinpelu Johnson was consecrated Bishop of Lagos Mainland Diocese, and enthroned on 24th August at the Cathedral of St Jude, Ebute Meta.

July 31 Send-forth for Rt. Revd. Akinpelu Johnson

2018

July 29 70th Birthday and Retirement Service for Most Revd. Dr. E. Adebola Ademowo, Ph.D, OON, FNAL, the Diocesan Bishop of Lagos and Dean Emeritus Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion was held at the Cathedral.

July 30 Enthronement of Right Revd. Dr. Humphrey Bamisebi Olumakaiye, Ph.D as the 8th Bishop of Lagos.

2020

July 12 Launching of the 2020 Harvest Season was held virtually, i.e. online as a result of the restriction on physical worship due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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) One 1.5 hp Airconditioners @ N180,000 each

(iv) Two 2 hp Airconditioners @ N270,000 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 06/08/2023

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
(Pentecost 10)

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

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: **RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE TO POSSIBILITIES THROUGH
(iv) Godly Counsel/Counsel of
Saints**

Celebrant: **Canon Residentiary**
Epistle: Exodus **18**: 1-27 **Mr. Ade Martins**
Gospel: Matthew **27**: 11-19 **Canon
Residentiary**
Address: **The Provost**
Prayers: **Mrs. Isioma Martins**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

0.15 a.m. COMBINED CHORAL MATTINS & SUNG EUCHARIST

Theme: **RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE TO POSSIBILITIES THROUGH
(iv) Godly Counsel/Counsel of
Saints**

Cantor: **Revd. 'Segun Lufadeju**
Celebrant: **Revd. Henry Mooh**
Responses:
Communion Setting:

Sermon: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
OT. Jeremiah **1**: 1-19 **Mrs. Akinwunmi
Dongo**
N.T. Hebrews **4**: 1-12 **Mrs. Esther Asubiaro-
Adewuyi**

Prayers **Revd. 'Segun Lufadeju**
Thanksgiving at the Altar
- *Monthly Thanksgiving*
- *July Birthday Thanksgiving*

after Communion

Service *There will be the General Monthly Meeting of the Cathedral Ladies League at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

(ii) *The Executive Committee Meeting of the Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearers will take place 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.

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. 2023 Clergy Welfare Week - APPRECIATION:

We write to appreciate you all for your support towards the ministry of the Clrgy in the Diocese of Lagos and beyond during our annual welfare week. God bless you abundantly in Jesus name. Amen.

2. Sea Sunday Service

Today, we joyfully celebrate the blessing of God Almighty on the ministry of the Seafarers in Lagos and beyond on the occasion of their Sea Sunday Service with the theme "***The Importance of SEAFARERS to our Well Being and Global Economy***". May God bless your ministry.

3. The Cathedral Choir

a) We welcome them into stall after enjoying the Annual Trinity Vacation. May God enrich their music.

b) There is a Rendition of Psalms and Evensong today at 4:00 pm. A joint performance of Psalms featuring **St. Andrew's Church Choir, GRA, Apapa, Anglican Church of Ascension Choir, Ejigbo, Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Marine-Beach, Apapa.**

c) **Orchestra Classes** commences from Sunday, 6th August, 2023.

3. Children's Treat comes up on **Saturday, 5th August, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.** at the Seminary Grounds. Tickets are sold at the Children's Church only at **N500.00 per child and N1,000 per adult**. It promises to be exciting for the children. Tickets **will not** be sold at the venue and **strictly only for Cathedral Sunday School Children.**

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

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. Cultural Harvest 2023

Stalls are available at a cost of **N5,000.00** per stall. Please contact **Mrs. Joke Opeaye** on 0803 358 6571 if interested.

6. Cathedral Dues:

The sustentation list from **January - June** is ready and placed at all the Church entrance doors. It also available on the Church website. Please check to ensure your name, duplex number and the amount contributed.

8. 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.

10.(a) Fellowship Hour Booking: August - Sept., 2023

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 - **Miss Akunna and Miss 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

(b) 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.

(c) 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 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.*
- ❖ *In the course of the week, the Unit received anonymous donation of N1.5m transfer. May God bless the donor more abundantly.*

(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. 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.
6. **Miss Azeezat Atoloye (18 years)**: A student of Kwara State University, studying English Language, needs the sum of N480,000 for 4 years at N120,000 per session.
7. **Miss Nancy Okacha (17 years)**: A student of University of Benin, studying Public Administration needs the sum of N480,000 for 4 years at N120,000 per session.

(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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 23/07/2023

7.15 a.m.	Holy Communion(Youtube 257/Facebook 700 views).....	170
9.15 a.m.	Children's Church/Sunday School.....	150
9.15 a.m.	Cathedral Youth Church.....	45
9.15 a.m.	Choral Mattins (Youtube 337/Facebook 764 views).....	175
11.15 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (Youtube 223/Facebook 1.1k views).....	85
5.00 p.m.	Commuhity Hymn (Youtube 533/Facebook 1.3k views).....	

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday 22/07/2023	8	Wednesday 26/07/2023	38
Monday 24/07/2023	23	Thursday 27/07/2023	16
Tuesday 25/07/2023	41	Friday 28/07/2023	20

COMING EVENTS (JULY -AUGUST 2023)

- 30/7/2023 - *The Cathedral Missionary Society visit to the sick and Elderly Members*
- 1/8/023 - *2023 Memorial Programme*
- 6/8/2023 - *Bob-a-Job by Cathedral Ladies Friendly Society*
- 9-12/8/2023 - *Annual Children Ministry's Camp Meeting*

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. - Hebrews 4 : 12”

God has promised to lead and guide us. As believers, we sincerely desire to be led by God. We understand the importance of following His plans and purposes for our lives. We recognize that God's ways are the best for us. We seek to live according to His will for our lives.

We need God's guidance in all kinds of matters in life. Some may have to do with small decisions and some may be big, major decisions. At different points in life, we need to know God's will for our next steps: a student would desire to know which academic area to focus on; someone entering professional life would desire to know which job opportunity or career path to pursue; and there are other major life decisions including the choice of one's spouse; which part of the world to live in; which local church to be part of, and so on. Our desire is to follow God through all of life's decisions. We have the wonderful privilege of having God as our Guide, and the ability to receive His guidance every step of the way. God's Promise To Lead And Guide

There are several Scriptures revealing to us that God has promised to lead and guide us. This is wonderful assurance. God is genuinely interested in the decisions we have to make and has promised His guidance. Psalm 37:23-24. God is very interested in our lives, very interested in the steps we take, the path we choose, and the decisions we make. Some of us need to get rid of the notion that 'God doesn't really care', or 'why would He even care about me, when He has this huge big universe to take care of?' The great God of this universe busies Himself with your every -small and big - step.

Even if we make mistakes, stumble, and falter it is not the end of everything. We are not doomed for the rest of our lives. God upholds us, or as the Amplified states, "...the Lord grasps his hand in support and upholds him" (AMPC). Psalm 32:8-9. What wonderful promises and assurance of guidance for us. The Lord Himself states: I will instruct you : the expanded meaning of the word 'instruct' in Hebrew ('sakal') means, make you circumspect, intelligent, prudent and wise and give you skill so that you can have good success. I will teach you : the word 'teach' in Hebrew ('yarah') figuratively means to point out, as if by aiming the finger, as when shooting an arrow. I will guide you : the word 'guide' also means to advise or counsel. The Lord has promised to instruct, teach and guide us through His word. Our response to His instruction, teaching and guidance is also important. He points to two animals, which lack understanding, the horse and the mule, and hence must be harnessed and held firm in order to go a certain way. They could either run ahead and must be held back, or could be very stubborn and hard to move forward. We must avoid either of these postures.

Our Responsibility

In receiving God's guidance through Commanding Scriptures, we have our responsibility or part to fulfill. We must seek, listen and obey.

A. Seeking

To seek means that we earnestly desire and ask God to guide us and direct us through His WORD. We express our desire to know His will so that we can walk honoring and pleasing Him. God invites us to seek Him and to call upon Him in order to receive His revelation of things we do not know: Jer. 29:12-13 Our seeking must be whole-hearted. God responds to such heart attitude. Jer. 33:3, Prov. 25:2, Matt. 7:7 We seek and receive God's guidance in the following ways : 1) Seeking His guidance during the normal course of things 2) Seeking His guidance during special times of seeking 3) Guidance during unexpected "God moments".

B. Listening:- John 10:1-5,27

A second important component to receiving God's guidance is listening. Notice how the Lord Jesus shared what the sheep do in relation to their shepherd:

* the sheep hear his voice - they are listening in for the shepherd's voice.

* the sheep follow him, for they know his voice - they are able to follow their shepherd because they know and listen for his voice.

* the sheep do not follow strangers because they recognize that it is not their shepherd's voice.

This indicates active involvement on part of the sheep.

Similarly, as sheep, we can follow our Shepherd when we know, recognize and hear His voice. God is speaking. Are we listening? Are we listening in the right places and to the right voice? Are we avoiding or entertaining the voice of strangers? Psalm 23:3-4. The shepherd's rod and staff served not only for defense and protection but also to guide and keep the sheep together. There are times when the shepherd leads the sheep from the front, calling out his voice and the sheep followed him, by following his voice. There are times when the shepherd follows the sheep along a known path. The sheep walk ahead and the shepherd sees them from behind. He calls out to the sheep and uses his rod and staff to keep the sheep on the right path. The shepherd's voice, his rod and staff are different pictures of God's guidance to us His sheep to keep us on the path He wants us to take. God our Shepherd is guiding us. We must be willing to listen and follow.

C. Obeying

The third important component to receiving God's guidance through commanding scripture is obeying. God guides us so that we can follow Him. Proverbs 3:32. God reveals His secret counsel to the upright. Why the upright? The answer is because they desire to do what is right in the eyes of God. So God speaks so that we can obey Him and walk pleasing to Him. God guides but we must follow with faith, obedience and patience. Sometimes obeying can be 'painful' to the flesh and to our soul's desires. But the end result of obeying God's guidance is peace. All will be well. Psalm 37:37. God leads and guides us by His Word and Holy Spirit primarily. In this chapter we share simple insights on receiving guidance through God's written Word.

There are other times when seeking God's guidance that He speaks to us through the written Word specifically to our situation. You may be praying about a certain decision and then a passage of Scripture bring out insights that address your matter directly. The mind of the Lord becomes clear to you. You recognize what God would have you do and the decision He would have you make in your situation.

This can happen during your time of reading of the Scriptures, perhaps during your daily reading. A verse or passage "jumps at" you from the pages of the Bible. An understanding, a fresh insight suddenly seems to open up from a seemingly familiar passage. As the Psalmist prayed, your eyes have been opened to see something wonderful from His Word (Psalm 119:18). The finger of God seems to be pointing you in a certain direction through a verse of passage of Scripture during your time in His Word. At other times, you may be going about your daily routine and suddenly a verse of Scripture is brought to your mind. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will "bring to our remembrance" (John 14:26) what the Lord has taught us. That verse of Scripture coming to your mind would serve among other things, to bring God's guidance and direction to your life. This is another way the Word can be quickened to us to bring God's guidance.

Have a blessed week!

The one who serves among you,

Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe

Canon Residentiary

Prince 'Dapo Opeaye.....People's Warden
Mr. Adeyinka Shonekan.....Provost's Warden
Mr. Adejola Adeosun -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
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