

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION Colour: GREEN

Theme: RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBILITIES THROUGH

(v) Witnessing

Celebrant: Revd. Canon Nehemiah Akintade

Stewards on Duty: Group A

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 394 (*Woodlands*)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!." Isaiah 52:7*
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, Who called Your Church to witness that You were in Christ reconciling men to Yourself : help us to proclaim the good news of Your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to You; through Him who died for us and rose again and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

9. **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 5: 14-6.2 - **Ms. Bunmi Ogutuga**
10. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 488 (*Lux Eoi*)
11. **Gospel:** Matthew 28: 16-20 **Revd. Olawole Faloye**
12. **Sermon:** **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
13. **Creed:** (Page 178)
14. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Miss Peju Agbebi**
15. **The Peace** (page 186)
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ..." Romans 10:17*
17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 507 (*Fulda*)
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:** *"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians." 4:6*
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 740 (*Wiltshire*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 503 (*Laus Deo Readhead No.46*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 499 (*Tune A&MRW 315 - Abbot's Leigh*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 498 (*Tune A&MRW 567 - Pleading Saviour*)
 - (v) A&MRW 445 (*Tune A&MRW 337 - Blaenwern*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 467 (*Tune A&MRW 302 - Venice*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 514 (*Tune A&MRW 246 - All for Jesus*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 434 (*Franconia*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 456 (*Tune: A&MRW 507 - Fulda*)
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *God of glory, "you nourish us with your Word" who is the bread of life: "fill us with your Holy Spirit" that through our witness the light of your glory "may shine in all the world. "We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*
26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
28. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
29. **Notices:**
30. **Spiritual Tonic: *Isaiah 12: 5&6***
31. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
32. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 465 (*Tune H.C. 444 - Beaumaris*)
At the Organ: Mr. Princewill Ubani

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Cantor: Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju

Responses: William Smith in G

**Theme: RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBILITIES THROUGH
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1. Processional Hymn: A&MRW 359 (*Tune A&MRW 698 - Gwalchmai*)
2. Call to Worship:
3. Confession and Absolution
4. Venite: SPCP 307 - C.H. Lloyd in G
5. Psalm: 145 (Sowande in C)
6. 1st Lesson: Jonah 3: 1-10 - Mrs. Modupeore Aleshinloye-Williams
7. Benedictus: SPCP 304 - G.C. Martin in D
8. 2nd Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-6.2- Mrs. Modupeore Aleshinloye-Williams
9. Te Deum: 27, 28, 29 (Set 3)
10. Creed to 3rd Collect
11. Anthem: Immortal Invisible, God only wise - Eric H. Thiman
12. Hymn before Sermon: A&MRW 384 (*Tune: Ellacombe*)
13. Sermon: Revd. Canon Nehemiah Akintade
14. Intercession: Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju
15. Hymn for Offering: A&MRW 749 (*St. Botolph Slater*)
16. Thanksgiving at the Altar
17. Notices:
18. ***Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 12: 5&6***
19. Conclusion to Benediction
20. Final Amen: William Smith in G
21. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 477 (*Tune: A&MRW 462 - Anima Christi*)

At the Organ: Mr. Princewill Ubani

Choral Conductor: Mr. Jimi Olumuyiwa

9.15 A.M. CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHURCH

Conductor: Revd. Olawole Faloye

1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 359
2. Call to Worship
3. Praise and Worship
4. Psalm: 145
5. Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-6:2
6. Special Number
7. Testimonies
8. Sermon: Revd. Olawole Faloye
9. Creed, Collects and Intecession/Creed to Prayers
10. Sunday Offering: Choruses
11. Notices
12. Prayer and Benediction
13. Closing Hymn: A&MRW 477

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

TOPIC: THE FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Worship Leader: Aunty Tolu Animashaun

1. Choruses
2. Opening Hymn: from Pamphlet
3. Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 14-18
4. Creed to Prayers:
5. Hymn: from Pamphlet (Offering to be taken)
6. Closing Prayer
7. Closing Hymn - from Pamphlet
8. Children go to their various classes

11.15 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

46th Anniversary – The Cathedral Circle

Theme: RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBILITIES THROUGH

(v) Witnessing

Celebrant: Ven. Henry Adelegan

Communion Setting: Geoffrey Shaw in C

1. Hymn: A&MRW 589 (*Angel Voices*)
2. Introit: **O Come, Ye Servants of The Lord - Christopher Tye**
3. Introductory Sentence: *"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!." Isaiah 52:7*
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9. Collect:
Almighty God, Who called Your Church to witness that You were in Christ reconciling men to Yourself : help us to proclaim the good news of Your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to You; through Him who died for us and rose again and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

10. Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5: 14- 6.2 **The Cathedral Circle**
11. Gradual Hymn: A&MRW 718 (*Tune A&MRW 23 - Abends*)
12. Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20 **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
13. Sermon: **Revd. Canon Nehemiah Akintade**
14. Creed: (Page 178)
15. Intercession: (Pages 183-184) **The Cathedral Circle**
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18. Offertory Hymn: A&MRW 488 (*Lux Eoi*)
(Please drop all your envelopes)
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20. Breaking of Bread to Anthem: (Pages 190 -193)
21. Prayer of Humble Access: (Pages 193 -194)
22. Communion Sentence: *"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:6*
23. Hymns during Administration:
 - (i) A&MRW 449 (*Moseley*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 452 (*Picardy*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 468 (*Tune A&MRW 22 - Ellers*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 498 (*Tune: A&MRW 567 - Pleading Saviour*)
 - (v) A&MRW 740 (*Wiltshire*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 503 (*Laus Deo Redhead No.46*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 499 (*Rustington*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 740 (*Wiltshire*)
24. Post Communion Hymn: A&MRW 709 (*Aurelia*)
25. Post Communion Prayer: *God of glory, "you nourish us with your Word" who is the bread of life: "fill us with your Holy Spirit" that through our witness the light of your glory "may shine in all the world." We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*
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27. Thanksgiving at the Altar:
- The Cathedral Circle - 46th Anniversary
29. Notices:
30. Spiritual Tonic: **Isaiah 12: 5&6**
31. Benediction to Dismissal: (Page 196)
32. Final Amen: **Geoffrey Shaw in C**
33. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 493 (*Tune A&MRW 462 - Anima Christi*)
At the Organ: Mr. Princewill Ubani
Mr. Chuka Onyenze
Choral Conductor: Mr. Jimi Olumuyiwa

SUNDAY 20/08/2023

Day 232

Bible in a year: Proverbs 25,26; 1 Thess. 4

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Praises Omole Ekun, Dean, St. Francis of Assisi Theological College, Wusasa, Zaria, and other Principal Officers.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Edmonton, The C Anglican Church of Canada (Rupert's Land Province).**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

The Revd. Samuel Olawole Faloye, Mrs. S.O. Adeluwoye, Mrs. Bernadina Olusola Ayodele, Mr. Jibolu Gbadebo Ayodele Jnr, Mrs. Olaide Oluremi Coker, Mrs. Stella Ego Chijioke, Mr. Tony Osahor, Miss Caroline Oluwatosin Finnih, Mrs. Vivian Eniola Kattay, Mr. Wande Olasunbo, Mr. Abiodun Lawal, Mr. Adeyinka Fisher, Miss Adetola Morgan, Master Abah Abiola Brodie-Mends, Mrs. Elizabeth Okwudili Laniyan, Master Jeffery C. Ama-Ejehu, Mr. Marcel Cole, Mrs. Afolake Durowoju(nee Macaulay), Revd. Mcfrancis Chimezie Nwaobi.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Prof. & Mrs. G.O.A Sowemimo, CPA, 57th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**

Mr. Olubunmi Olusina Rosiji, 6 years' mind.

❖ **Family Intercession:**

Families of Gen. Theophilus Danjuma, CPA, Revd. J.P. Adebayo Adeyemi-Cole, Dr. Damola daCosta, Mr. Ezeogu, Mr. A.M. Samuel, Mr. Olumide Sofowora, SAN, Late Mr. J.B. Daramola, Late Mr. Modupe Buxton-Davies, Late Pa Gilbert Oyenola Ogunro, Esq, CPA, Mr. 'Supo Shasore, SAN, Late Mr. Hugh Oluwole Shogbola.

❖ **Prayer for Businesses**

D.F Groups, Favoured One Catering Services, Lenox Heights Ltd, Purple Scents Ltd, Signet Film Works, Famfa Oil Ltd, South Atlantic Petroleum(Sapetro), Bendel Electric Distribution Company, Vigeo Holding Limited, The Carpenter's House, De Wax Aluminium Co. Ltd, C.O George & Co, Belton Link Furniture, Nu-Lyne Int'l (Nig.) Ltd, Quintus Projects Ltd, Kemabom Catering Services, Kenning Homes Architects.

SUNDAY 20/08/2023 - MEETINGS

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

After Mattins

- There will be a meeting of the **Mothers' Union** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.
- The Monthly General Meeting of the **Choirwives/Choir Parents Association** will hold in the Choir Vestry.
- The Monthly General Meeting of the **Cathedral Missionary Society** will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.
- 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

2.00 p.m. The Statutory Meeting of the **Cathedral Christian Brothers** will hold at Plot 8b Olaturji Moore Street, off TF Kuboye Road, via Marwa Bus Stop/Pinnacle Petrol State, Lagos

5.00 p.m. COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING

HOST: CHIEF MICHAEL OLUMUYIWA FALOMO, CPA
(To mark his 85th Birthday)

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 21/08/2023 Colour: GREEN Day 233

Bible in a year: Proverbs 27,28; 1 Thess. 5

6.45a.m. *Holy Communion*

Celebrant: Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju

Epistle: Acts 22: 30-23.11

Gospel: Mark 11: 12-36

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Lagos, Most Revd. Adewale Martins.*
- ❖ *The Ven. Folorunso OreOluwa Agbelusi*
- ❖ *13th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Canon Adelowo and Mrs. Funke Adebayo.*
- ❖ *The Bishop of the Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury & Ipswich, The Church of England (Canterbury Province).*

❖ ***Birthday Intercession:***

Mrs. Oluwagbemiga Olayinka Olowole, Mrs. Oredeji Kofoworola Delano, Mrs. Bamidele Oluyemisi Daramola, Mrs. Olubunmi Okeoghene Williams, Miss Nadja Banke Alakija, Mr.Nnebemchukwu Azubuike Ofoma, Miss Onyinye Apakama, Miss Elizabeth Itunu Martins, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Adesola, Mrs. Olamide Alaba Ayoola, Master Chiene Ogbue.

❖ ***Memorial Intercession:***

- (i) *Mrs. Victoria Adetoro Makinde (nee Bailey) 1 year's mind.*
- (ii) *Mrs. Doreen Ayoola Omoleye Ogunro, 2 years' mind*
- (iii) *Chief Oladipo Harrison-Obafemi, 2 years' mind*
- (iv) *Mrs. Christie Abeni Adeola, 8 years' mind.*
- (v) *Mrs. Dorcas Oluremilekun Akindele, 19 years' mind.*

11.00 a.m. *Prayer Convocation at Faith Plaza, Bariga*

4.00 p.m. *Women Bible Class/Health Talk: Urinary Tract Infection by Dr (Mrs) Oluchi Okafor*

TUESDAY – 22/08/2023 Colour: GREEN Day 234

Bible in a year: Proverbs 29,30; 2 Thess. 1

6.45a.m. *Holy Communion*

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Epistle: Acts 23: 12-24

Gospel: Mark 11:27-12.12

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The International Head of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastor Enoch Adejare Adeboye.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Daniel Chinwuba Ubeh.*
- ❖ *25th Wedding Anniversary of Ven. Paul and Mrs. Mercy Ogedegbe.*
- ❖ *The Anglican Church of South America.*

❖ ***Birthday Intercession:***

Mrs. Oluwafolakemi Edun (nee Fajemirokun), Miss Oyindamola Daramola, Miss Oluyemisi Raine, Miss Oluyemi Ibiyemi-Aluko, Miss Ibronke Obafunmilayo Hollist, Miss Morohunkejii Adewole, Miss Carol Omenai, Miss Dolapo Ade-Makanju, Master Moyinoluwa Adebambo, Miss Oluwademilade Ojora, Mr. Oluwaseun Osiyemi.

❖ ***Memorial Intercession:***

- (i) *Miss Deborah Olufolahan Ajilo, 3 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Ven. Josiah Faji, 4 years' mind*
- (iii) *Major Francisco Olumide Pereira, 16 years' mind.*
- (iv) *Mr. Daniel S. Sonuga, 26 years' mind.*
- (v) *Omoba Dorothy Adeyinka Otunba-Payne, 54 years' mind.*

6.00 p.m. *Choir Practice*

WEDNESDAY – 23/08/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 235

Bible in a year: Proverbs 31; Psalms 94

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: Acts 23: 23-35

Gospel: Mark 12: 13-27

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Revd. Canon Dr. E. Ekpunobi, Rector St. Paul's University College, Awka, and other Principal Officers.*
- ❖ *The Ven. Segun Ladeinde, Synod Secretary and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Egba, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Omolara Iyabode Abidogun, Mr. Isaac Olusegun Aina, CPA, Mr. Folawewo Oludolapo Osibo Jnr, Mrs. Theresa O. Sorinwa, Miss Ife-Enyinwa Nwobodo, Mr. Shola Olabisi, Master Ryan Ayanfe Stevens, Miss Oyinade Adeyemi.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Mr. & Mrs. M.A.O. Kehinde, 43rd Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Chief (Mrs) Oyinlola Ade-John, 2 year's mind.*
- (ii) *Mrs. Comfort Adesola Sowande, 55 years' mind.*

12.00 noon Visit to Female Custodial Centre, Kirikiri
Bus leaves church premises at 10.30 a.m.

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY – 24/08/2023

Colour: RED

Day 236

St. Bartholomew the Apostle

Bible in a year: Ecclesiastes 1-3; 2 Thess. 2

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Epistle: Acts 5: 12-16

Gospel: Luke 22: 24-30

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Ven. John Y. Jonah Rector Bishop Crowther College of Theology, Okene and other Principal Officers.*
- ❖ *Mr. Oluwagbemiga Kasomo, Treasurer of Lagos Archdeaconry.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Egba West, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) Lagos Province.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Chief Michael Olumuyiwa Falomo, CPA(85), Olori Adekunbi Modupe Onadeko, Mr. Christopher Bako, Mr. Bayowa Oluwole Foresythe, Mrs. Ikechi Uzoma Okereke, Omoba (Mrs) Eugenia Arinola Afolabi, Mr. Pollard Egbele Okoro, Mrs. Olamide Oshinowo, Mr. Taiwo Omowale, Mr. Temitope Adegboyega Alao, Mr. Ayobami Chibuike Mehinsan, Mrs. Ngozi Rita Onyiagba, Miss Oluwafikunolami Animashaun, Mr. Samson Ogunleye, Mr. Abolade Adeleye Olatunji.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mrs. Lucinda Olapeju Jacobs, 2 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Chief Adeniyi Williams, 33 years' mind.*
- (iii) *Mrs. Flora Soetan, 48 years' mind.*
- (iv) *Olori Eunice Adeyemi Oyolola, 58 years' mind.*

6.00 p.m. Choir Practice

FRIDAY – 25/08/2023 Colour: GREEN

Day 237

Bible in a year: Ecclesiastes 4,5; 2 Thess. 3

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

Epistle: Acts 24: 24-25.12

Gospel: Mark 12.35-44

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Ven. Dr. Eze Izuna, Dean Ezekiel College of Theology, Ekpoma and Other Principal Officers*
- ❖ *The Revd. Derek IyanuOluwa Ayodele Amoo*
- ❖ *The Revd. Samson Taiwo Adefila*
- ❖ *Mrs. Olufunmilayo Olubunmi Ogundipe*
- ❖ *22nd Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Olusola and Mrs. Opeyemi Kolawole.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Egbu, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), Owerri Province.**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**
Prince (Prof) S. Adetunji Ademiluyi, Miss Victoria O. Sorinwa, Princess Adebimpe Ademiluyi, Mrs. Olufunmilayo Olubunmi Ogundipe, Prince Adedapo Ademiluyi, Mrs. Stella Olufunmilayo Benson, Mr. Yomi Rosiji, Master Oluyinka Adetunji Sowande, Mrs. Adedapo Oso, Miss Onyinye Emoka, Mrs. Mosunmade Rhodes, Mrs. Adejumo F. Oduwole, Mr. Michael Shayo Olumide, Mr Andrew Olalekan Ogunyemi, Mrs. Oluyinka Kalejaiye, Mr. Nduka Ugochukwu Obikwelu.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
(i) Mr. & Mrs. Umaikhe Omole, 7th Wedding Anniversary
(ii) Dr. Obinna and Mrs. Lola Nwokoma
(iii) Mr. & Mrs. Lekan Afari-Ogun

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Hon. Olusola Ademitoro Olugbode, 15 years' mind
(ii) Mrs. Dorcas Ibidun Ajana-Akindinloye, 17 years' mind.

5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Class

SATURDAY – 26/08/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 238

Bible in a year: Proverbs Eccl. 6,7; Psalm 95,96

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: Acts 25: 13-27

Gospel: Mark 13: 1-13

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Dr. Babatunde Joseph Adeyemi, Dean Lagos Anglican Seminary and other Principal Officers.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Adeola Foluke Idowu.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Egypt, The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Mr. Edward Adetokunbo Ademola, Mrs Victoria Gbemisola Ajilore (nee Kuyinu), Mr. Benjamin Akpotareno, Miss Eleanor Abah Abiola Brodie-Mends, Master Ayomide Paul, Mr. Alexander Kolawole Ejemai, Mr. Udochukwu Ezenwa Ibeji, Mr. Bassey Ekang Ekpo, Miss Abimbola Abike Ilori, Mr. Adetunji Adeniran.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Mr. Paul Gbolahan Adesina, 15 years' mind
(ii) Mrs. Rebecca Adeyebi Olajide (nee Adegbola -Bepo), 25 years' mind.
(iii) Mrs. Olabisi Aregbesola, 78 years' mind.

9.00 a.m.

Blessing of Marriage: Toluwani and Oluwalayo Agbada

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 7

TOPIC: Faith

TEXT: Heb 11:1-6

AIMS:

i. to analyse various manifestations of faith by Biblical heroes

ii. to study how manifestation of our Christian faith can set the basis for soul-winning into Christ's kingdom.

INTRODUCTION

Our text today gave the Biblical definition of Faith as the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. It is a strong belief or trust in the existence and ability of a person or thing. It is one thing to say we are Christians; it is another thing to daily manifest our faith to unbelievers especially the world around us. From our Bible passage, we can see the manifestation of the belief of Heroes of Faith in the Almighty God. It is a manifestation of total reliance on the person, existence, ability and saving grace of the Almighty God. These should continuously serve as prototypes to us on our pilgrimage to the kingdom of God.

STUDY GUIDE

1. Define faith according to the study and from your perspective.
2. Narrate the manifestation of Faith in the following passages: Gen 39:9; Job 19:25-27; Heb 11:4.
3. How were the hearts of unbelievers won through the manifestation of Faith in the following passages? Dan 3:28-29; 6:23, 25-27; Acts 4:1-4.
4. We are living in a world of miracle, magic, signs and wonders. How best can we manifest our Faith for soul winning into Christ's kingdom? Acts 2:42, 46; 1Cor 2:1-2, 4, 1Thess 1:5

CONCLUSION: Faith is the spiritual fruit that nourishes the spread of the gospel. It is what feeds the unbelievers and impact them to give their lives to Christ. Therefore, the manifestation of the Christian's Faith should always point people to Christ and the power of His resurrection for the redemption of sinners.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Point others to Christ and never to yourself as faithful Christians.

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

ISAIAH 12: 5&6

Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

My Father and my God, indeed You are great and worthy of my praise. Let my mouth be filled with Your praise always and my heart with joy of your presence. Dry up all my tears and take away all my worries and anxieties. Let me forever be your habitation where praises never cease. Let me never take your constant presence and your sure mercies for granted instead let me always be aware of all your benefits so that whether the devil likes it or not my life will always bring You praise and be a reflection of Your greatness in Jesus precious name I pray. Amen.



ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS

39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION

ARTICLE XXXVII

37. The State and its Civil Representatives

The power of the Civil Magistrate extends to all men, as well as Clergy as Laity, in all things temporal; but has no authority in things purely spiritual. And we hold it to be the duty of all men who are professors of the Gospel, to pay respectful obedience to the Civil authority, regularly and legitimately constituted. The original 1571, 1662 text of this article reads as follows: The sovereign has the chief power in the realm of England and his other possessions. The supreme government of all in this realm, whatever their station, whether ecclesiastical or civil, and in all matters, belongs to him and is not, nor ought to be, subject to any foreign jurisdiction. When we attribute to the sovereign the chief government (a title which seems to have offended some slanderous persons) we do not grant our rulers the ministry of either God's Word or of the sacraments. This is also made clear in the Injunctions published by Queen Elizabeth I. By this we acknowledge only the prerogative which we see in Holy Scripture God has given to all godly rulers. They should rule all people committed to their charge by God, whatever their station or rank, whether ecclesiastical or secular, and restrain with the civil power those who are stubborn or practice evil. The bishop of Rome has no jurisdiction in this realm of England. The laws of the realm may punish Christian people with death for heinous and grave offenses. It is lawful for Christian men at the command of the state to carry weapons and serve in wars.

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: **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
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6.	Family Harvest/Harvest		

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FOR YOUR OFFERINGS AND OTHER DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

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

The following families will be called to the altar today.

1. Family Late Engr Chief Leonard Adeniyi-Williams
2. Otunba Babatunde and Yeye Fajemirokun
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. Ibirogbu 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 Oyeboode 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 Iyama 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.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 6)

Sunday, 27th August, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar

1. Erelu Ojuolape Ojora, MON and Family
2. Olori Ajoke Adewunmi and Family
3. Late Engr. Ibiyemi D.W. Aluko Family
4. Mr. Olumide Sofowora, SAN and Family
5. Commodore Seyi & H.E. Mrs. Sarah Sosan and Family
6. Mr Tas & Mrs Tolu Animashaun
7. Late Dr. S.U. Okoli Family
8. Ajibade & Gbeminiyi Laolu-Adewale
9. Engr. Stanley Onuoha and Family
10. Prince Dapo Opeaye and Family
11. Mr Emmanuel Kanu and Family
12. Family of Late Adelola Martins
13. Family of Late Chief D. A. Ogunyemi
14. Taiwo Olutayo Sowande and Family
15. Odunsi Bode-Thomas Family
16. Family of Late Mrs. Okwuraiwe
17. The Agbebi and Family
19. Family of Late Bob Okonedo
20. The Duggan and Family
21. Family of Late Obada
22. Mrs. G. Bolanle Adeniyi and Family
23. Late Pa Enitan Brown Family
24. Dr. Ebenezer Egun Sonaiya and Family
25. Otunba Lekan Osifeso and Family
26. Sir and Lady Nzekwe Wilson, KSC
27. Mrs V.G. Onwuchekwa and Family
28. Mr. Solanke Ogunlana and Family

29. Family of Late Rego Martins
30. Mr. & Mrs. Clement Losa
31. Family of Late Mr. Abiodun Ejemai
32. Family of Late Dr. Alabo Ekine Amabibi

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

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 7)

Sunday, 10th September, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar.

1. Sir & Mrs. Gbolahan Ayodele, CPA
2. Justice & Mrs. Rhodes-Vivour, SAN, CER
3. Family of Late Gibson-Roberts and Mrs. Dolapo Coker
4. Chief Felix Fagbohunbe, SAN and Family
6. Mr & Mrs. K.O. Ume Family
7. Dr. Michael Olusola Abiodun
8. Mrs. Ayoko Comfort Oyewunmi
9. Family of Prince I.C.O. Omogbehin, JP, PMA
10. Late Revd. Canon Lawrence Nwaka
11. Family of late Mr & Mrs. F.O. Meadows
12. Mr & Mrs. Fidelis C. Okonkwo
13. Family of Late Akinlolu Soyannwo
14. Prince & Dr. Mrs. Adeyimika Ademiluyi
15. Family of Late Engr. Adegboyega Martins
16. Family of Late Dr. Popoola Akinyanju
17. Mr. & Mrs. Steve Amihere
18. Mrs. V.N. Funmi and Family
19. Mr. Tunde Alaje and Family
20. The Ajeigbe and Family
21. Late Pa Solomon Adesina Williams
22. Late Dr. J. Akanni Doherty Family
23. Prince Famuagun and Family
24. Mr. Madu Nwizu and Family
25. Prof. Debo Adeyemi and Family
26. Mrs. Olasubomi A. Fashola and Family
27. Mr. Shegun Elliot and Family
28. Mrs P. Owowo and Family
29. Mrs. G.U. Udemba and Family
30. Oga J.H. Doherty and Family
31. Femi Ajana
32. Mrs. Modupeoluwa Sowemimo-Coker and Family
33. Mr & Mrs. Benibo David-West
34. Family of Late Amb. Peter Afolabi

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

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 8)
Sunday, 17th September, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar.

1. Family of Late Very Revd. T.A.J. Oluwole,CPA
2. Brig. Gen. Ayo Vaughan and Family
3. Col. Dr. Olushola & Mrs. Esther Osho
4. Mrs. Ayo Shodipo-Olabode and Family
5. Ojora Omolara Adeoti and Family
6. Mr. Ewemade Akenuwa and Family
7. Family of Late Sir John A. Balogun,CPA
8. Mr. & Mrs. E.C. Porbeni and Family
9. Family of Late Papa M.O. Imana
10. Onuoha Esther and Family
11. Emmanuel Olumide and Family
12. Mr. J.A. Spaine and Family
13. Mr. Obinna Okongwu and Family
14. Alero Browne and Family
15. Olorogun John Majekodunmi Browne and Family
16. Family of late Chief John Adollo
17. Mrs. Folashade Ashafa
18. Mr & Mrs. W.C. Onyekwere and Family
19. Alajuronye and Family
20. Dr. & Chief Mrs. Akinrele and Family
21. Ore Dawodu and Family
22. Family of Late Pa Ademola Thomas,CPA
23. Olatunji Moore,CPA
24. Family of Late Pa Emmanuel O. Ekisola
25. Daniel Adebayo Adekunbi and Family
26. Dr. Olabisi and Family
27. Family of Late Mr. Henry Omena,CPA
28. Engr. E. Thompson and Family
29. Family of Late Ogunro G.O,CPA
30. Arc. Niran Owowa and Family
31. Engr. G.A. Martins and Family
32. Sir Edward Abattam and Family
33. Eke-Opara and Family
34. Mrs. Loliya A. Shogbanmu
35. Family of Late Cdr C.A. Oniwo
36. Mr. Clement Nweke and Family
37. Mr. Tolu Pearce-Dawodu and Family
38. Family of late Akinlolu Soyannwo

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

WOMEN'S CORNER

NOTICES

- 21/8/2023 - Health Talk - Urinary Tract Infection by **Dr. (Mrs.) Oluchi Okafor**
28/8/2023 - Contemporary Issue - The Woman - God's Invaluable Weapon by **Dr. (Mrs.) Funmilayo Doherty**
1-3/9/2023 Facilitator Training at Faith Plaza

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 - AUGUST

- By Church History Sub-Committee

2017

Aug. 27 Introduction of Ancient and Modern Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship (A&MRW) to replace Ancient and Modern New Standard (A&MNS).

2019

August 25 Reverend Ayo Oladimeji from Igbomina West Diocese came to the Cathedral for two months attachment.

2020

August 9 Corporate Services which include 11.15 Holy Communion Service resumed again.

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 (PAID FOR)
- (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 27/08/2023

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(Pentecost 13)

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

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

**Theme: RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBILITIES THROUGH
(vi) Common Sense**

Celebrant: **Rev. Canon Raphael Gbenle**
N.T. Reading: Acts 27: 13-32 **Mr. Tas Animashaun**

Gospel: Luke 20: 20-26 Revd. Canon Raphael
Gbenle
Address: Canon Residentiary
Prayers: Mrs. Tolu Animashaun
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

9.15 a.m CHORAL MATTINS

**Theme: RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBILITIES THROUGH
(vi) Common Sense**

Cantor: Ven. Henry Adelegan
Sermon: Revd. Canon Raphael Gbenle
O.T.: Jonah 3: 1-10 Mrs. Titi Olaomo-Olaoye
N.T. 2 Corinthians 5: 14-6.2 Mrs. Olatorera Sowande
Prayers: Ven. Henry Adelegan
Thanksgiving at the Altar

After Mattins

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

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

11.15 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

**Theme: RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBILITIES THROUGH
(vi) Common Sense**

Celebrant Revd. Henry Mooh
N.T. Acts 27: 13-32 Cathedral Youth
Fellowship
Gospel: Luke 20:20-26 Revd Henry Mooh
Address: Revd. Canon Raphael Gbenle
Prayer: Cathedral Youth Fellowship
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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. We welcome Revd. Canon Nehemiah Akintade from Church of the Pentecost, Ajah. Revd. Canon Akintade is keeping residence in the Cathedral today. May the good LORD continue to prosper his ministry.
2. **The Cathedral Circle:**
We congratulate members of the Cathedral Circle on their 46th Anniversary today. We wish them God's abundant blessings always.
3. **Consecration and Enthronement of our Bishop Elect:**

Consecration and Enthronement of the Venerable Ifedola Senasu Gabriel Okupevi as the Bishop of Lagos hold as follows:

Consecration:

Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023

Venue: Archbishop Vinging Memorial Church Cathedral,

Ikeja

Time: 9.00 a.m.

N.B: Please only selected representatives should attend.

Enthronement:

Date: Monday, August 28, 2023

Venue: Cathedral Church of Christ, Marina, Lagos

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Please join us to celebrate.

NB: Dress code for Cathedral members for the Enthronement - Any shades of Blue.

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:	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 Eyiemi Meadows.** Please come forward and give thanks to the Almighty as one family. May the good Lord bless you.

5. The Cathedral Church of St. Stephen, Ondo:

All Sons and Daughters of Ondo State are invited to the The Lagos Zonal Harvest of 'The Cathedral Church of St. Stephen, Oke-Aluko, Ondo', on **Sunday, 3rd September, 2023 at 2.00 p.m. at Bola Memorial Anglican Church, Bank Anthony Way, Ikeja.** All concerned are to please attend.

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.

7. 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.

8. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 27/8/2023

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

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: August- October 2023

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

Akagha for their Birthdays

Sunday, 22/10/2023- Mrs. Aronke Nylander for her Birthday
after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services

which comes up Friday, 20th October,

(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 N1,380,000 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.

(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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 13/08/2023

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion(Youtube 194/Facebook 284 views)..... 190
9.30 a.m. Cultural Harvest (Youtube 279/Facebook 442 views).....501

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday		Wednesday	
12/08/2023	26	16/08/2023	30
Monday		Thursday	
14/08/2023	17	17/08/2023	23
Tuesday		Friday	
15/08/2023	32	18/08/2023	21

COMING EVENTS (AUGUST 2023)

27/8/2023 - LADGOS Council Meeting
27/08-2/9/2023 - The Boys' Brigade Summer Vacation Excursion/Camp
28-2/9/2023 - Anglican Children Ministry's Conference
29/8/2023 - Diocesan Hour of Intercession
3/9/2023 - Cathedral Medical Society visit to the Less Privilege/Medical Outreach to OLuwole Foundation
8/9/2023 - Victory Night

SOUL FOOD 34/2023

RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBILITIES THROUGH (v) Witnessing

"And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors..." 2 Corinthians 5:19&20.

God's guidance as we know involves offering direction, clarity, and support, leading to better decision-making, personal growth, and ultimately, a more fulfilling and purposeful life. Jesus' many invitations demonstrate that a relationship with the Lord arms individuals with needed tools, knowledge, and support to navigate life's challenges and opportunities. For instance, in Matthew 11:28-30, He invites the weary and burdened to come to Him for rest and to learn from Him the secret of a meaningful and impactful existence. He says: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

To help humanity connect with Him, Jesus gave the Great Commission before His Ascension. He directed thus: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20) In essence, He instructed His disciples to spread the Gospel worldwide as witnesses to His life-changing and life-guiding power, and thereby instituted the practice of Witnessing in Christian Theology, as a means of fulfilling His mandate to share the message of salvation and to invite others to experience the grace, forgiveness, and love that comes through a personal relationship with Him. Paul reminds us: "And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors..." (2Corinthians 5:19&20)

Jonah Chapter 3 is an account of the interconnectedness of human choices and God's response, it emphasises God's desire for reconciliation and the salvation of all people. Despite initially running away from his mission to tell Gentiles about God's impending judgement, Jonah ended up witnessing to both the sailors he encountered while fleeing and the city of Nineveh, to which he was sent. Jonah's witness in Nineveh led to a remarkable transformation within the city. The people of the city made a deliberate effort to change their behaviour and turn away from violence and

wickedness. They embraced a newfound commitment to righteousness and ethical living. Jonah's witness guided them to God's rich mercy and love.

I am led to press home this theme using a two-prong approach, one addressing a Christian witness and two, speaking to individuals wanting to benefit from the guidance provided by Witnessing. As Christian witnesses, we must understand the basics of Witnessing to offer guidance to those we minister to. Throughout history, Christians have shared their faith and understanding of the Bible to guide people in their spiritual journeys and interactions with the world. This takes various forms, including verbal communication of the Gospel, distributing literature, engaging in conversations, and using multiple media platforms. But Witnessing is not just about proclaiming the message, it is also a demonstration of Christ's love through acts of service, kindness, and social justice efforts. In other words, caring and compassion must go hand in hand with Witnessing.

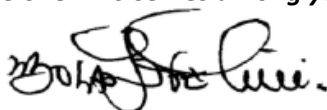
To be effective in Witnessing, the attitude of a faithful Christian witness should be characterised by a combination of humility, love, authenticity, and a sincere desire to share the message of the Gospel. Humility acknowledges that the transformation and impact that accompany Witnessing come from the power of the Gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit, rather than from their own efforts. Jesus assures in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Another requirement is living in accordance with Jesus Christ's teachings. This strengthens the authenticity of the message we spread. Also, genuine Christian witness must also be displayed through actions, not just words, sharing our faith with enthusiasm and joy. The hope and transformation that result from a relationship with Christ should be evident in our demeanour and words, reflecting a sense of joy that others may want to experience as well. We also need empathy to personally connect, understand others' struggles and joys, and provide the desired support.

On the other hand, benefiting from Christian witnessing involves being open to the message of the Gospel and engaging with the testimonies and teachings of those who share their faith. As individuals in need of guidance, we must be open to wisdom provided through Witnessing to be guided in making informed choices and find direction and purpose in life that will usher us into the realm of unstoppable miracles. Isaiah teaches: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bring good news, that publish peace." (Isa. 52:7) The good news of God's truth brings hope, peace, and spiritual prosperity to the beleaguered places and people in the world.

Today, I urge you to make use of the guidance offered by Witnessing, regardless of your background and situation. Paul firmly states, "Whoever believes in him will never be put to shame." There is no distinction between Jew and Gentile, as the same Lord blesses all who call upon him. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:11-13)

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 -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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