

7.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION Colour: GREEN

Theme: **“ASSURED FRUITFULNESS: IN CHRIST ALONE” - John 15:5**

Celebrant: Canon Residentiary

Stewards on Duty: **Group C**

1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 739 (*Nun Danket*)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *“Here am I, and the children the Lord has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the LORD Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion. Isaiah 8: 18*
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:**
Lord God, the Protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy : increase and multiply upon us Your mercy, that You being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Collect for Children & Young People’s Harvest:**
Eternal God, you have promised to be a Father to a thousand generations of those who love and fear you : Bless the Children and Youth of your Church and preserve their lives, as they grow up in an unsteady and confusing world : show them that Your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following You is better than chasing after selfish goals. Give them strength to grow and hold their faith in You, keep alive their joy in Your creation, and at last harvest them into Your heavenly barn, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

9. **Epistle:** Philippians 4: 10-20 - **Miss Tosin Lewis**
10. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 539 (*Darwall’s 148th*)
11. **Gospel:** John 15: 4-8, 15-16 **Canon Residentiary**
12. **Sermon:** **The Provost**
13. **Creed:** (Page 178)
14. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Mr. Michael Agbogidi**
15. **The Peace** (page 186)
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *“I was young now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.” Psalm 37:25*
17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 289 (*Bishopgarth*)
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:** *“All your children will be taught by the LORD, and great will be their peace.” Isaiah 54: 13*
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 678 (*In Christ Alone*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 689 (*St. Sepulchre*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 721 (*Love Divine*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 723 (*Tune A&MRW 198 - Salzburg Hintze*)
 - (v) A&MRW 730 (*St. Francis Xavier*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 741 (*Londonderry Air*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 744 (*St. Anne*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** Hymn for The Year (see page 13)
(End of Month Thanksgiving)
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us with our offspring a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
26. **The Lord’s Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
27. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
 - **August Birthday Thanksgiving (A&MRW 766)**
 - **Special Thanksgiving - Mrs. Abeke Spaine**
(IOM 556)

28. **Notices:**
29. **Spiritual Tonic:** **Isaiah 54:13**
30. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
31. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 608 (*Harewood*)
At the Organ: Mr. ‘Jola Adeosun

9.30 a.m. YOUNG PEOPLE & CHILDREN'S HARVEST

Cantor: Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju
Responses: Festal in G

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

1. **Processional Hymn:** CoNH 194 - Wholehearted Thanksgiving to You we bring
(*Tune: To God be the Glory*)
2. **Call to Worship, Confession and Absolution**
3. **Psalm 67 (Edward Cuttert Bairstow) Children's Church Choir**
4. **1st Lesson:** Genesis 26: 1-6; 12-14 **Sunday School**
5. **Hymn:** CoNH 186 - Praise to God, Immortal Praise
(*Tune: Dix*)
6. **2nd Lesson:** John 15: 4-8, 15&16 **Sunday School**
7. **Creed to 3rd Collect**

Collects for the Day:

Lord God, the Protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy : increase and multiply upon us Your mercy, that You being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Harvest:

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast graciously given to us the fruits of the earth in their season: We yield Thee humble and hearty thanks for these Thy bounties, beseeching Thee to give us grace rightly to use them to Thy glory and the relief of those that need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Children & Young People's Harvest:

Eternal God, you have promised to be a Father to a thousand generations of those who love and fear you : Bless the Children and Youth of your Church and preserve their lives, as they grow up in an unsteady and confusing world : show them that Your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following You is better than chasing after selfish goals. Give them strength to grow and hold their faith in You, keep alive their joy in Your creation, and at last harvest them into Your heavenly barn, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Peace:

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us. Your humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Grace:

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Your governance, to do always what is righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8. **Anthem by the Sunday School Children**
9. **Hymn before Sermon:** CH/CS 22 - God of Heaven, hear our singing (*Tune: Stuttgart*)
10. **Sermon:** Revd. Canon Goodluck Nwosu

11. **Intercession: The Clergy**
12. **Presentation by the Children**
13. **Hymns for Offering:**
 - (i) **MHB 784 - What shall we offer our God Lord**

(Tune: Duke Street)

- (ii) **CH/CS 56 (*Trichinopoly*)**

1. The wise may bring their learning,
the rich may bring their wealth,
And some may bring their greatness,
and some bring strength and health;
We, too, would bring our treasures
to offer to the King;
We have no wealth or learning;
what shall we children bring?
 2. We'll bring Him hearts that love Him;
we'll bring Him thankful praise,
And young souls meekly striving
to walk in holy ways;
And these shall be the treasures
we offer to the King,
And these are gifts that even
the poorest child may bring.
 3. We'll bring the little duties
we have to do each day;
We'll try our best to please Him,
at home, at school, at play;
And better are these treasures
to offer to our King;
Than richest gifts without them—
yet these a child may bring.

14. **Blessing of Fruits and Other Offerings**

15. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**

- ***August Birthdays***

- ***Thanksgiving for Healing - Master Mateo Adeiyun Ali-Taan (A&MRW 742)***

- ***End of the month Thanksgiving***

16. **Presentation of Harvest Thankofferings - with Choruses**

17. **Notices**

18. ***Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 54:13***

19. **Hymn: CH/CS 24 - Heavenly Father, send Thy Blessing**
(To be sung Kneeling)

20. **Closing Prayer and Benediction:**

21. **Final Amen: 3 - Fold Amen - Rev. E.H. Weslan**

22. **Withdrawal Hymns:**

- (i) Go, my Children with my blessing *(Tune: ARHYDYNOS)*
 - (ii) A&MRW 394 - Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! *(Woodlands)*

SUNDAY 03/09/2023

Day 246

Bible in a year: Isaiah 1,2; 1 Timothy 6

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *The Most Revd. Amos A. Madu, Bishop of the Diocese of Oji River*
- ❖ *Mrs. Gladys Madu, President, Mothers Union, Women's Guild, Diocese of Oji River.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Taiwo Tolani Adeyemo*
- ❖ *Mrs. Oluwatoyin Adebola Oruma (50)*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Port Elizabeth, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Ademola Ilori, Mrs. Yewande Fayemi, Mr. Tosin Agbede, Mrs Ibieye Taiwo Otu (nee Amabibi), Miss Tamunotonye Kehinde Amabibi, Miss Victoria Gbemisola Ogidiolu, Miss Bimpe Asekun, Mr. Muyiwa Aina, Miss Ibronke Bolanle Awodinmibola, Mrs. Winifred Titilola Onabanjo, Mrs. Olufunmilayo Sagoe, Master Pelumi Teniola, Mr. Oluwatomisin Adegbamigbe, Miss Moyinoluwa Morolaoluwa Ijanusi, Mr. Toluwalope Coker, Mr. Uche Gift Duru, Mrs. Abimbola St. John-Lyle (Nee Haffner).

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Elder Olatunde Olabode Vincent, 11 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mrs. Vivian Olajide [nee Amisah], 24 years' mind*
- (iii) *Mr. Percy Oluela Uthman, 34 years' mind*
- (iv) *Mr. S.H.B. Haffner, 45 years' mind*

❖ **Family Intercession:**

Families of *Chief Lanre Ladipo, CPA, Mr. M.A.O. Kehinde, CPA, Late Mrs. Nancy Adebisi Akande, Late Mrs. V.M. Farri, Late Chief S.O. Fadahunsi, Prince Famuwagun, Chief Dr. Yomi Finnih, CPA, Ms S.O.Gbinigie, Dr. O. Gbonegun, Mr. Obasola George, Late Engr. V.A. Haffner, CPA, Chief Felix O. Fagbohunbe, SAN, Mr. J.C. Anyanele, Engr. Ajoka, Mr. Benibo David-West, Mr. Olatunji Moore, CPA, Mr & Mrs. Tunde Wey, Late Mrs. Elfrida Modupe Cole, MBE, MON, Justice Yinka Faji.*

❖ **Prayer for Businesses**

Crest Diners Ltd, Crest Security Outfit, Delicacies Zone Ltd, Prime Chamber, NEM Insurance, Kofo Coker & Co, Hampton Property Ltd, Rotimi Coker & Co, Lenox Heights Ltd., Purple Scents Ltd. Quintus Projects Ltd, Shoreline Natural Resources, Alabaru Global Services Ltd, Costain Nig. Ltd., Omni Clinic, Career Anchor Consultancing Ltd.; Elikot Nigeria Ltd, Tanurette Nigeria Ltd, D.F. Groups.

SUNDAY 03/09/2023 - MEETINGS

9.00a.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. DIOCESAN HEALING AND CHARISMATIC SERVICE

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 04/09/2023 Colour: GREEN

Day 247

Bible in a year: Isaiah 3-5; 2 Timothy 1

6.45a.m.

Holy Communion

Celebrant: **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**

Epistle: James 2: 1-13

Gospel: Mark 14: 53-65

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Monday Chukwuma Nkwoagu, Bishop of the Diocese of Abakaliki.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Charity Nkwoagu, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Abakaliki.*
- ❖ *19th Wedding Anniversary of Ven. Oluwale and Mrs. Oyeyemi Ajayi.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Ely, The Church of England (Canterbury Province)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju, Olori Ajoke Rosalin Adewunmi, Ms. Yvonne Aleyideino, Mrs. Isoken Sandra Osinaike (nee Akenuwa), Master Temiloluwa Ajakaiye, Miss Omodara Shasore, Master Adrien Jean Taiwo Sebillieu, Master Guillaume Olufemi Kehinde Sebillieu, Mrs. Odilile Elufioye-Johnson, Mrs. Tinuke Debayo-Doherty, Mrs. Barbara Garrison, Mrs. Titilayo A. Ogundite, Master Adebayo Karim, Mr. Adafe Afolarin Jaja, Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo, Mrs. Titilayo Ogundipe.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Chief (Mrs) Arinola Adeoye (nee Osibo), 7 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mr. Jenkins Olubunmi Coker, 10 years' mind*
- (iii) *Mrs. Victoria Olayinka Jacobs, 20 years' mind.*
- (iv) *Mr. K.P. Mensah, 45 years' mind.*

11.00 a.m. **10th Memorial Service for Late Mr. Jenkins Olubunmi Coker.**

4.00 p.m. **Women Bible Class/Prayer Meeting - Prayer for Students by Mrs. Onipede**

TUESDAY -05/09/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 248

Bible in a year: Isaiah 6,7; 2 Timothy 2

6.45a.m.

Holy Communion

Celebrant: **Revd. Henry Mooh**

Epistle: James 2: 14-26

Gospel: Mark 14: 66-72

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Dr. Emmanuel A. Ugwu, Bishop of the Diocese of Awgu-Aninri.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Joy Ugwu, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Awgu-Aninri.*
- ❖ *The Ven. Joseph Taiwo Feyisitan*
- ❖ *The Revd. Stephen Sunday Odineka*
- ❖ *The Revd. Joseph Olanrewaju Owoeye*
- ❖ **The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Prince Aina Clifford Akran, Mr. Olayinka Faji Jnr, Ms. Bisola Adewunmi, Mr. Emmanuel Chukwuemeka Nnauanya, Mr. Olugbenga Olurimitan Bello, Master Adrian Anuoluwatomiwa Adeoje, Mr. Adafe Afolarin Jaja, Miss Oluwadamilola Adewunmi Adeniyi, Mr. Olusegun Adeola Daniel, Master Oladimeji Balogun, Mr. Adelani Macaulay, Mr. Roosevelt Kosisochukwu Okonkwo, Mr. Adegboyega Osiyemi, Miss Oluwatobi Karim, Master Christopher Uwamu, Mrs. Uwaila Ogunlana (nee Osagie).

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Ms. Adeyinka Titilola Fisher, 13 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mr. Daniel Olaleye Aregbesola, 55 years' mind.*

6.00 p.m.

Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY – 06/09/2023 Colour: GREEN Day 249

Bible in a year: Isaiah 8,9; Psalm 102

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: James 3: 1-12

Gospel: Mark 15: 1-11

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Sosthenes Eze, Bishop of the Diocese of Enugu North.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Achugaonye Eze, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Enugu North.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Festus Sunday Obebe.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Ruth Adeola Sholumade*
- ❖ ***The Bishop of the Diocese of Embu, The Anglican Church of Kenya.***

❖ **Birthdays Intercession:**

Mr. Ayo Odunlami, Ms Damilola Bode-Thorpe, Mrs. Olusola Shogbola, Mr. Olanrewaju Daramola, Mr. Francis Ade Obafemi-Ajayi, Master Anjola Elufioye-Johnson, Mr. Oluyomi Akinosho, Miss Jadesola Omowonuola Lagoke, Mr. Francis Oluwatomisin Ayokunle Ogunyemi.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Olorogun Michael Ibru, 7 years' mind.*
- (ii) Mrs. Daisy Afluie Omenai, 15 years' mind.*
- (iii) Mrs. Mary Lilian Alele, 50 years' mind.*

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY – 07/09/2023 Colour: GREEN Day 250

Bible in a year: Isaiah 10-12; 2 Timothy 3

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Epistle: James 3: 13-4.12

Gospel: Mark 15: 12-21

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Red Cross Nigeria*
- ❖ *Mrs. Ruth Adedamola Alabi.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Simidele Olabisi Oke.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Felicia Olayinka Akinsola*
- ❖ *4th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Sunday and Mrs. Osetola Obebe.*
- ❖ ***The Bishop of the Diocese of Enugu, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) Enugu Province.***

❖ **Birthdays Intercession:**

Mrs. Yinka Adedoyin, Chief Simon Oyebode Olujuyigbe, Ambassador Mrs. Audrey Ajose, Mr. Uchenna Udemba, Miss Sonia Don-Pedro, Mr. Babajide S. Afolabi, Mr. Tema Jukwey, Mr. Amagbe Kentebe.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

Dr. (Mrs) Olutosin Manuwa-Clairmonte, 24 years' mind.

6.00 p.m. Choir Practice

FRIDAY 08/09/2023 Colour: WHITE

Day 251

Bible in a year: Isaiah 13,14; 2 Timothy 4

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

Epistle: Galatians 4: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-55

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Kenneth C. Ifemeni, Bishop of the Diocese of Ikwo*
- ❖ *Mrs. Afoma Ifemeni, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ikwo.*
- ❖ *Mr. Kayode Ayoola, Treasurer of Eti-Osa Archdeaconry*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe, The Church of the Province of Central Africa.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**

Master Rotimi Ogunmola, Miss Chukwu Happiness Malyna Zun, Mrs. Itunu Babarinde, Mrs. Olusola Elegbede (nee Aboaba), Mr. Joseph Olufemi Modupe-Davies, Mrs. Titilola Ekuu Abudu, Mrs. Agboola Fisher-Thomas, Miss Ayoola Olajumoke Senbanjo, Dr. Oladimeji Feyisitan Farri, Mrs. Olulanu Helen Thrasher, Master Abdul Samuel Abubakar, Mrs. Gloria Alero Aladesulu (nee Adollo), Miss Toni Adesanya, Mr. Odunayo Adewunmi, Mr. Adegboyega Joe Ijasan, Mrs. Iyare Jennifer Sonaiya, Mr. Oladipo A. Sonuga.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr. Adegboyega Thomas, 15 years' mind*
- (ii) *Mrs. Ameila Idowu Coker, 16 years' mind.*
- (iii) *Omoba F.A. Adewunmi, CPA, 20 years' mind*
- (iv) *Mrs. Lovelta Dulciebela Dionysie Wilson, 20 years' mind*

5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Class

SATURDAY 09/09/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 252

Bible in a year: Isaiah 15,16; Psalm 103

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: James 5: 7-12, 19-20

Gospel: Mark 15: 32-39

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Paul A. Udogu, Bishop of the Diocese of Afikpo.*
- ❖ *Mrs Blessing C. Udogu, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Afikpo*
- ❖ *Mrs. Mabel Chioma Nwokoma.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese Zonkwa, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) Abuja Province.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Dolapo Coker, CPA, Mr. Wole Okunfulure, Mr. Olamide Otuyalo, Miss Ayomipo Wey-Ogunbodede, Mr. Akpovofene Evabeta, Miss Toke Olagbaju, Mr. Nnamdi Bernard Amaeze, Mrs. Roseline Coker, Mrs. C. Ayoko Oyewumi, Mr. Olajide Adebayo, Mr. Akinsehinde Akinkugbe, Dr. (Mrs) Joan Oluwaseun Enebong, Mr. Daisi Fasehun, Miss Iwamimo Finnih, Mrs. Omotola Iyabode Layeni, Mr. Kolade Oke, Miss Oluwafeyifunmi Oke, Miss Iyabo Olabode.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mrs. Florence Abiose Pitt, 9 years' mind*
- (ii) *ASP. Chidiadi C. Owowo, 10 years' mind*
- (iii) *Mrs. Aderonke Modupe Ige (nee Fetuga), 18 years' mind*
- (iv) *Mrs. Gladys Alayo Ogun, 23 years' mind.*
- (v) *Mr. Sunday Adedoyin Ojomo, 31 years' mind.*
- (vi) *Mr. Elijah Oduniyi Fatugase, 68 years' mind.*

Bible Study Outline

THEME: GOD'S CHILDREN AS PILGRIMS TO THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM:

MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S REIGN ON EARTH

SUB-THEME: Manifesting Spiritual fruits 9

TOPIC: Temperance

TEXT: 1Sam 26:6-12

AIMS:

i. to contextualise temperance in Christian perspective

ii. to analyse the value to our Christian race.

INTRODUCTION

Temperance or perseverance is the speed by which a person reacts to situation. In the context of our text, it denotes the control of a person over his natural attitude especially self-control over potential evil deeds. In our Bible passage today, David manifested temperance by avoiding killing of King Saul. This is a manifestation of his total control on evil act that would have led him to untimely kingship.

STUDY GUIDE:

1. From the context of our Bible passage, how can you define Temperance? Read again 1Sam 26:6-12.
2. Analyse temperance in 2Sam 9:6-8; Compare 2Sam 16:5-7 and 2Sam 19:21-23.
3. What is the value of temperance to our Christian race? 1Cor 9:25? Compare Luk 23:33-34 with Matt 27:54
4. How best can we manifest the spiritual fruit of temperance in a corrupt and wicked generation? Matt 5:16; Rom 12:21; 1Thess 5:15.

CONCLUSION: There will always be an opportunity for us to access ungodly opportunities. Our ability to reject such opportunity through our attitudes and actions is a clear manifestation of the spiritual fruit of temperance. Unbelievers will see this and praise the name of God in our lives.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Defeat the evil in you and win souls for Christ.

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

ISAIAH 54:13

“All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.”

Thank You my God and Father for Your loving care for my children. Today, I commit them the more to Your Fatherly care. Deliver them from worldly influence. Teach them what to do to please You and to be great in life. Make them fruitful in all their endeavours. Order their steps aright unto success. Establish them in righteousness before You that tyranny may gain no foothold in their life. Grant them tremendous peace in all that they do and make them agents of peace in their generation. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.



ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS

**39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION
ARTICLE XXXVIII**

38. Private Property

Contrary to what some Anabaptists claim, the wealth and possessions of Christians are not common, as far as the right, title, and possession of them is concerned. Nevertheless, everyone ought to give freely to the poor from what he possesses, according to his means.

39. A Christian's Oath

We believe that the vain and rash swearing of oaths is forbidden to Christians by our Lord Jesus Christ and St. James. However, we judge that the Christian faith does not prohibit the swearing of an oath when the state requires it if in a cause where the faithfulness and love justify it, and according to the prophet Jeremiah's teaching, in justice, judgment and truth.

TITHE:

Remember to pay your Tithe*

(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

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(The tithe is a tenth of all our increase)

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

SUSTENTATION

Please pay your Sustentation/Church Dues (for the upkeep of the Church to: First Bank: **2000519164**
(Kindly indicate the following: Name & Sustentation No)
157, BAMBOSE BUILDING PROJECT

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

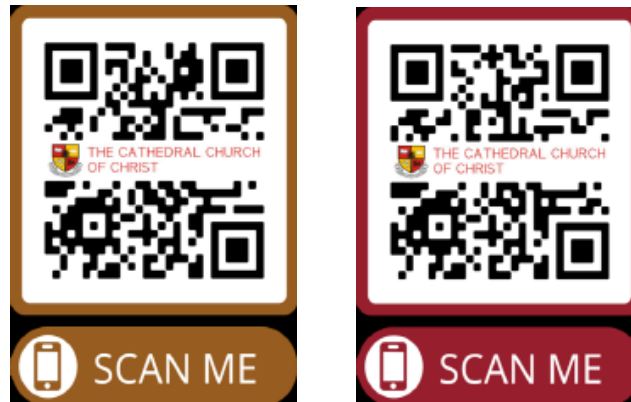
(I Chronicles 29:14)

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"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
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4.	Offertory/Communion Basket	UBA	1017498994
5.	Sustentation	First Bank	2000519164
6.	Family Harvest/Harvest Donations	FCMB	0130543010
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FAMILY HARVEST 2023 WK7

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
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.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 9)

Sunday, 24th September, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar.

1. Prof. G.O.A Sowemimo,CPA and Family
2. HRH Sir Ladapo Ademola Family
3. Chief Dr. E. Olaseinde Akinsete,CPA
4. Mr. & Dr. (Mrs) Adebajo
6. Mrs. Iyanda Fate and Family
7. Babajide Ladeinde and Family
8. Mr. Tunji Moore,CPA and Family
8. Mr. Olusegun Abidogun and Family
9. Mr. C.T. Olaomo,CPA and Family
10. Mr. Benson Oruasah and Family
11. Family of late Chief Gordon Edegware,CPA

12. Mr. Joseph Akpan and Family
13. Chief S.O. Olujuyigbe and Family
14. Jessy Anyanele and Family
15. Mrs. Modupeoluwa Sowemimo-Coker and Family
16. Mr. & Mrs. Chukwudi Ume-Okwochi
17. Mrs. & Mrs. J.S. Spaine
18. Family of late Richard Gbadebo and late Mrs. Eunice Titilola Onafeko
19. Iyaniwura O. Adewunmi and Family
20. Family of late Mr. Fijabi Afilaka
21. Asiwaju Fola Osibo and Family
22. Chief Gbolade Osibodu and Family
23. Family of late Mrs. E.J. Peterside
24. Family of Late Mrs. Muriel Marion Yetunde Johnston
25. Family of late Mr. Victor Adebayo Wey
26. Family of Late Chief & Mrs. A.A. Bajulai
27. Taiwo Laolu and Family
28. Phillip Ikeazor and Family
29. Mr. Muyiwa Onigbogi and Family
30. Adedayo Sojirin and Family
31. Mr. A.A. Sanyaolu and Family
32. Family of Late Engr. Teju Oyeleye
33. Family of Late Adetunji & Antonia Shogbamimu
34. Dr. Olusegun F. Oshin
35. Mrs. G. Bolanle Adeniyi and Family
36. Joseph Adeola and Family
37. Mr. Eyinnaya Akagha and Family
38. Family of Late Dr. Popoola Akinyele Akinyanju, Ph.D
39. Family of Late Mrs. S.O. Preston Holder
40. Fadaka Family
41. Princess V.E. Otunba-Payne

May the good LORD continue to enlarge the families.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 10)

Sunday, 8th October, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar.

1. Mrs. L.B. Onafeko, OFR and Family
2. Sir & Lady Wilson Nzekwe, KSC
3. Family of late Dr. Arthur Nylander, SAN, CPA
4. Mr. Michael & Mrs. Chioma Atueyi
5. Babatunde & Funke Lashmann Family
6. Late Revd. P.O. Osa-Ogbomo and Family
7. Mr & Mrs. Uyeh Family
8. Late Prince Timothy Adefolarin Bamidele
10. Mr. & Dr. (Mrs) Muyiwa Doherty
11. Mr. & Mrs. Adewale Doherty Family

12. Mr. Eric Teniola Family
13. Late Mr. E.N.O. Sodeinde Family
14. Mrs. P.O. Okonkwo Family
15. Chief & Mrs. Olabode I. George,CON
16. Family of Late Chief Mrs. Oyinade Ade-John
17. Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Ayo Imoukhuede
18. Mr. & Mrs. Obinna Nwizu
19. The Kuboye Family
20. The Mefo Family
21. The Ogboye Family
22. Mr. & Mrs. Deola Shonibare
23. Late Surv. S. Ekundayo Martins
24. The Sonuga Family
25. Ted Idamkue Family
26. Mrs. S. O. Moses Family
27. The Ogidiolu Family
28. Family of Late Bankole Babatunde Daniel
29. H.R.H. Oba A.A. Oguntayo, Ajalorun o Ijebu-Ife
30. Adewale Jones Family
31. Hon. Justice Sanyaolu E.O.Family
32. Prince Ademola Odunsi Family
33. Chijioke Okoli,SAN Family
34. Family of Late Revd. Canon Babafunmilola Sokefun
35. Blessing Dan-Egua Family
36. Engr. & Mrs. Kehinde Saka Family
37. Engr. & Chief Mrs. Olabisi Mabogunje Family
38. Adeniyi William Family
39. Late Papa M.O. Imana Family
40. Mrs. Gladys C. Ayodele Aberdeen
41. Babatunde Ajijedidun Family
42. Ogolo Emmanuel Family
43. Isaac Olajide Oni Family
44. Mr.Taiwo Ajayi and Family
45. Mr & Mrs. Thomas Toboroworu
46. Mr. & Mrs. Akingboyega Akinkugbe
47. Mr. & Mrs. Segun Abidogun Family
48. The Claudius-Cole Family
49. Gbeminiyi and Ajibade Laolu-Adewale
50. Dr. Oyeyemi Adegbite and Family
51. Prof. Olumide Ajose and Family
52. Mr & Mrs. Enyioko and Family

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

WOMEN'S CORNER

NOTICES

- 4/9/2023 - Prayer Meeting - Prayer for Students by **Mrs. Onipede**
- 10/9/2023 - Mothers' Union Outreach to Prison by **Mrs. Adefolake Ojofetimi**
- 11/9/2023 - Bible Study - Physical Restoration by **Cathedral Missionary Society**

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 - SEPTEMBER

- By Church History Sub-Committee

1924

Sept.27 Acceptance by the colonial government of responsibility for the maintenance of the Tower clock.

1925

Sept. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales donated Ten Guineas to the Cathedral Fund.

1934

Sept.4 Installation of Electric lights in the Cathedral

1947

Sept.10 Decision by the Standing Committee to have accounts closed on December 31st annually and presented at the next February meeting

1958

Sept.10 Terazzo Flooring of the Chancel by the Jones family in memory of Dr. C.C. Adeniyi Jones.

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 Cisco 350X-24 MP Switch for CCTV cameras @ \$1500
- ii. Transformer and Tape Guide for the Lift car in the Cathedral House @ \$3000
- iii. D-link Switch - DGS-1210-28P @ NGN230K
- iv. IP Camera @ NGN1,196,000
- v. ChurchTrac subscription @ \$600
- vi. One 1.5 hp Airconditioners @ N180,000 each
- vii. 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 10/09/2023

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Pentecost 15)

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

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: **ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES**

(i) **Envy and Bitterness**

Celebrant: **Revd. Canon Goodluck Nwosu**
N.T. Reading: James 3: 13-18 **Mr. Bola Adegbonmire**
Gospel: John 11: 45-53 **Revd. Canon Goodluck Nwosu**
Address: **Revd. Olawole Faloye**
Prayers: **Dr (Mrs) Lola Adegbonmire**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

9.15 a.m. CHORAL MATTINS

Theme: **ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES**

(i) **Envy and Bitterness**

Cantor: **The Provost**
Sermon: **Revd. Canon Goodluck Nwosu**
OT. Reading: Genesis 4: 1-12 **Lay Reader**
N.T. Reading: James 3: 13-18 **Lay Reader**
Prayers **The Provost**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

9.30 a.m. *The Finance and General Purpose Sub-Committee will meet at the Cathedral Library.*

after Mattins:

- (i) *The Monthly General Meeting of the Cathedral Ladies Friendly Society will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (ii) *The Cathedral Women's Guild Auxiliary will meet at the Fellowship Centre.*
- (iii) *The Monthly Meeting of the Cathedral Busy Bees Women's Society will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (iv) *The Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearer will meet at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (v) *There will be a meeting of the Girls' Guild at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

11.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: **ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES**

(i) **Envy and Bitterness**

Celebrant: **Canon Residentiary**
Epistle: James 3: 13-18 **Cathedral Ladies League**
Gospel: John 11: 45-53 **Canon Residentiary**
Sermon: **Revd. Canon Goodluck Nwosu**
Prayers: **Cathedral Ladies League**
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. (a) **Children and Young People's Harvest:**

Today is our Children and Young People's Harvest. Glory be to God for His love and faithfulness to us all. God will continue to bless our Children and make them sources of joy to us always.

(b) We welcome our Guest Preacher at the Harvest, the **Revd. Canon Goodluck Nwosu**, Vicar of St. Peter's Anglican Church, Olodi Apapa. We appreciate his coming and pray that the good LORD continue to prosper his ministry.

(c) We welcome all our Special Guests. We appreciate them all for honouring our invitation and pray that God will continue to use them for his glory all the days of their lives.

2. **Diocesan Healing and Charismatic Service** holds today at 4.00 p.m. Venue: The Cathedral Church of Christ, Marina, Lagos. Come and be blessed.

3. **Online Payment Platforms:**

We renew our appeal that we, especially those in the diaspora and those who worship with us remotely, make use of our online payment platforms to give offerings and donations to the Cathedral. See page 11 and the centre page of the Bulletin for our QR codes and other details. May our offerings be acceptable always.

4. **Cathedral Guild of Stewards**

This is to inform the entire members of the Guild of the following forthcoming events/activities of The Guild.

(a) **EXCO Meeting** will hold on Sunday, 17th September 2023 at The Eva Wakeman Hall by 9:30am.

(b) **General Meeting** will hold on Sunday, 24th September 2023 at The Ayo Rosiji Hall by 11:30am.

5. **The Care Ministry:**

The Care Ministry Monthly Fellowship will take place on **Tuesday, 12th September, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. at the Fellowship Centre.**

6. **The Elders' Fellowship:**

The Elders' Monthly Fellowship will take place on **Thursday, 14th September, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. at Ayo Rosiji Hall.**

7. **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

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.

8. **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', today **at 2.00 p.m. at Bola Memorial Anglican Church, Bank Anthony Way, Ikeja.** All concerned are to please attend.

9. **Home Call:**

We announce the home call of **Mrs. Caroline Olufemi Odiawa (nee Dawodu)** on Wednesday, 16th August, 2023. She was 84 years.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Wednesday, 4th October, 2023 at 5.00 p.m. Christian Wake-keep at Ayo Rosiji Hall, Cathedral House.

Thursday, 5th October, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. Funeral Service here, at the Cathedral. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

10. Mid-Week Fellowship and Love Feast:

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

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

11. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 10/9/2023

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

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: September-October 2023

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 N3.6M 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. **Adereti Esther Oluwatimilehin (19 years)** needs the sum of N1,083,995 for her University Education. She got an admission into Lagos State University for 5 years at N216,799 per session.
2. **Mr. Jimoh Aleem** a secondary School student needs a sum of N900,000 for a 6 years level of education at N50,000 per term.
3. **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.
4. **Miss Ayodele Abayomi Iyanuoluwa (19 years)** needs the sum of N600,000 for her University education. She got an admission into University of Ilorin, Kwara State to study Electrical/Electronic Engineering, a 5 years course at N120,000 per session.
5. **Miss Marvis Ramota Mustapha (26 years)** needs the sum of N720,000 for her education, she got an admission into University of Benin studying Law for 6 years at N120,000 per session.
6. **Miss Priscilla Olubanke Balogun (24 years)** needs the sum of N480,000 for her education. She got an admission into University of Lagos studying Psychology for 4 years at N120,000 per session.
7. **Mr. Ifeoluwa Maxwell Ajayi - visually impaired (36 years)** needs the sum of N360,000 for his education. He got an admission into University of Ilori studying Counselling Education for 3 years at N120,000 per session.
8. **Master Daniel Elijah (10 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for his Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
9. **Miss Ikuomola Oluwanifemi Blessing (13 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for her Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.

(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

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 27/08/2023

7.15 a.m.	Holy Communion(Youtube 265/Facebook 370 views).....	185
9.15 a.m.	Children's Church/Sunday School.....	150
9.15 a.m.	Cathedral Youth Church.....	42
9.15 a.m.	Choral Mattins(Youtube 382/Facebook 432 views).....	167
11.15 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (Youtube 382/Facebook 432 views).....	143

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday 26/08/2023	12	Wednesday 30/08/2023	28
Monday 28/08/2023	23	Thursday 31/08/2023	16
Tuesday 29/08/2023		Friday 01/09/2023	19

COMING EVENTS (SEPTEMBER 2023)

9/9/2023	- Sunday School Teachers' Conference
22-24/9/2023	- The Cathedral Missionary Society Revival at Irayer Oke.
24/9/223	- Grandparents' Day



SOUL FOOD 36/2023

ASSURED FRUITFULNESS: IN CHRIST ALONE

- *John 15:5*

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit - fruit that will last - and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.” John 15:16

Today we celebrate our children and young people in the context of our harvest celebration for this year. We thank God for His mercies vouchsafed to them as they grow to become useful adults and members of the Church. The worth of children and youth in society is immeasurable and multifaceted. Children and youth represent the future of any society and play a vital role in shaping its development, progress, and sustainability. This same truth applies to the Church. The Bible says: “Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.” (Psalm 127:3-5)

“Assured Fruitfulness: In Christ Alone” is the theme of this celebration. This is apt in addressing our children and youth because of their great potential and pivotal position in society and the Church. For children and young people to grow into useful and productive adults, they require an understanding of the substrate to draw from. Fruitfulness is the state of being productive and yielding positive results, whether in a literal or figurative sense. It is often used to describe how an individual’s efforts, actions, or endeavours lead to achievements or contributions that add value. Essentially, fruitfulness implies that something is thriving and creating desirable outcomes. The concept of fruitfulness carries significance in multiple areas of our lives. In the context of personal development, it entails achieving favourable outcomes through self-improvement efforts, such as acquiring new skills, accomplishing personal objectives, and enhancing one’s overall character. In the context of work and productivity, fruitfulness is about producing valuable and meaningful results, with a focus on effectiveness and efficiency.

Regarding relationships, fruitfulness involves creating positive and fulfilling interactions that support emotional well-being, foster connections, and encourage mutual growth. Additionally, fruitfulness extends to the realm of community and service, where it implies making a constructive impact on the lives of others and contributing to the welfare of society. It is worth noting that fruitfulness can also be interpreted through a spiritual or ethical lens, referring to the positive development and refinement of one’s character through adherence to virtues and principles.

In John 15, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine with its branches to help His followers thrive. He identifies Himself as the true vine and His disciples as the branches. Like how branches depend on the vine for nourishment and life, Jesus emphasises the significance of His followers staying connected to Him to produce fruit. He says in verse 4, “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.” In other words, Jesus Christ stresses the significance of maintaining an ongoing and intimate relationship with Him to achieve productivity, that is, cultivating a devoted and intimate connection with Him as the central focus of one’s life, and depending on Him for guidance, spiritual nourishment, and direction.

In the dictionary, “abiding” is defined as accepting or acting in accordance with a rule, decision, or recommendation. It is similar to synonyms such as obey, observe, follow, uphold, heed, and accept. This definition aligns with what Jesus is instructing us to do in John 15. He gives us a picture of what it looks like not to abide in him. “If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers, and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned” (John 15:6).

The book of Genesis, in chapter 26 tells the story of Isaac's life and the abundance he experienced through his faith and obedience towards God. Despite facing a famine, Isaac initially considered going to Egypt. However, God appeared to him and instructed him to stay where he was, and Isaac obeyed, demonstrating his faith and trust in God's guidance. God reaffirmed his covenant with Isaac and promised to bless him and his descendants. As a result, Isaac became wealthy and prosperous, accumulating large flocks, herds, and servants. Genesis 26:12-14 says: "Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold because the Lord blessed him. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him." Isaac's life exemplifies the concept of reaping blessings when one remains in God and His will for one's life.

As we celebrate the Children and Young People's Harvest, I would like to encourage you to let go of materialism, worldly pursuits, and sinful desires. Instead, I invite you to surrender your personal desires, fears, and ambitions to experience the transformative power of a relationship with the Saviour. By finding contentment and significance in Christ alone, rather than in the fleeting things of the world, you will be able to achieve true fulfilment. As children of the Church who abide in Christ alone, you are destined to be fruitful in all aspects of your life.

May your fruitfulness be evident to all in Jesus' name.

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

The Rt Revd. Ifedola Senasu Gabriel Okupevi, B.A.(Hons), M.A
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