

WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, MARINA, LAGOS.

We are delighted to have you join us for worship and fellowship today. Christ Church, Marina, established in **1867**, is a shining example of Orthodox faith and Bible-based Christian tradition in the heart of Lagos. We are dedicated to glorifying God through uplifting worship, compassionate service, and meaningful spiritual growth. Whether you are a long-time believer or exploring faith for the first time, we warmly invite you to experience God's love, grace, and presence with us, and we hope you find genuine joy and inspiration in this service.

OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

07.15 a.m. Holy Communion (Said)
09.15 a.m. Mattins
09.15 a.m. Youth Church
09.15 a.m. Children's Church/Sunday School
11.15 a.m. Choral Communion (Said on 2nd Sundays)
05.00 p.m. Evening Worship (Community Hymn Singing on 3rd Sundays and Psalmody on 5th Sundays)

HOLY COMMUNION

06.45 a.m. Mondays - Fridays
07.45 a.m. Saturdays and Public Holidays

DURING THE WEEK

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| Mondays @ 4.00 p.m. | Women's Bible Class |
| Tuesdays @ 4.00 p.m. Cathedral Clinic | Medical Outreach at the |
| Tuesdays @ 6.00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| Wednesdays @ 5.00 p.m. | Prayer Meeting/Bible Study |
| Thursdays @ 4.00 p.m. Cathedral Clinic | Medical Outreach at the |
| Thursdays @ 6.00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| Fridays @ 5.00 p.m. | Men's Bible Class |

Occasional Services

Arrangements for Baptism, Weddings, Birthday celebrations etc should be made with the Provost in the first instance, giving as much notice as possible.

Counselling:

Counselling for adults and youths can be arranged with the Provost.

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OUR MISSION

To have a spiritually filled congregation where true love reigns, constantly reaching out, teaching and preaching the word to make all people disciples of Christ.

OUR VISION

- ❖ To have a spiritually filled congregation where honesty, faithfulness, joy and true love reigns among parishioners.
- ❖ As the mother Cathedral, setting the pace for other Churches in evangelism and preaching of the word.
- ❖ Making disciples of all nations.
- ❖ Making astute and veracious use of funds in means and ways that provide for expansion.
- ❖ Leveraging on modern multi-media in reaching out to its catchment areas, especially those in the Lagos Central Business District and
- ❖ Proactive in its outreach programmes to all and sundry.

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

Colour: GREEN

Theme: **'STAY...PLANT...AND REAP'**

-Genesis 26:3&12

Celebrant: Canon Residentiary

Stewards on Duty: Group C

1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 283 (*Regent Square*)
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 (Page 171)
5. Summary of the Law (Page 172)
6. Words of Comfort (Page 175)
7. Confession to Collect (Pages 175-176)

8. Collects:
Lord God, You have taught us that anything we do without love is worth nothing, for whoever lives without love is counted dead before You, send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues : grant this for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope and love, and that we may obtain that which You promise, make us to love that which You command: 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.

9. O.T. Reading: Genesis 26: 1-18 - **The Clergy**
9. Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 **The Clergy**
10. Gradual Hymn: A&MRW 650 (*Faithfulness*)
11. Gospel: Luke 12: 16-30 - **Canon Residentiary**
12. Sermon: **The Provost**
13. Creed: (Page 178)
14. Intercession:(Pages 183-184) **The Clergy**
15. 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*
16. Offertory Hymn: A&MRW 750 (*Almsgiving*)
17. Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer (Pages 187-190)
18. Breaking of Bread to Anthem: (Pages 190-193)
19. 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*
21. Administration: (Page 194)
22. Hymns during Administration
 - (i) A&MRW 445 (*Everton*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 450 (*Tune: A&MRW 567 -Pleading Saviour*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 421 (*All for Jesus*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 420 (*Tune: MHB 758 - Leicester*)
 - (v) A&MRW 436 (*Tune: A&MRW 635 Aleluia Dulce*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 434 (*2nd Tune: Franconia*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 423 (*Unde et memores*)
23. Post Communion Hymn: Hymn for the Year (see page 13)
(End of Month Thanksgiving)
24. 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.*
25. The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer (Pages 195-196)
26. Thanksgiving at the Altar:
- August Birthday Thanksgiving (A&MRW 766)
- 10th years' mind of late Mrs. Alice Abike Adamson, (A&MRW 299)
27. Notices:
28. Spiritual Tonic: **Isaiah 8:18**
29. Benediction to Dismissal: (Page 196)
30. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 541 (*Tune A&MRW 702 - Mannheim*)
At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun

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

Cantor: The Provost

Responses: Festal in G

Theme: STAY... PLANT... AND REAP

- Genesis 26: 3&12

1. **Processional Hymn:** O Worship the King, All Glorious Above - A&MRW 754 (*Hanover*)
2. **Hymn:** Heavenly Father, Send Thy Blessing - CH. 24
(*Sung Kneeling*)
3. **Call to Worship, Confession and Absolution**
4. **Psalm 148 - ASB - Charles Villiers Stanford in A Flat**
5. **1st Lesson:** Genesis 26: 1-18 - **Sunday School Children**
6. **Hymn:** A&MRW 285 - (*Tune A&MRW 324 - Marching*)
7. **2nd Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-15- **Sunday School**

Children

8. **Creed to 3rd Collect**

Collects for the Day:

Lord God, You have taught us that anything we do without love is worth nothing, for whoever lives without love is counted dead before You, send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues : grant this for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope and love, and that we may obtain that which You promise, make us to love that which You command: through 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.

9. **Anthem by the Sunday School Children**

10. **Hymn before Sermon:** We Plough The Fields, and Scatter
A&MRW 290 (*Wir Pflugen*)
11. **Sermon:** Revd. Timothy Idowu
12. **Intercession:** The Clergy
13. **Hymns for Offering:**
(i) **CH/CS 56** -The Wise May Bring Their Learning
(*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.
- (ii) **A&MRW 537** - For The Beauty Of The Earth (*Tune MHB 35 - Noricum*)
14. **Blessing of Fruits and Other Offerings**
15. **Altar Call:**
- **Outing: Family of Late Prince Adegoke Ademiluyi (A&MRW 683)**
- **Outing: Family of Late Mr. Oladotun Olakunle Makinwa (A&MRW 519)**
- **Monthly Thanksgiving**
- **August Birthdays**
16. **Presentation of Harvest Thankofferings -**
with Choruses by The Cathedral Band
17. **Notices**
18. **Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 8:18**
19. **Closing Prayer and Benediction.**
21. **Final Amen:**
22. **Withdrawal Hymns:**
(i) Go, my Children with my blessing (*Tune: A&MRW 16*
- *Ar Hyd Y Nos*)
(ii) A&MRW 541 - Lord of Beauty, thine thy splendour (*Tune: A&MRW 231 - Regent Square*)

At the Organ: Messrs 'Jola Adeosun & Kingsley Agu
Conductor: Mr. 'Kunle Ogidiolu

SUNDAY 01/09/2024

Day 245

Bible in a year: Song of Songs 5,6; 1 Timothy 5

Points for Prayer:

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

Epistle: Acts 28: 1-16

Gospel: Mark 14: 27-42

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Most Revd. Dr. Emmanuel O. Chukwuma, Retired Bishop of the Diocese of Enugu
- ❖ Dr. (Mrs) Joyce N. Chukwuma, Retired President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Enugu.
- ❖ The Rt. Revd Ifedola & Mrs. Modupe Okupevi
- ❖ Mrs. Elizabeth Chioma Ubesie.
- ❖ **Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**
Ven. Kehinde Adebayo Olajide, Miss Oluwatoyin Adesola, Master Tamunopekerebia Ene Wakama, Mrs. Modupeola Olaide Sowemimo-Coker, Mrs Abisola Adebisi Ogutuga-Okin, Mr. Christ Uche Chukwulete Agonsi, Mrs. Adedoyin Temitope Aruofor, Mr. Albert Olatokunbo Foresythe, Mrs. Comfort Adenike Taiwo Adeoje, Mrs. Christiana Olumayowa Adebambo, Miss Oluwadarasimi Eniola Ashon.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
Mr. & Mrs. Uthman Edmund Uwam

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
 - (i) Mrs. Alice Abike Adamson, 10 years' mind
 - (ii) Mrs. Ayoola Adesola Eneli, 10 years' mind.
 - (iii) Chief Emmanuel Bakpo Onosiem, 15 years' mind
 - (iv) Prince Modupe Lufadeju, 18 years' mind.
 - (v) Mrs. Elizabeth Yetunde Bailey, 38 years' mind

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

- ❖ **Prayer for Businesses**
FCMB Group Plc, Ibot Exclusive Events, Pee Mart Cuisine, Wajufot Services Ltd., Pearce-Dawodu and Co. Printing, Holala Catering, Veggies and Foods Farm, 3D Food Chains Ltd, Bucknor and Grandels Ltd, Joke Stores Nig. Ltd, Capri-Gem Integrated Services Limited, Drinks on Toks, Treadytech9ja IT Solutions, D.F. Group, Channel Media Group, Alabaru Global Services Ltd.

SUNDAY 01/09/2024 - MEETINGS

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

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

4.00 p.m. **DIOCESAN HEALING AND CHARISMATIC SERVICE**

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY -02/09/2024

Colour: GREEN

Day 246

Bible in a year: Song of Songs 7,8; Psalm 99 -101

- 6.45 a.m. Holy Communion**
Celebrant: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
Epistle: Acts. 11: 19-30
Gospel: John 8: 21-30
Points for Prayer
- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Aloysius E. Agbo, Bishop of the Diocese of Nsukka.*
 - ❖ *Mrs Ifeoma Agbo, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Nsukka.*
 - ❖ *The Revd. Ibukunoluwa Ayodeji Odedeji.*
 - ❖ **The Diocese of Ikeduru - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)**
- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Mr. Temitope Ademulegun, Mr. Theophilus Omoyele P. Adeduro, Mr. Oluwale Ogun, Mrs. Omobola Idowu Hollist, Master Oluwalani Ajeigbe, Mrs. Sarah Yewande Ogunde, Miss Ihechi Esther Nwakerendu, Miss Ooreoluwa Adebambo, Mr. Gbaderin Adedayo Adewole, Mrs. Caroline Clara Afolabi, Miss Funmilayo Akinola, Master David Bello, Mr. Benibo Tamunoemi David-West, Mrs. Folashade Fadahunsi, Mr. Leonard Olaoluwa Hounks, Mr. Raphael Uchenna Reggie, Ms. Olaide Quadri.
- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
Mr. Femi and Mrs. Ronke Bankole-Balogun, 35th Wedding Anniversary
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession for**
(i) *Mr. Amos Abiodun Aiyelabola, 8 years' mind.*
(ii) *Chief Albert Olakunle Apará, 8 years' mind.*
(iii) *Hon. Justice Michael Ayorinde Borisade, 21 years' mind.*
- 4.00 p.m. Women's Bible Class/Prayer Meeting - Student's Pre: Resumption Prayers by Revd. Olawole Faloye**

TUESDAY – 03/09/2024

Colour: GREEN

Day 247

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

- 6.45a.m. Holy Communion**
Celebrant: **Revd. Henry Mooh**
Epistle: Acts. 12: 1-17
Gospel: John 8: 33-47
Points for Prayer
- ❖ *The Most Revd. Amos A. Madu, Retired Bishop of the Diocese of Oji River*
 - ❖ *Mrs. Gladys Madu, Former President, Mothers Union, Women's Guild, Diocese of Oji River.*
 - ❖ *Mrs. Taiwo Tolani Adeyemo*
 - ❖ *Mrs. Oluwatoyin Adebola Oruma*
 - ❖ **The Diocese of Ikwerre - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)**
- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Mr. Ademola Ilori, Mrs. Yewande Fayemi, Mr. Tosin Agbede, Mrs. Ibiye Taiwo Otu (nee Amabibi), Miss Tamunotonye Kehinde Amabibi, Miss Victoria Gbemisola Ogidiolu, Miss Bimpe Asekun, Mr. Muiyiwa 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, 12 years' mind.*
(ii) *Mrs. Vivian Olajide [nee Amisah], 25 years' mind*
(iii) *Mr. Percy Oluela Uthman, 35 years' mind*
(iv) *Mr. S.H.B. Haffner, 46 years' mind*
- 6.00 p.m. Choir Practice**

WEDNESDAY -04/09/2024

Colour: GREEN

Day 248

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

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: Acts 12: 18-25

Gospel: John 8: 47-59

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.
- ❖ The Revd. Joseph Olusegun Lufadeju
- ❖ 20th Wedding Anniversary of Ven. Oluwole and Mrs. Oyeyemi Ajayi.
- ❖ **The Diocese of Ikwo - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)**

❖ **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), 8 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Jenkins Olubunmi Coker, 11 years' mind
- (iii) Mrs. Victoria Olayinka Jacobs, 21 years' mind.
- (iv) Mr. K.P. Mensah, 46 years' mind.

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY – 05/09/2024

Colour: GREEN

Day 249

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

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Michael Nwigani

Epistle: Acts 13: 1-12

Gospel: John 9: 1-17

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 Diocese of Ikwuano - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Prince Aina Clifford Akran, Mr. Olayinka Faji Jnr, Ms. Bisola Adewunmi, Mr. Emmanuel Chukwuemeka Nnatuanya, 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, 14 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Daniel Olaleye Aregbesola, 56 years' mind.

11.00 a.m. Funeral Service for Mrs. Sally Louisa Omolara Oguntade

FRIDAY - 06/09/2024

Colour: GREEN

Day 250

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

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Canon Kunle Dina

Epistle: Acts. 13: 13-25

Gospel: John 9: 18-41

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 Diocese of Ilaje - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)**

❖ **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, 8 years' mind.
- (ii) Mrs. Daisy Afluie Omenai, 16 years' mind.
- (iii) Mrs. Mary Lilian Alele, 51 years' mind.

11.00 a.m. Funeral Service for Engr. Ademola Joseph Jacobs

4:00p.m. Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY – 07/09/2024 Colour: GREEN

Day 251

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

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: Acts. 13: 26-43

Gospel: John 10: 1-18

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Red Cross Nigeria
- ❖ Mrs. Ruth Adedamola Alabi.
- ❖ Mrs. Fortune Olabisi Simidele Oke.
- ❖ Mrs. Felicia Olayinka Akinsola
- ❖ 5th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Sunday and Mrs. Osetola Obebe.
- ❖ **The Diocese of Ile-Oluji - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)**

❖ **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, 25 years' mind.

10.00 a.m. Diocesan Altar Servers' Retreat

Bible Study Outline

THEME: THE CHRISTIAN RACE

SUB-THEME: Distraction in the Race 4

TOPIC: Physical Challenges

TEXT: 2Corinthians 12: 6 – 10

AIMS:

- i. to make us understand that there will be some challenging times in our lives as Christians and
- ii. to help us learn how to better overcome the challenges.

INTRODUCTION

Challenges are inevitable; they come and go from time to time. Christ told us that in the world we would have tribulations. In our text, Apostle Paul makes us understand that he too was never immune to challenges

and difficulties of life (2 Cor.12:7). Though there are different levels and forms of physical challenges such as: retrenchment, economic and financial crisis, health challenges, infidelity of spouse; accommodation problem, fraudulent partners in business etc. like Paul, we should not be distracted, instead we should move on by faith.

STUDY GUIDES

1. Enumerate and explain common challenges faced by Christians in both our society and country at large.
2. What should be our attitude to challenges of life? 2Cor. 12:8; 1 Pet. 5:7; Phil. 4:6.
3. How should these challenges enhance our faith in the Lord as we prepare for the second coming of Christ? Rom. 8:31 - 39.
4. What lessons are there for us to learn from Ps. 30:5 and Ps. 126:5; Isa. 55: 8 – 9; 2Cor. 12:9a?

CONCLUSION: As Christians, we are not immune against challenges of life, but the good news is; the Lord is always with us in whatever we are passing through. It is therefore our responsibility to call unto him whenever we are faced with any of these challenges, for the grace and enablement to overcome.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Tough times never last but tough people do.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 30:5

“For his anger endures but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

ISAIAH 8: 18

Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonder in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion.

I declare today, myself and my children shall be for signs and wonders. We shall be favoured by the Lord. He will strike our oppressor with the rod of His mouth. In blessing He shall bless us. His protective eye will never leave us. He will set us in a fertile pasture and attend to all our needs. Amen.

ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS

39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION

ARTICLE XXVII

27. Baptism

Baptism is not only a sign of profession and a mark of difference by which Christians are distinguished from those who are not baptized. It is also a sign of regeneration or new birth, through which, as through an instrument, those who receive baptism in the right manner are grafted into the church, the promises of the forgiveness of sin and of our adoption as sons of God by the Holy Spirit are visibly signed and sealed, faith is confirmed, and grace is increased by virtue of prayer to God. The baptism of young children is undoubtedly to be retained in the church as that which agrees best with Christ's institution.

NEEDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

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

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

- i. Risograph Printing Machine @ N8.5m
- ii. Toyota Coaster Bus @ N105m
- iii. Cisco 350X-24 MP Switch for CCTV cameras @ N1,800,000
- iv. 65 inches TV for CCTV Camera viewing @ N1,100,000
- v. Transformer and Tape Guide for the Lift car in the Cathedral House @ \$3000
- vi. Five IP Streaming PTZ Camera @ NGN1,620,000 each
- vii. Two 5 Tons Standing Airconditioners @ N1,900,000 each
- viii. Two Television, model LG UR73006LA @ N700,000 each
- ix. Eight Television, model LG UQ7070 43" @ N600,000 each
- x. Two Canon EOS 5D Mark IV DSLR Camera with 24-105F/4L II lens @ 4,080,000.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

During a wedding reception; the groom was called upon to give his vote of thanks to his guests and this is what he came up with:

1. I want to first of all thank the Lord Almighty for creating my wife. And to also thank the pastor and his wife for lending us their wedding rings.
2. Special appreciation to my landlord who lent us his car.
3. I am most grateful to my boss for approving the loan I used for the wedding.
4. Big thanks to the committee of friends for the appeal fund they raised on my behalf.
5. Also to my brother's wife, thank you for lending us your wedding gown.
6. Am so grateful to the cake designer for the cake. I promised to return it tomorrow morning as agreed without cutting or eating out of it.
7. Special thanks to my friends who brought food from their homes to help me feed you all. Please for those who were served food good luck and for Those who didn't get any, well we will make it up to you during our child dedication (hopefully next year).
8. Very big thanks to my parents for bringing the village cultural band to supply the music as well as entertain us all here today.
9. The women are not left out, thanks a lot for teaching my wife how to dance.
10. Appreciation to my co-tenants for contributing money for the cameraman.
11. Well, I wish you all safe journey and I pray you don't experience what I suffered for this wedding.

I Thank You All....

WOMEN'S CORNER

NOTICES

- 2/9/2024 - Prayer Meeting/Student's Pre- Resumption Prayers by Revd. Olawole Faloye.
5-7/9/2024 - Facilitators Training at Faith Plaza by St. Andrew's Church Bogije
7/9/2024 - Pre-Resumption Prayer (Summit/Seminar for Students) at Faith Plaza (Coordinator- ACODIP ADEBA) by 10:00 a.m.
7/9/2024 - New Clergywives Training (Year 2023/2024 set) at Faith Plaza (Coordinator- All Saint's Church, Epe).

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

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.

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 08/09/2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(Pentecost 16)

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

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: **ENHANCERS OF FULL RESTORATION**
(vii) Generosity

Celebrant: **Revd. Canon Bola Osinupebi**
N.T. Reading: Romans 12:9-21 **The Clergy**
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 **Revd. Canon Bola Osinupebi**
Address: **Canon Residentiary**
Prayer: **The Clergy**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

9.15 a.m. CHORAL MATTINS

Theme: **ENHANCERS OF FULL RESTORATION**
(vii) Generosity

Cantor: **The Provost**
Sermon: **Revd. Canon. Bola Osinupebi**
O.T.: Deuteronomy 15:7-11 **Mrs. Anne Akinwunmi-Dongo**
N.T.: Romans 12:9-21 **Dr. (Mrs.) Funmilayo Doherty**
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. SUNG EUCHARIST

Theme: **ENHANCERS OF FULL RESTORATION**
(vii) Generosity

Celebrant **Revd. Michael Nwigani**
N.T. Romans 12:9-21 **Guild of Stewards on Duty**
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 **Revd. Michael Nwigani**
Address: **Revd. Canon. Bola Osinupebi**
Prayer: **Guild of Stewards on Duty**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

5.00 p.m. EVENSONG

Conductors: **Post. Jide Claudius Cole**
Post. Timothy Adeyemi

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 **Rev. Timothy Idowu**, Vicar of Christ Anglican Church, Akodo. 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. Painting of the Cathedral:

The Environmental and Beautification Subcommittee calls for kind donations towards the painting of the Cathedral building. Please contact the Chairperson of the Subcommittee, Sade Doherty, on telephone number 07089226047 or sade@themetropolepractice.com or the Provost for further information. God bless you as you consider beautifying the House of the Lord.

4. The Care Ministry:

The Care Ministry Monthly Fellowship will take place on **Tuesday, 10th September, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. at the Fellowship Centre.**

5. The Elders' Fellowship:

The Elders' Monthly Fellowship will take place on **Thursday, 12th September, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. at Ayo Rosiji Hall.**

6. Cathedral Podcast:

Our Sermons' Podcasts are now available on Spotify, Apple Podcast and Youtube Podcast. We encourage Parishioners to subscribe to our podcast channels on these platforms to get notified once a new episode is available.

7. Family Harvest 2024

This is to notify all parishioners that the Family Harvest for 2024 will commence on **Sunday the 21st of July 2024 and will run through to the 27th of October.**

Parishioners should kindly visit the Family Harvest Desk opposite the Membership Office to choose their preferred Family harvest dates. Parishioners can also contact the Family harvest Chairperson on 08033065586 to choose their preferred dates.

8. Bishop's Cup Soccer Tournament (11th Edition)

As part of the Cathedral youth activities for the year, we would be having the Bishop's Cup Soccer Tournament (11th Edition) this year. The Competition is scheduled to hold every Saturday from the 10th August to 14th September, 2024 and will involve 8 Youth Teams from parishes in the Diocese. For further information, Kindly contact Adeniran Adeluwoye, Esq on 08029099081.

9. Harvest Season 2024

The Harvest Season is here again. We give glory to God for His past mercies and for bountiful harvest tide. **Women Guild Auxiliary** hosts this year's Harvest and we pray that God will see them through.

Below are the details of the Harvest Season Events:

- (a) Sunday, 14th July, 2024, Harvest Launching
- (b) Sunday, 1st September, 2024, Children's and Young People's Harvest Combined with Children's Treat
- (c) Sunday, 3rd November, 2024, Adults' Harvest Thanksgiving combined with Professional Harvest
- (d) Sunday, 10th November, 2024, Gleaners' Harvest

Harvest Theme: "STAY... PLANT... AND REAP." - Genesis 26: 3&12

8. **Home Calls:**

We announce the home call of the following:

- (a) **Lt. Col (Mrs) Olufunmilayo Folashade Odunaike (Rtd) (nee Williams)** on Monday, 26th August, 2024. She was 81 years. She was a member of the Cathedral Ladies Friendly Society.

Funeral arrangements are as follows.

Thursday, 10th October, 2024 at 5.00 p.m. Christian Wake-keep

Friday, 11th October, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. Funeral Service here, at the Cathedral.

- (b) **Sir Jide Bankole Oki, CPA** on Wednesday, 28th August, 2024. He was 89 years. He was a member of Cathedral Torch Bearers, Cathedral Guild of Stewards and Cathedral Youth Fellowship. The Family can be visited at 8, Molade Okoya-Thomas Street, Ikeja, Lagos

May their gentle souls rest in perfect peace.

9. (a) **Fellowship Hour - Sunday 01/9/2024**

We thank **Adegoke Ademiluyi Family** who holds the Fellowship Hour after 7.15 a.m. in honour of the passing to glory of their beloved father and grandfather, **Prince Adegoke Ademiluyi, CPA** who died on Friday, 2nd August, 2024

May the soul of the faithful departed, continue to rest in peace and may God's blessings, mercies and protection be always upon his children and children's children. Amen.

(b) **Fellowship Hour Booking: September 2024**

Sunday, 8/9/2024 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. Service **Mrs. Moronke Thompson** for her 70th birthday on 16th September, 2024 after 9.15 a.m. Service.

Sunday, 22/9/2024 - **Miss Funmilola Otuyalo** for her birthday on the same day, 22nd September, 2024.

Sunday, 13/10/2024 - Family of **Owolabi and Ayodele** will host the Fellowship Hour after 7.15a.m. and 9.15 a.m. in memory of late **Mrs. Olubunmi Farayiola Owolabi** who died 1 year ago on 12th October, 2023

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

(d) **Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2024**

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

| | | 7.15 a.m. | 9.15 a.m |
|--------|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday | 27/10/2024 | Booked | Booked |
| Sunday | 10/11/2024 | Booked | Booked |
| Sunday | 24/11/2024 | Vacant | Vacant |
| Sunday | 08/12/2024 | Vacant | Vacant |
| Sunday | 22/12/2024 | Booked | Booked |

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.

FAMILY HARVEST 2024 (WEEK 7)

Sunday, 8th September, 2024

The following families will be called to the Altar

1. Late Mr. Adegboyega Martins & Family
2. Mr. Oluwafemi Ajana & Family
3. Mr. Adewale & Mrs. Funlola Taiwo & Family
4. Mrs. Rhoda Farri & Family
5. The Family of the Late Prince Caxton Adekanbi Fetuga

6. Arc. Benibo David-West & Family
7. Dr. Olumide O. Phillips, CPA & Family
8. Mr. Bruce Ovbiagele & Family
9. Pa Elderman Prince I.C.O. Omogbehin, JP & Family
10. The Family of the Late Mr. Chidiadi Owowo
11. The Apakama Family
12. The Family of the Late Mr. Rotimi Odugbesan, CPA
13. The Family of the Late Mr. Bob Okonedo
14. Mr. Nelson Olatunde Williams & Family
15. The Family of the Late Victor Adebayo Wey
16. Mr. Bunmi Sosanya & Family
17. The Family of the Late Engr. F.A.O. Phillips, CPA
18. Dr. Egun Bamgboye & Family
19. Prince Famuagun & Family
20. Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Sola Ayo Vaughan & Family
21. Mrs. Loliya A. Sogbanmu & Family
22. Princess V.E. Otunba Payne & Family
23. Mr. Emmanuel Ogolo & Family
24. The Family of the Late Revd. Osaro Ogbomo
25. Dr. & Mrs. Bolaji Akinola & Family
26. Chief (Mrs) Patience Sokoromo & Family
27. The Family of the Late Sir Josiah C. Onumonu, KSC
28. The Adekitan Family
29. Dr. Gabriel Babatunde Onipinla & Family
30. Engr. Jolayemi Olatunji & Family
31. Mrs Patience Okonkwo & Family
32. Mr. L.O. Olowoselu & Family
33. Mr. Femi & Mrs. Lolade Adekunle & Family
34. Chief (Dr.) Oluyomi Finnih, CPA & Family
35. The Bajulai Family
36. The Family of the Late Mr. Rego Martins
37. Justice & Mrs. Yinka Faji & Family
38. Mr Tas & Mrs. Tolu Animashaun & Family
39. Mr. Princewill Ubani & Family

FAMILY HARVEST 2024 (WEEK 8)

Sunday, 15th September, 2024

The following families will be called to the Altar

1. The Family of the Late Papa M.O. Imana
2. Mrs. Blessing Dan Egua & Family
3. Mr. Clement Nweke & Family
4. Meadows Family
5. The Family of the Late Chief John J. Adollo & Mrs
Funmi Adollo.

6. Mrs. Folashade Ashafa & Family
7. Mrs. Kemi Adebawale & Family
8. The Family of the Late Very Revd. TAJ. Oluwole & Modupe Oluwole Mrs.
9. The Family of the Late Mr. T.K. Sagoe
10. Ms. Omolara Otuyelu & Family
11. Mr. Jola Adeosun & Family
12. The Family of the Late Prof. Ajibayo & Chief (Mrs) Obafunke Akinkugbe,CPA
13. Mr. Lambert Ofoegbu & Family
14. The Family of the Late Mr. David Nwobodo
15. The Din Family
16. Princess Adenike Adeniran & Family
17. Capt. Dapo Olumide & Family
18. Mr. Archie Duke & Family
19. Mr. Emmanuel Onimisi & Family
20. The Family of the Late Ms. Claudette Adetutu Dawodu
21. Mr. Jide Ladeinde & Family
22. The Family of the Late Admiral Augustus Aikhomu
23. The Family of the Late Prince Oyolola
24. Mr. Kenneth Otugo & Family
25. Mr. Segun Awosejo & Family
26. Ms Grace Oluchi Uwandu & Family
27. Mr. Demola Ilori, CPA & Mrs. Titilola Ilori,CPA & Family
28. Mr. Benson Oruasah & Family
29. Mr & Mrs. Kehinde Phillips, CPA & Family
30. Mr. Olajide Aleshinloye-Williams,CPA & Family
31. Mr. Bola Adegbonmire & Family
32. Mr. Francis Kehinde & Family
33. The Family of the Late Mr. Michael Adebayo Ogun
34. Mr. Stephen Mabogaje & Family
35. Mr. Lanre Atitebi & Family
36. Mr. Joseph Ajiboye Oni & Family

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 continue to bless and enrich you in Jesus name. Amen.*
 - ❖ *In the course of the week the Unit received an anonymous donation of N1,000,000 (Transfer). May God bless the donor abundantly in the name of Jesus.*
- (a) **Sponsorship:**
Our Social Welfare Service Unit is seeking sponsorship for the following. Part payments will be gratefully appreciated.
1. **Master Chimeremeze Chinedum (3 years):** He was admitted for open Swenson Pull through surgery that got complicated which necessitated series of repeated surgery. He needs the sum **N1,800,000 for surgery.**

2. **Mr. Onyinyechukwu Victor Enyeazu (40 years)**
He was diagnosed of Hemorrhoids at the Hospital. He needs the sum of N2,900,000 for surgery.
3. **Mrs. Basirat Hammed (47 years)**
She was diagnose of bilateral knee osteoarthritis at Federal Ortheopedic Hospital. She needs the sum of N3,160,100 to undergo surgery. She has realised N2,000,000. The outstanding balance is N1,160,100.
4. **20 Postulants In Theological Seminaries** needs the sum of N5,000,000 at N250,000 per session.
5. **Mrs. Moses Ijeoma Rose (41 years)**
She was diagnosed of cancer of the colon in year 2020. She needs the sum of N 3,000,000 for the cost of her drugs for 1 year.
6. **Miss Taiwo Oluwakemi Olasoji (10 years old)** was born with a congenital heart disorder. She had the first corrective surgery when she was 3 months old in Germany. She is due for another Cardiac Catheterization at the same hospital. The cost is 62,700. Amount realised so far is 25,433; outstanding balance is 36,567.
7. **Master Chukwuemeka Dugbo (16years)**
He was diagnosed of imperfect anus after 3days of delivery in the hospital. He needs to undergo a corrective surgery at the cost of \$63,000. The sum realized so far is \$7,500 The outstanding balance is \$55,500.
8. **Mr Awolola Ganiyu Saliu (61years)**
He was diagnosed with kidney failure at a public hospital. He needs to undergo kidney transplant surgery at the sum of N25,000,000 He has realised N10,000,000 so far. The outstanding balance is N15,000,000
9. **Mr. Shonibare Samad (29years)**
He was diagnosed of a kidney failure at a public hospital. He needs to undergo surgery at the cost of N22,000,000. He has so far realized N16,400,000. The outstanding balance is N5,600,000.

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

Theme for the year: "FULL RESTORATION"

"I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame."

- Joel 2: 25-26

HYMN FOR THE YEAR

LEAVE GOD TO ORDER ALL THY WAYS

MHB 504 (Tune: Solid Rock/Sagina)

1. **Leave God to order all thy ways,
And hope in Him whate'er betide;
Thou'lt find Him in the evil days
Thy all-sufficient strength and guide;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.**
2. **Only thy restless heart keep still,**

**And wait in cheerful hope, content
 To take whate'er His gracious will,
 His all-discerning love, hath sent;
 Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
 To Him who chose us for His own.**

**3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways,
 But do thine own part faithfully;
 Trust his rich promises of grace,
 So shall they be fulfilled in thee;
 God never yet forsook at need
 The soul that trusted Him indeed.**

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 25/8/2024

| | | |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 7.15 a.m. | Holy Communion (Said)..... | 236 |
| 9:15 a.m | Children's Church/Sunday School | 176 |
| 9:15 a.m | Cathedral Youth Church | 33 |
| 9.15 a.m. | Choral Mattins | 610 |
| 11.15 a.m | Sung Eucharist..... | 195 |

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

| | HC | | HC |
|-----------|----|-----------|----|
| Saturday | | Wednesday | |
| 24/8/2024 | 14 | 28/8/2024 | - |
| Monday | | Thursday | |
| 26/8/2024 | 15 | 29/8/2024 | 20 |
| Tuesday | | Friday | |
| 27/8/2024 | 12 | 30/8/2024 | 15 |

COMING EVENTS (SEPTEMBER 2024)

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| <i>Saturday, 7th September -</i> | <i>Boys' Brigade Patrons Day</i> |
| <i>Sunday, 8th September -</i> | <i>Talk on Infertility by Ladies Armour Bearer</i> |
| <i>Sunday, 15th September -</i> | <i>Community Hymn Singing</i> |
| | <i>Host: Mrs. Agboola Fisher-Thomas</i> |
| <i>Sunday, 29th September - Grand Parents' Day</i> | |



SOUL FOOD 35/2024

Children & Young People's Harvest

STAY... PLANT... AND REAP

“Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you... Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold because the Lord blessed him.” Genesis 26:3&12

As we gather today for the Children and Young People's Harvest Thanksgiving Service, we come to celebrate and thank God for His abundant blessings in our lives, especially for the gift of children. Psalm 127:3-5 tells us, “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.” We are indeed blessed, and I want to congratulate us for the glorious posterity we have in our young people and children. I pray that God will pour the riches of His grace upon them as they grow in Jesus' name.

During the Harvest Launch in July, I highlighted that our focus for this year's Harvest meditation is on the divine guidance provided through the story of Isaac in Genesis 26. In the passage, God speaks directly to Isaac during a famine, instructing him to stay in a seemingly unpromising land. Isaac's response to the divine guidance presents valuable lessons centred on the importance of trust, faith, and obedience that we, as Christian youth and children living in a challenging world, can learn and apply in our lives. As children of God, we must understand that trust, faith, and obedience form the bedrock of our relationship with God and significantly influence His blessings upon our lives, which is why I am going to focus on these elements in this address.

Trust is a complete and assured reliance on God's promises, and Faith is the firm belief in something for which there is no proof. At the same time, Obedience is the act of following commands, instructions, or guidance from an authority figure, which in this case is God. While Faith believes the truth about God and His Word, Trust responds with Obedience and action based on who God has revealed Himself to be. In other words, Faith grasps God's promises, while Trust surrenders to His will. Faith says, “God can be trusted”, while Trust entrusts oneself to Him. Faith turns God's promises into affirmations; Trust turns God's affirmations into actions. Faith activates trust. Obedience ultimately validates our Trust and Faith.

God's command to Isaac might have seemed illogical in the face of a famine. Common sense would have urged him to move to a more fertile land, exemplified by the concept of *Japa* that we know and are familiar with. However, Isaac chose to trust God's word over his own understanding. His planting of crops in a land struck by famine demonstrates his faith. There was no visible sign that the land could yield a harvest, yet Isaac believed in the unseen hand of God. He did not just trust and believe; he obeyed God's instruction to stay in Gerar and to sow in a seemingly barren land. The Bible says: “Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold because the Lord blessed him.” (Genesis 26:12)

Trusting God often requires us to go against our instincts or the advice of the world around us. We may face bleak situations where the future is uncertain, as we are in our country now. Yet, God's promises are our anchor. Like Isaac, we must learn to trust God,

knowing His presence and word are sufficient. Our faith should push us to act even when the outcome is not visible. It is easy to believe when circumstances are favourable, but true faith is exhibited when we step out, even in uncertainty, believing that God will come through. Isaac's faith was not in the land's fertility but God's faithfulness. “Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!” (Psalm 40:4)

In addition, our obedience may require sacrifice, patience, or going against popular opinion. But when we obey, we work in God's will, and His blessings follow. Isaac reaped a hundredfold because he obeyed God despite the unpromising conditions. Our obedience today can unlock divine favour and unexpected blessings in our lives. Scripture encourages us: “Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.” (Deuteronomy 5:33)

Quoting from the Soul Food of Sunday, 14th July 2024, “There is a famine in our land that is becoming more unbearable. Relocation is now rampant as people search for greener pastures.” However, we are reminded again today of the blessings that flow from Trust, Faith, and Obedience. As we face the challenges and uncertainties of our time, let us draw inspiration from Isaac's example. Let us trust in God's promises, believe in His faithfulness even when we cannot see the way forward, and obey His word, knowing He will bless us in due time.

Proverbs 3:5&6 says: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Prophet Jeremiah affirms this: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water that sends out its roots by the stream and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." (Jeremiah 17:7&8) The same God who was with Isaac in Gerar is with us today, ready to bless us as we walk in trust, faith, and obedience.

May this God increase our trust and faith in Him and grant us grace to obey Him in all situations. May we, like Isaac, experience His manifold blessings in our lives as we walk in trust, faith, and obedience in Jesus' name. Amen.

HAPPY CELEBRATION TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR HARVEST TODAY.

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. Michael Nwigani.....Children's Church
Revd. Henry Mooh Youth/Confirmation Class
Revd Olawole FaloyeCorrectional Centres Ministry/Elders' Fellowship
Revd. Canon Kunle DinaCare Ministry
Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi.....Music, Altar Servers and Readers
Ven. Henry Adelegan -SWSU
Very Revd. Dr. Adebola Ojofeitimi -.....Harvest/Missions and Evangelism

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