

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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ADVENT SUNDAY

- DECEMBER 3, 2023

THE LITURGICAL COLOUR: GREEN

"OUR YEAR OF GREATER GLORY".
2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

WELCOME TO CHURCH

"...that they may be one..." John 17:22

The Very Revd Dr. Kalu Ndukwe The Assistant Minister I The Very Revd Oluwaseun Jegede The Assistant Minister II

The Venerable Dr. S.F.O. Jolayemi
The Minister

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In this Sanctuary, we switch off our phones during services!!!

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service: "M" (With Birthday and Monthly Thanksgiving)

- 1. The Processional Hymn: ASCSHC 96
- 2. The Preparatory Prayer
- 3. The Confession and Absolution
- The Ministry of the Word: The Collect
- 5. The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- 6. The Gradual: Hymns A&M 108
- 7. The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37
- ASCSHC 129 (The collection for Indigent Students' Scholarship Scheme will be taken)
- 9. The Sermon
- The Nicene Creed and Intercessory Prayers
- The Offertory Hymn: ASCSHC 90 (Tithes and Freewill Offerings also)
- 12. The Thanksgiving
- 13. The Peace
- 14. The Breaking and Sharing of Bread and wine etc. ASCSHC 11, 15, 128 and Hymns A&M 399
- 15. The Concluding Prayers
- 16. The Blessing
- 17. Birthday Thanksgiving: "November Babies": Lyrics by the Praise Team
- 18. Monthly Thanksgiving: Lyrics by the Praise Team
- 19. The Announcements
- 20. The Recessional Hymn: ASCSHC 27

9.30 a.m. General Community Hymn Singing – "N.D" (With Birthday and Monthly Thanksgiving)

- The Processional Hymn: Hymns A&M 47 (Tune: Merton)
- Introit: Hymns A&M 54 (Tune: Cross of Jesus) Please, kneel.
- Extempore Prayers; leading to the Lord's Prayer
- Hymns A&M 51 (Tune: Helmsley) Please, sit.
- Psalm 98 (Tune: Chant in B Flat By G. J. Elvey) Please, stand.
- 6. Bible Reading: Mark 13:24 37
- Hymns A&M 50 (Tune: Winchester New) Please, sit.
- 8. Intercessory Prayers
- ASCSHC 152 (Tune: Brent Tor) Please, stand
- 10. Advent Sermon
- 11. Choir Anthem: Hymns A&M 55 (Tune: Sleepers, Awake). Please six
- The Collection Hymn: Hymns A&M
 (Tune: Veni Emmanuel) Please,
 stand
- Birthday Thanksgiving: "November Babies": Lyrics by the Praise Team
- Monthly Thanksgiving: Lyrics by the Praise Team
- The Closing Hymn/ Hymn of Remembrance: ASCSHC 169 (Tune: Sweet Place) Please, sit.
- 16. The Closing Prayer and Benediction
- 17. The Announcements
- The Withdrawal Hymn: ASCSHC 98 (Tune: Vile Du Havre) Please, stand.

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE; LET ALL THE EARTH BE SILENT IN HIS PRESENCE. HABAKKUK 2:20. PLEASE, THIS IS THE HOUSE OF GOD, LET OUR CONDUCTS AND MOVEMENTS BE DONE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER. 1 COR. 14:40.

GREETINGS: We have come together in the presence of God our Father, to rejoice in the gift of Jesus Christ as the Light of the world. We are here to offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer and song.

WELCOME: We welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time today. Please, kindly stand up for recognition as we sing from ASCSHC 68:1. What shall our greeting be: Sign of our unity? "Jesus is Lord"! May we no more defend, Barriers He died to end: Give me your hand, my friend- One Church, one Lord!

We thank Very Rev. Kolade Fadahunsi for preaching the Word at both the 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Services. May the good Lord continue to uphold and bless your ministry in Jesus name. Amen.

NOTICES:

- For members who are not able to come to Church physically, you can please pay
 your Tithes, Freewill Offerings, Membership Dues and others to the Account
 of the Church: ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, JERICHO, IBADAN. UNION BANK PLC,
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0008782811. God will continue to prosper the works of your
 hands as you give unto the Lord in Jesus name. Amen.
- BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS: We rejoice with our esteemed members who are celebrating their birthdays this Week:

Mr. Adewunmi A. Adeyemi	- 3	Mr. John A. Adeyemi	- 8
Mrs. Obafemi Olayebi	- 5	Mrs. Iyabo Kuye	- 8
Mrs. Oloruntolani J. Daramola	- 5	Chief (Mrs.) Adepeju Adebunmi	- 8
Chief Oludola I. Akinkugbe	- 5	Mr. Oluwabunmi S. Oludade	- 9
Mr. Temitoyin Ayorinde	- 7	Mrs. Tayo Bademosi	- 9
Dr. Mrs. Olufadekemi O. Adewunmi	i - 7		

Note: Culled from the Membership Data Base. We pray the glory of the Lord to continue to radiate around you, and, fill you with His presence and peace in Jesus name. Amen.

- ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, JERICHO, IBADAN ELECTRONICS RADIO BROADCAST WITH LEAD RADIO 106.3 – Please, partner with God for a lifetime testimony. Tune in every Sunday at 6:45 a.m. and repeat broadcast every Wednesday at 7.15 a.m. and be blessed.
- 4. THE INDIGENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble (Psalm 41:1). Please, kindly donate generously into the Indigent Scholarship Fund – UNION BANK PLC Account No. 0008858176. May the blessings be!
- 5. The yearly membership dues were revised to \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 5,000 with immediate effect starting in 2023, as decided at the AGM held on Sunday, June 25, 2023. We

are enjoined to make any necessary payment towards arrears. Online payments can be made to UNION BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER 0008782811. The Announcer: Secretary, Church Council.

6. The Following Books are available for sale:

a) BOOSTER PLUS - powered by God's Word with over 300 key insights and 380 Prayer Points.... N1500.00.

b) TOWARDS A GREAT MARRIAGE - A Marital Guide specially couched to aid intending and already married couples to shore up intimacy and enjoy the sweetness of marriage... N 800.00. Author: Very Rev. Olumide Aluko.

c) SOME MORE MESSAGES FROM ABOVE - by Canon Emmanuel Babajide Lucas.

d) Towards a great marriage making happy family life happen in your home.

e) GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS? - By Ayodele Olajide Falase.

f) 10 GREATS DOTES FOR EMPTY NESTARS - by David ARD Claudra ARD

g) YOU CAN LIVE YOUR DREAMS by Olumide Aluko.

h) All Saints' Church, Jericho, Ibadan supplementary HYMNS AND Choruses (Musical Edition).

7. CHURCH NEEDS:

a) Equipment for Livestreaming:

i. Lapel Mic - N 290, 000

ii. Camera: Sony A7 111 with Sony Sigma lens 23-240 mm 2.8 -₩2.100.000

iii. Complete Desktop computer - (HP 2022 Envy TE01 Desktop computer- 12th Intel i7-12700 12-Core CPU - 12GB Nvidia RTX 3060-16GB DDR4-512B PCI-E SSD + 1TB HDD - Wi-Fi 6 Bluetooth RJ45 - Windows 11 Pro. \$1549.

iv. 3 units of Shure PGA58 Wired microphone at N 60,000 each.

b) Multimedia Projector for Sunday School

100KVA Generator for the Church (№ 15m)

d) 6 Units of Air Conditioner Media 1.5Hp (№ 300,000/Unit)

e) 30 Units of 300W Solar floodlights (N 65,000/unit)

f) Public Addresse System 15" for Children Sunday School. (№ 200,000)

g) 8 Units of OX 26" Standing fans for the Church Hall. (№ 75,000/Unit)

h) 10 Units of floodlight poles (N 25,000 Each)

8. YOUTH WEEK 2023: Members of the congregation are cordially invited to the Annual Anniversary of the Youth Fellowship for this year themed: "Stepping unto Higher Realms of Glory". The schedule of activities include:

Day 2: Visitation to Charity Home-Wednesday, 6th December 2023 at 3.00p.m.

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Day 3: Word Feast - Thursday, 7th December 2023 at 4.00 p.m.

Day 4: Praise and Prayer - Friday, 8th December 2023 at 4.00 p.m.

Day 5: Dinner/Awards – Saturday, 9th December 2023 at 3.00 p.m.

Day 6: Thanksgiving – Sunday 10th December, 2023. Venue: The Sanctuary, God bless you as you plan to attend.

Members of the congregation are implored to kindly donate generously toward the visitation to **Charity Home**, like stationery, clothing (age 5 to 12), and provisions. God bless you all.

9. **2023 HALF YEAR GENERAL MEETING:** The Church Council hereby notifies the entire congregation that the Half Year General Meeting (for 2024 Budget) of the Church holds today Sunday, 3rd December 2023 at 12 noon in the Church Hall. **The Announcer:** Secretary, Church Council.

10. The entire members of the congregation are cordially invited to the 2023 Christmas Carol Service of All Saints, Church School, Jericho, Ibadan at the School premises on Tuesday, 12th December 2023 at 11.00 a.m.

11. **INVITATION TO ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL:** All Saints' College, Ibadan cordially invites the congregation to their Annual Christmas Carol Service on Thursday, 14th December 2023 at Olu Akinkugbe Hall of the College at 10.00a.m.prompt.

12. DONATION: The Women's Group is plaining to give clothes to the NEEDY (both male and female) at Christmas. God bless you for your wonderful donation as you support us in this regard. <u>The Announcer:</u> The President,

Women's Group.

13. **SPECIA!** ANNOUNCEMENT: Every family that intends to have a celebration in All Saints' Church MUST set aside a time to have a chat with the Minister-In-Charge and should please comply with both the resolution and instructions at the end of the chat.

14. TABITHA OUTREACH (TEENAGE MINISTRY) comes up on Friday, 22nd December 2023. We hereby solicit for donations of FOOD ITEMS and well laundered clothings. Kindly drop them with the Administrative Officer in the Church Office during the week or in the Teenage Ministry Hall on Sundays. God bless you as you give. Amen. The Announcer: Teenage Ministry Leader.

15. COMPREHENSIVE RURAL EVANGELISM OUTREACH AND YELUTIDE VISITS: Church member should please join this encompassing Mission trip to Esarun village. Please kindly donate financial gifts, raw food items,

household utensils, clothing especially children wears and utilities towards making 2023 Christmas celebration a memorable one for the villagers. Such items are to be deposited in the Church House/ the Church Office. God loves a Cheerful Giver. The bus will leave for the village on Saturday 16th December at 8.00 a.m. prompt. God bless you

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as you prepare to come along.

16. MEETINGS:

- a) Welfare Committee Next Sunday after Mattins.
- b) Worship Committee Next Sunday after Mattins.
- c) Church Council Monday 11th December, 2023 at 4.00 p.m.
- 17. At 5.00 p.m. today, there will be no Evening Service.

18. NEXT SUNDAY:

7.30 a.m.: Holy Communion Service: The Assistant Minister II

9.30 a.m.: Mattins/ Youth Week Thanksgiving: Rev. Adesoji Adekola

5.00 p.m.: General Community Hymn Singing

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - 26th November, 2023

CHURCH SERVICES	ATTENDANCE
7.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service	67
9.30 a.m. Mattins	165
9.30 a.m. Sunday School	85
9.30. a.m. Teenage Ministry	44
9.30 a.m. Jacob and Grace	106
5.00 p.m. Evening Service	34
Praise and Prayer Vigil	60
Mid-week Anointing Service – 29/11/2023	70

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

- (a) Tuesday 4.00 p.m.: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. PRAYERS
- (b) Wednesday: (i) 12 noon 1.00 p.m. Wednesday Anointing Service. The Preacher. Lady F.O. Akinsipe.
 - (ii) 4.30 p.m. 5.30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

 Discussion: Working out our Faith. Leader. Assistant Minister II.
- c) Thursday 5.00 p.m.: Women's Group Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Topic: Waiting in Hope. Romans 12:10 - 19. Leader. Mrs. T. Daramola.
- (d) Friday: Choir Practice 4.30 p.m.

The Boys' and Girls' Brigade: 5.00 p.m.

- (e) Saturday: The Youth Fellowship: 3.30 p.m.
- (f) Saturday: Davidic Praise Group meeting at 4.00 p.m.

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS OF LATE MS OLAITAN GBENLE

Thursday, 14th December 2023 at 4.00 p.m. - Wake Keep at All Saints' Church Hall, Jericho, Ibadan.

Friday, 15th December 2023 at 10.00 a.m. - Funeral Service at All Saints' Church Jericho, Ibadan.

PRAYER REQUESTS, TESTIMONIES AND THANKSGIVING:

A family is remembering their beloved wife, mom and grandma who went to be with the Lord on November 8, 2022 and was buried on the 2nd December 2022. The family is appreciating God for His mercies this past year and praying for continued guidance and protection. The family will appreciate the Church's prayers

for the spouse that God will continue to grant him strength and good health. That God's love will continue to bind the family together. (Thanksoffering: \$\infty100,000).

- 2. A Member is thanking our Almighty God for His bountiful blessings, protection and preservation over her life, children, grand -children and all her loved ones over the years, most especially these past six months she fell in her bathroom and sustained some injuries but the Lord lifted her up and granted her journey mercies to and from abroad for proper treatment, Praise the Lord. She is also giving thanks to God with her whole heart and prays for total recovery, peace of mind and greater grace to serve and worship God in Spirit and in truth. "Please join me to sing, I have seen the Lord's goodness... (Thanksoffering: N20,000).
- 3. Members of l'amitie, a group of elders in the Church are thanking God for their 2nd year anniversary. They thank God for His mercies, protection, provision and preservation of all members of the group. They are praying for God's mercies as He continues to bless them and all members of their families. Also praying that 2024 will be a year of bountiful joy for every member of the Church. (Thanksoffering: N50,000).
- 4. Please let us Pray for our nation Nigeria:
 - a) Thank God for the New Administration.
 - b) That our leaders be filled with divine wisdom, knowledge and understanding (James 1:5).
 - c) Pray that God will deliver our nation from hardship and suffering.
- 5. Please let us pray for our Church, All Saints' Church Jericho, Ibadan:
 - a) That God will fill His Minister, Assistant Ministers with His Holy Spirit and the Church at large.
 - b) Let us pray for our educational institutions that they will continue to excel among other schools bringing glory to the name of Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

We congratulate all those whose birthdays are within last Monday and today. Please, let us sing the Traditional Birthday song for them. We wish you many happy returns in Jesus name. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Having a positive attitude isn't wishy-washy, it's a concrete and intelligent way to view problems, challenges, and obstacles." (Jeff Moore).

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly father, make me a source of blessing and encouragement to others. May I be empowered to put smiles on the face of others, in Jesus name I pray. FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK.
THE WEEKLY MEDITATION.

SUNDAY 350 - SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 2023.

THEME: THE BENEFITS OF POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO LIFE

THE TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 11:1 - 10

Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. Give a serving to seven, and also to eight, for you do not know what evil will be on the earth. If the clouds are full of rain, they empty [themselves] upon the earth; and if a tree falls to the south or the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it shall lie. He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. As you do not know what [is] the way of the wind, [Or] how the bones [grow] in the womb of her who is with child, so you do not know the works of God who makes everything. In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand: For you do not know which will prosper, Either this or that, Or whether both alike [will be] good. Truly the light is sweet, and [it is] pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun: But if a man lives many years [And] rejoices in them all, Yet let him remember the days of darkness, For they will be many. All that is coming [is] vanity. Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart. And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment. Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, And put away evil from your flesh, For childhood and youth [are] vanity.

The opening parts of our text today contain words of wisdom about having a right and positive attitude to life. Life at times may be confusing and uncertain; on many occurring one may not be too sure of what would be not in any way be the reason for anyone not to do the right thing and act in positive ways. The passage contains the wisdom on the need to diversify - not to put all income in one project or investment-such that if there is misfortune in one area, another will bring profit. The second aspect deals with the benefits of being kind to other people around us, especially the less privileged in the society.

Brethren, there is need to apply the wisdom of God in confronting the present economic hardship in our nation. God is ever ready to teach you what to do and guide you in the right direction as He did in times past (Gen. 30:37-43; Psa. 23; Isa. 48:17). When you are instructed by the Lord, you cannot end up in unprofitable ventures. When God opens your cyes and heart to ideas and innovation that will enhance your financial status, your case will be like that of Isaac in Gerar (Gen. 26:12) and Joseph in Egypt (Gen. 41:33-40). You need to also show kindness to others regardless of the economic situation. To cast one's bread on the water means to lend helping hands to the needy; to show kindness to people (Prov. 19:19). Show kindness in words and acts today and the same will surely be reciprocated to you.

Do have a glorious week.

Shalom, Shalom!!
The Minister.