

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- DECEMBER 10, 2023

THE LITURGICAL COLOUR: VIOLET

"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"

The Processional Hymn: ASCSHC 70 1.

The Preparatory Prayer

The Confession and Absolution

The Ministry of the Word: The Collect

5. The Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8 - 15a

The Gradual: ASCSHC 83 6.

The Gospel: Mark 1:1 - 8 7.

8. Hymns A&M 53 (The collection for Indigent Students' Scholarship Scheme will be taken)

9. The Sermon

10. The Nicene Creed and Intercessory Prayers

11. The Offertory Hymn: Hymns A&M 202 (Tithes and Freewill Offerings also)

12. The Thanksgiving

13. The Peace

14. The Breaking and Sharing of Bread and wine etc. ASCSHC 24, 7 and Hymns A&M 207

15. The Concluding Prayers

16. The Blessing

17. The Announcements

18. The Recessional Hymn: Hymns A&M 48

9.30 a.m. Mattins/Youths' Thanksgiving

The Processional Hymn: Hymns A&M 185

Praise and Worship Session

The Call to Worship

1st Bible Reading: Isaiah 6:1 - 8 4.

2nd Bible Reading: Philippians 3:12-17. 5.

The Apostle's Creed, Collects and 6. Intercessory Prayer

Singspiration (The Collection for 7. Indigent Students' Scholarship Scheme will be taken)

The Sermon 8.

Special Rendition by the Youths

10. Collection: Lyrics & Choruses (Tithes and Freewill Offerings also)

11. President's Report

12. Thanksgiving (Led by the Praise

13. The Closing Prayer and Benediction

14. The Announcements

15. The Withdrawal Hymn: ASCSHC 147

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.

5.00 p.m. General Community Hymn Singing: "N.D"

1. The Processional Hymn: Hymns A&M 48 (Tune: St. Michael)

2. Introit: A&M 473 (Tune: St. Laurence)

3. Extempore Prayer Leading to the Lord's Prayer

4. Hymns A&M 59 (Tune: Adeste Fidelis)

5. Hymns A&M 60 (Tune: Mendelssohn)

6. Bible Passage: Mark 1:1 - 8

The Collection Hymn: Hymns A&M 62 7. (Tune: Forest Green)

Closing Hymn: Hymns A&M 636 8. (Tune: Russian Melody)

Closing Prayer and Benediction 9.

10. The Announcements

11. The Withdrawal Hymn: ASCSHC 34 (Tune: O Store Gud)

GREETINGS: We have come together in the presence of God our Fatner, 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 Rev. Adesoji Adekola for preaching the Word at 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.
- 2. BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS: We rejoice with our esteemed members who are celebrating their birthdays this Week:

| Mr. Olugbenro O. Adegbola | - 10 | Mrs. Helen O. Oshinbolu | - 12 |
|----------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Mrs. Francisca O. Orisaleye | - 10 | Mr. Olatunji O. Keyede | - 13 |
| Mrs. Chinyere Ofordu | - 10 | Chief (Mrs.) Elizabeth B. Aderoju | - 14 |
| Chief Olufiayo F. Otuyemi | - 11 | Mr. Tolulope A. Ashaye | - 15 |
| Mr. Damilola S. Ayejuni | - 11 | Mrs. Ayotunde O. Salami | - 15 |
| Miss Deborah C. Johnson | - 11 | Mrs. Adebisi Afolabi | - 15 |
| Mrs. Alex Williams | - 11 | Mrs. T.F. Adeyemo | - 15 |
| Mrs. Oluwadamilola I. Makanjuola | - 12 | Miss Omolara O. Akinkoye | - 16 |
| Mrs. Oluwatoyin R. Ojo | - 12 | | |
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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 № 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 - N2,100,000

- 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
- c) 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 (₹ 65,000/unit)

f) 8 Units of OX 26" Standing fans for the Church Hall. (₹ 75,000/Unit)

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

8. 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.

 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. 10. **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. The Announcer: The President, Women's Group.

11. SPECIAL 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.

12. 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.

 SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND NINE LESSONS: Will take place on Sunday, 24th December, 2023 at 4.30 p.m. Invitation cards are available at

both 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Services.

14. COMPREHENSIVE RURAL EVANGELISM OUTREACH AND YULETIDE VISITS:

Church members should please join the all 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 as you prepare to come along.

15. MEETINGS:

- a) Welfare Committee Today after Mattins.
- b) Worship Committee Today after Mattins.
- c) Evangelical Committee (Emergency) Today after Mattins at the Revival Ground.

d) Church Council - Monday 11th December, 2023 at 4.00 p.m.

- e) Finance Committee Next Sunday after the 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service.
- f) Memorial Park and Gardens Next Sunday after the 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Ido.

16. At 5.00 p.m. today, there will be General Community Hymn Singing.

17. NEXT SUNDAY:

7.30 a.m.: Holy Communion Service: Ven. Adewale Sanda

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service: Canon Prof. Bisi Sowunmi

5.00 p.m.: Evensong: The Assistant Minister II

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - 3rd December, 2023

| CHURCH SERVICES | ATTENDANCE |
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| 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service | 99 |
| 9.30 a.m. Mattins | 231 |
| 9.30 a.m. Sunday School | 110 |
| 9.30 a.m. Teenage Ministry 9.30 a.m. Jacob and Grace | 41 |
| | 51 |
| 5.00 p.m. Evening Service | - |
| Mid-week Anointing Service – 06/12/2023 | 56 |

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

- (a) Tuesday 4.00 p.m.: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Topic: Hopes and Longings. Prov. 13:12 - 19. Leader: Dr. Tai Cole.
- (b) Wednesday: (i) 12 noon 1.00 p.m. Wednesday Anointing Service. The Preacher, Mr. S.O. Olatide.
 - (ii) 4.30 p.m. 5.30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Hymns of Praise and Prayer Evening. Leader. The Minister.
- c) Thursday 5.00 p.m.: Women's Group Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Topic: Is your love for God Proven? 2 Timothy 4:1 - 8. Leader. Mrs. T. Atiba.
- (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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS OF MRS. UGWUJI NDUKWE AGWU (MAMA TEACHER)

Friday, 5th January 2024 at 7.00 p.m. - Wake keep at Teacher. Ndukwe Agwu's Family Home, 6 Ogbokwe Road, Asaga Ohafia, Abia State.

Saturday, 6th January, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. - Funeral Service at the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, Emmanuel Congregation, Asaga Urban Parish, Asaga Ohafia.

Interment Follows Immediately at the Family Home.

Sunday, 7th January 2024 at 10.00 a.m. - Thanksgiving Service at the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, Emmanuel. The Announcer: The Assistant Minister 1 (for the family).

PRAYER REQUESTS, TESTIMONIES AND THANKSGIVING:

1. A child of God says "I give all to you Lord Jesus with many thanks".

(Thanksoffering: N10,000).

2. A child of God is thanking God Almighty for His grace and mercy shown to him in restoring his health after a long period of sickness. Please sing Hymns A&M 202 vs 3 only. (Thanksoffering: ₹100,000).

3. 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.

4. 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

Be patient in trials, watchful in prayer, and never cease in working. (St Francis of Assisi).

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, help me to be ready and to be found watchful of Your return, Amen.

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK.

THE WEEKLY MEDITATION.

SUNDAY 10TH — SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER, 2023.

THEME: BE WATCHFUL AND READY

THE TEXT: MATTHEW 24:36-44

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah [were,] so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two [men] will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two [women will be] grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect".

The state of insecurity in our nation has made many communities to sleep with one eye open while watching out for attackers. By so doing, some have been able to repel disasters on their communities.

Here in this passage, we are called upon to be watchful for the second return of Jesus Christ, which shall be a day of judgment. Instead of engaging in speculations about the thinning of His return, we are to be about and ready at all times. Jesus tells us why it is necessary to be watchful.

The first is that the actual day is a secret (v.36). No prediction will ever get it right. Second, the day will come as a surprise (v. 37-39), just as the flood of Noah's day. Third, it will be a day of separation (v. 40-41), when Jesus will separate His people from the wicked forever. Therefore, we are to be watchful and ready, especially as we await the second coming of Christ (v. 42-44).

Beloved, you don't need to know when He is coming; you only need to know that you are ready. And readiness consists of having the right relationship with God! You must be born again. Then get to work; be about your Master's business. Remember, the day is closer now than it was when you woke up today. Whether you get ready and are watchful or not, Jesus will come back!

Do have a glorious week.

Shalom, Shalom!!

The Minister.