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**TIME TABLE** SUNDAY 26TH MAY, 2024

**ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, IGBOBI**  
11.00AM Closing Thanksgiving Service:  
New Liturgy(Settings: Sam Ojukwu)

**CELEBRATING:** Ven. Julius O. Ajayi  
**PREACHING:** The Rt. Rev. Stanley David Fube  
**Topic:** "Eternity in View"(1Peter 2:11,12)

**Assisting:** Lady T.Chikwue Ochiagha  
Lady Nkiru Emechebe  
Barr. Adebayo Fakunle  
**LUNCH AND DEPARTURE**  
2:00 PM

**SYNOD PRAYER**

Almighty and Ever-living God, the Creator and Maker of all, we give Thee hearty thanks for Your Fatherly care and sustenance as we journey on our earthly pilgrimage. You O God are immortal, and we humbly bow before you acknowledging that we are mere mortals formed from the dust of the earth; and to that dust we will return, for we are but strangers and aliens on this earth.

Grant us the grace to continue to trust in Your presence with us at all times. May we, believing, obeying, and following the examples of Your Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ, always give our lives to Your service; shunning worldly passions and pleasures, knowing that we are in the world, but not of the world.

In spite of the changes and chances of this world, help us to abide in Christ as we continue to bear fruits that will glorify Your holy name; even as we live in anticipation of that day when we shall see You face to face in Your Kingdom, where You live and reign forever and ever, Amen.

**SYNOD HYMN**  
CH 607 - I AM A STRANGER HERE

1. I am a stranger here,  
Heaven is my home;  
Earth is a desert drear,  
Heaven is my Home;  
Danger and sorrow stand;  
Round me on every hand;  
Heaven is my Fatherland  
Heaven is my Home
2. What though the tempest rage,  
Heaven is my home;  
Short is my pilgrimage,  
Heaven is my Home;  
And time's wild wintry blast,  
Soon shall be over passed;  
I shall reach home at last,  
Heaven is my home;
3. There at my Saviour's side  
Heaven is my home  
I shall be glorified,  
Heaven is my home;  
There are the good and blest,  
Those I love most and best;  
And there I too shall rest;  
Heaven is my Home.
4. Therefore I murmur not,  
Heaven is my home.  
Whate'er my earthly lot,  
Heaven is my Home  
And I shall surely stand  
There at my LORD'S right Hand;  
Heaven is my Fatherland,  
Heaven is my Home. Amen

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**STRANGERS & ALIENS**

Hebrews 11:13b



**The Bishop's Charge**

The Mattins devotional service was held at All Saints' Anglican Church, Yaba by 8:00 am with "New Every Morning is the Love" sung as the Processional Hymn. The Conductor of the service was the Revd 'Seyi Adesina and was assisted by the Revd Chinedum Udeze who led the intercessory prayers and the Revd Kingsley Ehilegbo who preached the sermon; Arch (Mrs.) Oluwatoyin Ajayi took the Old Testament Reading from Daniel 7:13-27 while Rdr. Peter Ndeche read the New Testament from 1 Corinthians 15:12-25.

He highlighted how believers shall rise again on the resurrection day to life eternal while those who do not believe in Jesus Christ will go into everlasting damnation. He references to the parable of the Rich fool (Luke 12:16-21) and Lazarus and the Rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

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**SATURDAY 25TH MAY, 2024**  
All Saints' Church Yaba  
MATTINS (SAID)

8.00AM	CANTOR: Assisting: PREACHING: Topic:	Rev. Canon Sunday O. Oloju Rev. Chijindu O. Emedosi Rev. Olaitan F. Afolayan "A life of Stewardship"
9.15 AM	Topic:	BIBLE STUDY II "Mankind and the Vanity of Life"(Eccl. 1:1-11)
Expositor:		Ven. Chidiebere E. Ukachukwu
10.15 AM		TEA BREAK
11.00 AM	Topic:	TALK "We are at the Point of Departure- therefore be Prepared"
Speaker:		Mrs. Morenike Obi-Farinde
12.30 PM		LUNCH BREAK
1.30 PM		COMMITTEE MEETINGS
3.00PM		CLOSING PLENARY SESSION (For considering of Committee Reports/Recommendations)
		(a) RESOLUTIONS (b) COMMUNIQUE (c) ADOPTION OF
MINUTES		
6.00 PM		CLOSING PRAYERS





He also referred to Revelation 7:13-17 which contains the reward for those who live for God that they will make it to the presence of God and be among those who will praise Him day and night. The preacher finally admonished that if indeed we understand as Christians that we are strangers and aliens in the world, we then have to think about the admonition of Paul in Philippians 4:8-9.

The Bible study expositor was Ven. Chidi Ukachukwu, took his text from Ecclesiastes 2: 17-25 with the theme “Mankind and the vanity of Life”. He remarked that we came into the world empty and, we are certainly going to leave the world empty (Job 1:21,1Timothy 6:7). He stated that in the little time that we have to live, people gather tirelessly what they would later leave on earth at the end (Ecclesiastes 4:8). Mankind is gradually tilting towards the pursuit of the vanity of life to the extent that they failed to take cognizance of the purpose of existence. He noted that the real game-changer is our relationship with God.

*Whatever we achieve without God ends in vanity, but having a right relationship with God gives our life great meaning.*

There is a growing trend of pursuing life's vanities without focusing on our purpose. He said that, according to Thomas Hobbes “Humans naturally seek to dominate and gain respect, leading to a state of constant conflict for possessions which will end up in vanity.”

The expositor told the synod that vanity involves an excessive opinion of oneself and a desire for undue praise. (Luke 12:15 NKJV). Bradley points out that money can create as many problems as it solves (Matthew 16:26) warning about the soul's value over material gain. Legitimate work gains meaning when done for God's glory, making even mundane tasks spiritually significant.

**Conclusion:** He concluded with the memory verse taken from 1 Corinthians 10:31

## OFFICIAL OPENING

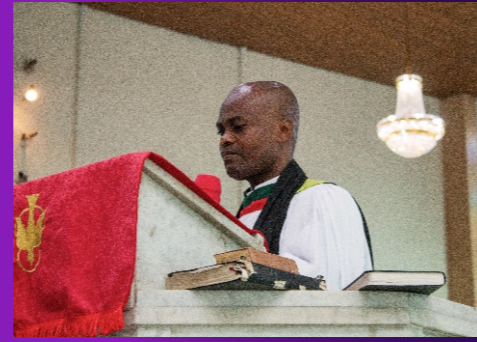
The official opening started with the Synod Hymn “I am a Stranger Here” as the Processional Hymn at exactly 11:00 am. The Rt. Revd Festus Davies of the Diocese of Ogorimagongo said the Opening Prayer. The Diocesan Bishop and President of the Synod heartily welcomed all the Synod delegates and special guests to the official opening of the Synod.

The President thanked God for His continued faithfulness, support and encouragement which have made it possible for the Diocese to have testimonies of His faithfulness. He was particularly thankful for the spirit of unity and the chord of love that bound the Diocese together in the face of challenges, despite the natural diversity of her membership. Afterwards, the Synod Secretary, Ven. Adesanya Asaolu gave a roll call of the delegates present. The Diocesan declared the segment open since a quorum had been formed.

The Synod Secretary read greetings from various Dioceses and mentioned clergymen present that are representing their Dioceses. Canon James Pearse College, Iwaya was represented and one of the students, Nnubia Ambassaour read the goodwill message which was signed by Mrs. Mosunmola Agesin, the Principal of the School who was standing by the student.

The Diocesan acknowledged the Bishops present. The Rt. Revd Dr. B. J. Adeyemi was invited by the Diocesan to speak on behalf of other Bishops present after which the Bishop's charge was delivered by the Diocesan, the President of the Synod.

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In previous synods, we explored the rites of baptism and confirmation. In this session, we focus on the final rite of passage: old age and death, better understood as old age and Christian hope. The idea of an afterlife is common across belief systems, reflecting the belief in a non-physical part of humans that continues after death. Eschatology is the study of the last events, contrasts with cyclical views of time, proposing a final resolution of history where God establishes a permanent age of peace and righteousness. In the early Hebrew's view, the dead went to Sheol, a silent place for all, but over time, this evolved to include ideas of resurrection and eternal life. Isaiah 25:6-9, for example, envisions an eschatological feast for all peoples, signifying the destruction of death. Job also hints at a witness in heaven and an advocate before God, suggesting a developed understanding of life after death. In the New Testament, Jesus's teachings bring further clarity, proclaiming the arrival of the kingdom of God and promising future fulfillment. Paul's writings emphasize the tension between the already experienced and the yet-to-come aspects of this kingdom, with baptism symbolizing a union with Christ and a hope for resurrection.

The Eucharist is seen as a foreshadowing of the eschatological banquet, reinforcing the Christian hope of eternal life. Early Christians, grounded in the resurrection of Jesus, eagerly anticipated his return, which would complete the process of salvation. The Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, plays a crucial role in this eschatological hope, marking the new age that has begun. Our theme, “We are but strangers and aliens” reflects the early Christians' understanding that life on earth is temporary and that our true home lies in the eternal life promised through Jesus's death and resurrection. This perspective is echoed in various Bible translations, emphasizing the transient nature of our earthly existence and the anticipation of our ultimate home with God.

### EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE SYNOD SECRETARY

The Diocesan Bishop declared before the delegates that every May of each year is the beginning of a new Synodic period and it is also a special festival for the Synod Secretary. Hence, the current Synod Secretary who is billed to retire in December 24, 2024 will remain in office till the next year's Synod which will be the 1st session of a new Synodic period when a new Synod Secretary will be elected.

Diocesan Board Report was presented by the Synod Secretary to the Synod in session. It was ratified as a synod plenary.

**MICRO-FINANCE BANK**  
The Diocese of Lagos Mainland received approval to establish a Micro-Finance Bank (MFB) in Ebute-Metta in Lagos State, a committee was formed to initiate the processes. The committee recommended a start-up equity capital of N500 million to adequately cover fixed assets and operational costs, considering inflation and potential future regulatory changes. The proposed ownership structure envisions DLAM as the largest shareholder, holding up to 49% with the remaining 51% held by individuals and groups. This structure aligns with current regulations limiting individual and related party ownership. The Synod has reviewed and approved the recommended equity capital and ownership structure.

### 2023 KINGDOM SEED AWARDS BEST PERFORMING ARCHDEACONRIES

1. CATHEDRAL GROUP OF CHURCHES
2. YABA ARCHDEACONRY
3. OKOTA ARCHDEACONRY

### GRADE A PARISHES/ARCHDEACONRY HEADQUARTERS

1. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JUDE
2. ALL SAINTS' ANG. CHURCH, YABA
3. HOLY TRINITY ANG CHURCH, MUSHIN

### GRADE B PARISHES

1. ST. STEPHEN'S ANG CHURCH, IGBOBI
2. ALL SAINTS' ANG CHURCH, SURULERE
3. ANG. CHURCH OF THE PENTECOST, OKOTA

### GRADE C PARISHES

1. ST. JOHN'S ANG. CHURCH, ERIC MOORE
2. ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PRAISE, AKOKA
3. CHAPEL OF TRANSFIGURATION, LUTH

### Motion for Adjournment

The motion for adjournment was moved by Mr. Solomon Olamefu from Christ Church, Glover and seconded by Mr. Christ Ubadike from All Saints Surulere.

**Closing prayer:** The closing prayer was said by Revd Onowakpo Emmanuel

