



**MONDAY 27TH MAY, 2024**  
Cathedral Of St. Jude, Ebute Meta

**CLERGY CONFERENCE**

9.00AM SAID EUCHARIST

CELEBRATING: Ven. Albert O. Agbaje  
Assisting: Rev. Canon Benneth E.Nwosu  
Rev. Olabisi F. Ashaju  
Rev. Olufemi K. Ogundana  
Rev. Ugochukwu Ukwu

PREACHING: Ven. Olubanke O. Fashina  
Topic: "The Life of a Stranger" (1Peter 2:11,12)

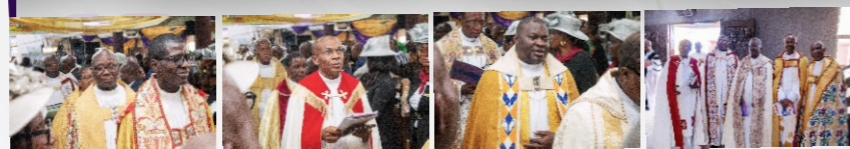
11:00 AM TALK  
Topic: "The Home as an Experience of God's Kingdom of Earth"

Speaker: Ven. Luyi Akinwande

12:00NOON MID-DAY PRAYER

1:00 PM BISHOP'S HOUR- The Rt. Revd Akinpelu Johnson

2:00 PM LUNCHEON & DEPARTURE



**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

WE ARE BUT STRANGERS & ALIENS

**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.



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Hebrews 11:13b



*The Closing  
Thanksgiving  
Service*

"We have come here to buy and sell, and when the market closes, we shall all go home"

@ St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Igbobi, Yaba





The 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the 6<sup>th</sup> Synod Thanksgiving service of the Diocese of Lagos Mainland was held on Sunday, May 26 2024 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Igbobi. The service started with the opening of the Choir Office by the Rt. Revd Jacob Kwashi, the Bishop of the Diocese of Zonkwa at 11:00 am. It was a sung Eucharistic service which started with the following Processional Hymns: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty, God is here as we his People, Father in whom we live.

# The Closing Thanksgiving Service

@ St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Igbobi, Yaba

The matching followed this in of the Color Party performance by the Diocesan Anglican Communion Brigades and "Father, Lord of Earth and Heaven" was sung as Invocation.

The Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Jude, Ebute-Meta, the Ven. Olusegun Ajayi was the Celebrant.

The Old Testament Reader was the Registrar of the Diocese who also doubled as the Chairperson of the Synod Planning Committee, Lady Chikwe Ochiagha who read Ecclesiastes 1:1-18; the Epistler was the Assistant Registrar, Bar, Bayo Fakunle who read 1 Peter 2:9-12 while the Gospeler was the Rt. Revd Samuel Sowale, the retired Bishop of the Diocese of Ilesa read Matthew 16:24-28.

The Preacher was the Rt. Revd Stanley Fube, the Bishop of the Diocese of Langtang. The theme was "Eternity in View" with the text taken from 1 Peter 2:11-12.

The Preacher appreciated the Diocesan Bishop/President of the Synod for the opportunity to preach at the Synod and he also saluted the host Church.

He introduced the sermon telling us that the only deception one can do is to think that one will live in this world forever. He said, "We have come here to buy and sell, and when the market closes, we shall all go home".

Our understanding of this will help us to shape what we do and how we do it". He referred us to Philipians 3 where Paul said that our citizenship is in heaven.

The Preacher told us that being a child of God is not by position but by confession. He also quoted John Newton who said "I once was lost but now I am found." We were also told not to judge anyone by their past but we are to allow God to do his work in people's life.

The Preacher declared that one may succeed in lying to the entire world but not to oneself. He said if you can conquer yourself, then you can conquer



the whole world.  
Why keep eternity in view?

1. Brevity of life.
2. There is a time for accountability for every action.
3. Everything is passing away.
4. It gives meaning to life because life is temporary.

How do we keep eternity in view?

1. Setting our priorities right.
2. Guard up your loins against temptation. It helps you to know that you have a destination.
3. We should consider that our present sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Romans 8:18).
4. Being mission-minded - having a passion for souls.

The Vicar of the host church, the Ven. Dr. Emeka Onwuakpa led the intercessory prayer.

The Procession of Elements was carried out by Engr. Mrs. Chioma Eboh, a member of the Synod Planning Committee; Arch. Deji Adebisi, the Deputy Chancellor's husband and Engr. Ikechukwu Ochiagha, the Registrar's husband.

**Thanksgiving:**

The Registrar, Lady Chikwe Theresa Ochiagha bows out as the Chairman of the Synod Planning Committee after seventeen (17 years) of meritorious service since the inaugural Synod of the Diocese. Her parish, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Igbobi was so proud of her that they presented her with a gift, various women groups presented her with gifts and the Synod Planning Committee also celebrated her and presented her with a gift. The Most Revd Adebayo Akinde (Retired) joined in the celebration as he appointed her as the Chairman of the Synod Planning Committee 17 years ago.. The collection was brought forward by Lady Ochiagha, her Husband, the Most Rev'd Adebayo and Mrs Bassey Akinde (Retired) and the Synod Planning Committee.. It was an emotional period with encomium and loud ovations. Glory be to God in the highest.

The service came to a close with God's glory with the choir office as his lordship called upon with Rdr. (Mrs.) Onyinye Akamego to do the prayer.



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THIRD SESSION OF THE SIXTH SYNOD