

# DIOCESE OF EVO (Anglican Communion)

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<b>MARCH</b>						
	<b>Weekly JAMB Training for all Evo Prospective Candidates: Every Saturday in the month of March</b>			<b>Diocesan ICT Centre, All Saints Cathedral., All Saints Cathedral</b>	<b>9am</b>	<i>All Clergy &amp; Church Teachers to sensitize their intending Jamb candidates for this class</i>
Sun. 1st Lent II	<b>Seeking and Finding the Lost</b>	<b>Church of Nigeria/ Diocese of Evo</b>	<b>Observance of CoN St. Matthias' Day Offering</b>	<b>In All Churches of Evo</b>	<i>Offerings (covering Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March) to be remitted 100% to the Diocese for CoN</i>	
		<b>Purple Group</b>	Patron King David Day Celebration	King David Iriebe	10am	<i>To be celebrated centrally</i>
		<b>AYF</b>	1st Diocesan Combined Worship & General Meeting	Bethel Anglican Church, Rumuibekwe Parish		For all Youths
		<b>Ecumenism/Rivers CCN</b>	State CCN Rededication Service	United Evangelical Church, Arochukwu Str. Rumuomasi	10am	
Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup>		<b>GAFCON</b>	<b>G26 Conference</b>	CON National Secretariat, St. Matthias House, Gudu, Abuja		
Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Body of Professionals</b>	<b>Celebration of World Engineering Day:</b> Special Service of ministrations for all in the Engineering Profession	In all Churches of the Diocese	To be done in the course of the Midweek Services	
Thurs. 5 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Bishop, Media/ICT</b>	Crucial Meeting of the Diocesan Media/ Communications Directorate With the Bishop	Bishop's Office Conference Room	2pm	
			Crucial Meeting with Treasurers of all churches & the Diocesan Finance Team	Old Cathedral Building	4pm	
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Bishop</b>	Meeting with all church clerks & Finance Officers of Diocesan Institutions	Lady Chapel, All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	11am	
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Women's Ministry</b>	World Day of Prayer/ Diocesan Women Prayer Conference	CoHS, Eliozu Parish		

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Sat. 7th		<b>Bishop</b>	<b>Crucial Meeting with all Clergy &amp; Church Teachers</b>	<b>Bishop's Court</b>	<b>8am</b>	
		<b>Evo Tec</b>	<b>Pre JAMB examination training for all intending Candidates in the Diocese.</b>	Diocesan ICT Centre, All Saints Cathedral.	9am	<i>All Clergy &amp; Church Teachers to sensitize their intending Jamb candidates for this training</i>
Sun. 8th Lent III	<b>No Cross, No Crown</b>	<b>Body of Professionals</b>	Diocesan Professionals' Sunday	In All Churches	<i>Special service of Spiritual impartation for all Anglican Professionals in all Churches</i>	
		<b>CCN</b>	International Widows Day			
		<b>Bishop</b>	<b>Engaged</b>	<b>G-PAC</b>		
<b>Mon. 9th – Sun. 15th</b>		<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday Week of Activities</b>	<b>All Churches</b>		
Tue. 10th – Wed. 11th		<b>Women's Ministry</b>	Diocesan Women Outreach	Christus Victor Ang. Church, Atali		
		<b>CCN</b>	South-South Zonal Exco Meeting	Cross River State		
Wed. 11th		<b>Diocesan Synod Planning Committee</b>	Commencement of Meetings towards the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Synod.	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	2pm	
Thurs. 12th		<b>CCN, Rivers</b>	State Standing Committee Meeting	The First African Church, Aggrey Road, PH		
Fri. 13th – Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Missions Board</b>	Evangelism Training for all District, Deanery, Parish and Station Church Evangelism Coordinators and Assistants	All Saints Cathedral Old Church Hall	9am	
Sat. 14th		<b>SPORTS</b>	Mothering Sunday week: one day inter bloc Diocesan Sisters Forum Sports festival	BCMSS Rumuobiokani	8am	<i>Selected Sports</i>
		<b>Evo Tec</b>	<b>Pre JAMB examination training for all intending Candidates in the Diocese.</b>	Diocesan ICT Centre, All Saints Cathedral.	9am	<i>All Clergy &amp; Church Teachers to sensitize their intending Jamb candidates for this training</i>
		<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Prayer Summit for all members of Churches Prayer Squads	St. Simon's Church, Okporo District	8am	
Sun. 15th Lent IV Mothering Sunday	Raising Godly Future Generations Today	<b>Diocese/Women's Ministry</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday Thanksgiving Services</b>	<b>In All Churches</b>		
		<b>Bishop</b>	<b>Worship @ St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Rumuobiokani Deanery</b>		<b>8:30am</b>	

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Tues. 17th		<b>Diocesan ICT Unit</b>	One-day Diocesan Training Workshop on the latest ICT Skills for all CLERGY AND CHURCH TEACHERS.	Venue: DIOCESAN ICT CENTRE, ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL.	10.00 am - 1.00 pm.	<i>Registration - N5,000 per Participant (Social media &amp; Digital Design, Cyber Crimes and Security, Use of Technology in Workplaces included)</i>
		<b>Industrial Chaplaincy</b>	Outreach & Evangelism	Woji Market.	4pm	
Thurs. 19th St. Joseph of Nazareth, Husband of BVM		<b>PPSSM</b>	Workers Retreat/Review	The Upper Room Church, Elioizu		
		<b>CCN</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> National Standing Committee Meeting	Lagos		
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Diocese/Prayer Min.</b>	<b>Diocesan Online General Night Vigil.</b> <i>Everyone to hook up to all Diocesan Social Media Platforms. Details to be made available.</i>		10pm	
		<b>AYF JEPC2</b>	JEPC2 Annual General Meeting	Owerri Province		Delegates
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Evo Tec</b>	<b>Pre JAMB examination training for all intending Candidates in the Diocese.</b>	Diocesan ICT Centre, All Saints Cathedral.	9am	<i>All Clergy &amp; Church Teachers to sensitize their intending Jamb candidates for this training</i>
		<b>Yellow Colour Prayer Group</b>	Visit to the Sick and Hospitals	At The Church Levels		
		<b>Orange &amp; Cream Prayer Group</b>	General Meeting	Chapel of Grace & Knowledge, ACMGS, Elelnwo	10am	
		<b>Ash Colour Prayer Group</b>	General Meeting.	Light of the World, Eliminigwe Phase 3	10am	
Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Lent V	The Multiplying Power of Surrendering	<b>Bishop</b>	<b>Worship @ True Vine Ang. Church, Iriebe</b>		<b>9am</b>	
		<b>Knights</b>	<b>Outreach to their Mission Church</b>	True Vine, Iriebe		
Mon. 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Missions Board/Diocese</b>	<b>On the High Ways and Hedges</b>	In All Churches		
Tue. 24 <sup>th</sup>		Service of Songs in honour of HRH Charity Ogonda A. M. Worgu (Mother of Dr. Glory Worgu, Chairman, Diocesan Hospital Mgt. Board)		Family Compound. No. 10 Worgu Street, Rumuokwurusi	5pm	
Wed. 25 <sup>th</sup> Annunciation of BVM						
Thurs. 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sun. 29 <sup>th</sup>		<b>AYF</b>	National Prayer Convocation	JEPC2/Owerri Province/Okigwe South Diocese		Delegates

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Sat. 28th		<b>CCLCE</b>	Lay readers one day refresher training.	<b>Church of Passion, Odani, Elemenwo</b>	9am	Registration ₦2,000
		<b>Evo Tec</b>	<b>Pre JAMB examination training for all intending Candidates in the Diocese.</b>	Diocesan ICT Centre, All Saints Cathedral.	9am	<i>All Clergy &amp; Church Teachers to sensitize their intending Jamb candidates for this training</i>
		<b>Funeral Service of HRH Charity Ogonda A. M. Worgu (Mother of Dr. Glory Worgu. Chairman, Diocesan Hospital Mgt. Board)</b>		<b>St. John's Primary School Field, Rumuokwurusi</b>	<b>9am</b>	
Sun. 29th <b>Palm Sunday</b> <i>Beginning of Holy Week</i>	The Significance of The Triumphant Entry	<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Diocesan Endowment Fund Drive</b>	<b>In All Churches</b>		<i>Office of the Bishop to send preachers/conversers to all churches.</i>
		<b>Bishop</b>	<b>Worships @ King of Glory, Mini-Ewa Road, Rumuobiokani</b>		9am	
		<b>Clergy Association</b>	Clergy Luncheon Part 2	St. Andrew's Rumuobiokani	4pm	
Mon. 30th <b>Monday in Holy Week</b>						
Mon. 30 <sup>th</sup> – Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup> April		<b>Diocese/CCLCE</b>	<b>Diocesan Post Vestry Leadership Training: School of Productivity for all leaders across the Diocese</b>	<b>St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Rumuobiokani Deanery</b>	10am daily	<i>For all The Newly Elected Council members In all Churches, The Wardens (People &amp; Pastors' Warden), Treasurers, Clerks, &amp; Church Secretaries</i>
<b>APRIL</b>						
Wed. 1st <b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b>						
Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sun. 5th		<b>ACM/AYF/EVO TEC</b>	<b>12th Diocesan Teen Stars Conference/EVO Tech Symposium for Teens &amp; Youths</b>	Majorie Hill Chapel ACMGS, Elemenwo	Arrival on Wed. 8am	
Thurs. 2nd <b>Maundy Thursday</b>		<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Conclusion of the Post Vestry Meeting Leadership Training with Service of the Washing of the Feet, Consecration of Chrism &amp; Eucharist</b>	<b>BCMSS Premises</b>	<b>4pm prompt</b>	
Fri. 3rd <b>Good Friday</b>			<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion:</b> Services of the Liturgy of the Word & Meditations on the 7 words of Christ on the Cross	In All Churches	9am – 11am & 12 – 3pm	
		<b>Bishop</b>	<b>Worship @ Mount Zion Church, Eliogbolo Parish</b>			

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Sat. 4th <b>Easter Eve</b>		<b>Bishop</b>	Baptism of Baby Emmanuella Ruwhuoma Bright Owbor & Thanksgiving of Lady Ugochi	St. Michael's Anglican Church, Rumuomasi Deanery	12 noon	
Sun. 5th <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>The Empty Tomb and its Implication</b>		Easter Day Eucharistic & Thanksgiving Services	In All Churches		
		<b>Bishop</b>	<b>Worship @ the All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi</b>		<b>9am</b>	
Mon. 6th <b>Easter Monday</b>		<b>Clergy/Church Workers Children</b>	One Day Easter Retreat	New Covenant Church, Eliminigwe Parish.	9:00am	
		<b>CCN</b>	Easter Cantata/ Inauguration of YOWICCN Patrons	St. Matthias' Cathedral, Diocese of Etche	2:00pm	
Mon. 6 <sup>th</sup> – Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup>		<b>St. Paul's Theological College, Awka</b>	College Mission to the Province of Niger Delta			<i>Our churches in Evo should be prepared to receive some of the visiting students.</i>
Mon. 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri. 10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>CoN</b>	Joshua Generation International Youth Conference	Christ Church, UNN, Enugu State		
Tue. 7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Diocesan Board</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Diocesan Board Meeting</b>	Holy Ghost Iriebe Housing Estate Parish, Iriebe	10am	
			Service of Songs in honour of late Mrs. Priscilla Nyeche Nath-Okene (Mother of Rev'd Okechukwu Nathaniel)	St. Philip's Ang. Church, Oroigwe District	5pm	
Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup>			Funeral of Late Mrs. Priscilla Nyeche Nath-Okene		9am	
Thurs. 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	<b>Diocesan Prayer Convocation/Hour of Answer 1</b>	Chapel of Grace & Knowledge Elelenwo	4.30pm daily	
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>		<b>CCLCE</b>	One Day Retreat for all Diocesan Anglican Youths on Anglicanism.	Church of Advent, Rumuewhara Parish	9am	

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Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Easter I</b>	<b>He is Risen Indeed</b>	<b>Bishop</b>	@ the Appointment Thanksgiving Service & Churching of Hon. & Mrs. George Igweh	Anglican Church of Pentecost, Rumuogba Parish	9:30am	
		<b>Music Ministry</b>	Diocesan Easter Praise Concert	St. Andrew's, Ruuobiokani Deanery	4pm	
Mon. 13 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Industrial Chaplaincy</b>	Outreach & Evangelism	Railway Market Elenenwo	4pm.	
Mon. 13 <sup>th</sup> – Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>		<b>GBV</b>	GBV WEEK.	In all the Churches		
Fri. 17 <sup>th</sup> – Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Paraclete Deanery</b>	Celebration & Thanksgiving Service to mark the Silver Jubilee of Church of The Holy Spirit, Paraclete Deanery, Elenenwo			
Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup>		<b>DCMF</b>	Boy Child Project Conference	New Wine Church, East West Parish, Okporo	10am	
		Adult Sunday School (ASSDLPM)	Diocesan Writers Board	Faith Community Church, Eliowhani		
		AYF/Sports	Opening Ceremony & Commencement of the Maiden Bishop Youth Cup	Bishop Crowther Memorial School Field, Rumuobiokani		
		Social Welfare Dir.	Visitation to Rehabilitation Centre, Iriebe			
Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>Easter II</b>	Demonstrating Christian Concerns, Commitment and Care					
Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Lemon Colour Prayer Group</b>	Outreach to remand homes, visiting the brothels, prison, drug addicts and physically challenge people within Port Harcourt.			
Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup> – Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>		<b>AYF</b>	Provincial Enlarged Executive Council Meeting	Diocese of Ahoada		Delegates
Fr. 24 <sup>th</sup> – Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Lay Readers</b>	Crusade/1st Quarter General Meeting	Christ The Redeemer Church, Eliogbolo		
		<b>Missions Board</b>	Evangelism and Outreach	Zion King Anglican Church, Iriebe		
Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup> <b>Easter III</b>	<b>The Proofs of His Resurrection</b>					
Mon. 27 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs. 30 <sup>th</sup>		<b>CoN</b>	Consultative Conference of Missionary & New Dioceses	To be advised		
Tues. 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Clergy Association</b>	Clergy General Meeting	<b>St. Jude's, Oginigba Deanery</b>	10am	

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### Prayers

*(To form part of the prayer points of every church service at matins and fellowship meetings)*

- Pray for the Bishop, clergy and other ministers for fresh grace and fire to do ministry as the year progresses.
- Leaders of ministries, groups and arms in the Diocese and every church should pray for themselves and groups for renewed zeal and fresh impact as we advance through the year.
- Pray for notable evidence(s) of God's presence in all churches of the Diocese and in our lives in keeping with our Diocesan theme for 2026.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to expound, inspire and enable every member of this Diocese to run with this year's Diocesan theme "**Immanuel: God is With Us**", and achieve outstanding results to the honour and glory of God.
- Ask the Lord for spiritual, numerical and physical growth of all our churches and the grace on our part to labour towards these desires.
- Take Note and implement the following special offerings as We have since directed:
  1. **OFFERING IN AID OF SPECIAL NEEDS (Every Sunday),**
  2. **The OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF DIOCESAN MISSION** which is to be collected during special services such as birthdays, weddings, individual/family/group thanksgivings etc. celebrated during weekdays (Monday to Saturday) and ensure 100% remittance to the Diocese.
- **THE NEW WEEKLY REMITTANCE OF 15/20% TO THE DIOCESE SHOULD BE FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENTED.**
- **All Diocesan programmes and activities take precedence over those of churches and groups/individuals.** Consequently, serious attention should be given to them in the daily/weekly announcements in all churches.
- **The clergy should ensure that all those being prepared for Confirmation, weddings and inductions/admissions as well as other rites of the church pay their N5, 000.00 Church of Nigeria Endowment Fund and that of the Diocese of Evo. They are to also purchase their personal copies of the BCP, CoN Hymnal, Confirmation and Marriage Manuals, etc.** without which such candidates should not be presented to the Bishop when he visits. All funds realized from these payments/purchases should be faithfully remitted to the Diocese. Candidates themselves will be required to show proof of payment.
- The Bishop frowns at the practice of clergymen taking their candidates prepared for confirmation or directing desiring members of their churches to other parishes or stations being visited by the Bishop for confirmation. Henceforth, this practice which the Bishop had severally objected to should be discontinued! **Clergymen are to also note that they must not present to the Bishop for confirmation any candidate who is below the age of 14 years.**

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- **Priests/Church Teachers in charge of churches/stations are to please endeavor to send in advance (2 weeks) to the Bishop a copy of the service programme for his scheduled visits to their churches.**
- Leaders of Prayer Groups should carry out their activities as directed. Those whose Patron Saints' days fall within this period should celebrate them. The Chaplains and Diocesan Coordinators are to ensure compliance.
- **Priests and their churches including the Activity Groups – CMF, MU/WG, AYF, individuals, etc. are encouraged to patronize the Diocesan Printing Press for their printing jobs and equally use the Diocesan Event Centre for their social occasions.**
- **The Diocesan Bookshop at the All Saints Cathedral caters for all your stationeries, literature, vestments, Communion elements and other needs.** Churches, institutions, priests and members of the Diocese are hereby encouraged to patronize it. The same applies to the Diocesan Library.
- **All churches and individuals still indebted to the Diocese in one way or the other are hereby reminded to clear all such debts without further delay.**
- The clergy and members of all Church Family Life/Marriage Committees should note that as a matter of Diocesan Policy, all couples preparing for their weddings in Evo Churches are to mandatorily carry out all their pre-wedding medical tests/examinations in our BEM Hospital. Similarly, all Diocesan Schools' Principals are to send their newly admitted students/pupils and employed staff to BEMH for their necessary medical examinations.



**The Rt. Rev'd Innocent U. Ordu, DSSRS, JP**

Bishop, Diocese of Evo

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