

# DIOCESE OF EVO (Anglican Communion)

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DATE/ CHURCH SEASON	THEME FOR THE WEEK	ACTIVITY GROUP / MINISTRY	PROGRAMME	VENUE	TIME	REMARKS
<b>JANUARY 2025</b>						
Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> <i>Naming &amp; Circumcision of Jesus Christ: New Year's Day Services in all the Churches of the Diocese</i>					
Thur. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sun. 5 <sup>th</sup>		CoN Sisters Forum	Sisters Forum National Retreat	Cathedral Church of St. Paul's, Oke, Ogbongon, Osun State		
Sun. 5 <sup>th</sup> Christmas II	<b>The Glory Awaiting the Repentant Nation</b>	Bishop	Engaged			
Mon. 6 <sup>th</sup> (The Epiphany of our Lord)		Diocese	Eucharistic Services in all churches			
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup>		Diocese	<b>Days of Fasting and Prayers by all Diocesan faithful preparatory to the 2025 Diocesan Rededication Service</b>			<b>By individuals, families, activities groups and churches</b>
Tues. 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>		CON	Annual Bishops and Wives retreat	Diocese On The Niger		
Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup>		Industrial Chaplaincy	Beginning of the year Retreat	BVM, Eliminigwe, Eledenwo	9:30am	
Thurs. 9 <sup>th</sup>		Clergy/Church Workers' Children	Beginning of the year Retreat	Light of the World, Odani, Eledenwo	9:30am	
Fri. 10 <sup>th</sup>		Lay Workers	Beginning of the year retreat and Election	Redeemer's Cross, Calvary Parish, Iriebe Arch.	9:30am	
Fri. 10 <sup>th</sup> - Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>		ACM	Retreat of all ACM Teachers	ACOPA, Ahia Woji	9:30am	
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>		FL/HF	Beginning of the year Retreat	Holyhill Elio zu	9:30am	<i>Coordinators, chaplains, Center's hosts &amp; Teachers</i>
		PPSSM	Prayer Retreat/Strategy Meeting	Bishop Crowther, Rumuobiokani	9:30am	
		SSDLPM	Retreat for all Teachers	Resurrection Anglican Church, Rumuomasi		

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Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany 1 (The Baptism of Christ)	<b>God's Servant and His Mission</b>	Bishop	Armed Forces Remembrance State Service			
Mon. 13 <sup>th</sup> - Fri. 17 <sup>th</sup>		Bishop & Diocesan Ministers	Beginning of the year retreat for Bishop, clergy, Church Teachers & wives	Christ the Redeemer, Eliogbolo – 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> Church of Pentecost, Ahia-Woji - 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi – 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am Daily	
Thurs. 16 <sup>th</sup> - Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup>		Diocesan Activity Groups	Days of Prayer & Fasting for the Major Diocesan activity groups – DCMF, MU/WG & AYF/SF	DCMF – Cathedral MU/WG - Blocs Levels AYF/SF - St. Philips Oroigwe District	5pm Daily	
Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup>		Corps Members (ACMF)	New Year Retreat	Ang. Church of Restoration, Rumuogba	9:30am	
Sun. 19 <sup>TH</sup> (EPIPHANY II)	<b>The Sociable &amp; Approachable Jesus Christ</b>	<b>DIOCESE</b>	<b>DIOCESAN REDEDICATION SERVICE</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL, RUMUOKWURUSI</b>	<b>10am</b>	
Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup> (Conversion of St. Paul, The Apostle)		Prayer Ministry	Beginning of the year retreat for all members of the prayer squad	Great Physician, Atali	9am	
		Wine/Red Prayer Group	Retreat/Celebration of St. Paul, The Apostle	Anglican Church of Passion, Odani	10am & 4:30pm	
		Sky-blue prayer group	Beginning of the year retreat	Epiphany, Rumuokwurusi		
Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup> (Epiphany III)	<b>The Renewing Touch of God</b>	Bishop	Eucharistic Service	Olive Plants Youth Church, Rumuomasi	9am	
		<b>Diocesan Board</b>	<b>Emergency Board Meeting</b>	<b>St. Michael's Rumuomasi Deanery</b>	<b>4pm</b>	
		Music Ministry	Beginning of the year retreat	Bethel Rumuibekwe	2pm	

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Mon. 27 <sup>th</sup> (Timothy & Titus) (Transferred)		Sports Ministry	Clergy Football Club Opening Fellowship	BCMSS Rumuobiokani	7am	
		PPSSM	Awareness, Evangelism & distribution of Daily Dynamite	In schools		
Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan.- Sun. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb.		Lay readers	Annual Retreat/Renewal of Licensing Vows	Holy City Anglican Church, Pipe Line		
<b>FEBRUARY, 2025</b>						
Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup>		Social Welfare	Beginning of the year retreat	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi		
Sat. Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> to April,		ICT/Youth Empowerment	3 Months Certificate Computer Training			<i>N20, 000 per participant</i>
Sun. 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Epiphany IV)	<b>The Coming Messenger of Justice</b>	Bishop	Worship/ Confirmation Service at All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi		9:30am	
Mon. 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Presentation of Christ in the Temple) (Transferred)						
Wed. 5 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs. 6 <sup>th</sup>		Joint Provincial Councils, East	<b>Meeting of The Joint Provincial Councils East of the Niger</b>	<b>St. Michael's, Rumuomasi Deanery Diocese of Evo</b>		
Fri. 7 <sup>th</sup>		Diocese	<b>New Diocesan Bishop's Court building foundation stone laying</b>	<b>Rumuokwurusi</b>	<b>3pm</b>	
Sat. 8 <sup>th</sup>		Music Ministry	Inauguration of Diocesan Band	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	3pm	
		Ash Colour Prayer Groups	Exco meeting	St. Mark's, Elelenwo District	10am	
Sun. 9 <sup>th</sup> (Epiphany IV)	<b>The Power in the Gospel of Christ</b>	Red/Gold Prayer Group	Visit to struggling Churches for celebration of St. Valentine's Day			<i>Kind David, RSTV Estate, Iriebe, New Jerusalem, Bokel, Elelenwo &amp; Chapel of Restoration, Rumuogba</i>
Mon. 10 <sup>th</sup> to Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup>		Diocese	On the Highways and Hedges	In all the Churches of the Diocese		

### Prayers (To form part of the prayer points of each church during matins and other fellowship meetings)

- prayers of thanksgiving should be made to God for bringing us into the new year, 2025.
- Thank God for the lives of the Bishop, clergy and all leaders of the church at various levels and commit then to God for greater impact in ministry this year.
- Pray for heavy divine impact on the beginning of the year prayers/retreats and the Diocesan Rededication Service

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- Commit this year unto God and pray for notable evidence(s) of God's presence in all churches of the Diocese.
- This year's Diocesan theme is on "**Making a Difference**". Pray for the Holy Spirit to expound, inspire and enable every member of this Diocese to run with it and achieve outstanding results to the honour and glory of God.
- Pray for Divine direction for the Diocese through the leadership of the Bishop, the Clergy & other leaders.
- 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 **OFFERING IN AID OF SPECIAL NEEDS (Every Sunday)** as We have directed.
- Special Offerings in support of the mission of the Diocese are to be collected during special services such as birthdays, weddings, family/individual/group thanksgivings etc. which are celebrated during weekdays.
- **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 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 and the Confirmation Manual,** etc. without which such candidates should not be presented to the Bishop when he visits. Furthermore, other members of the church coming for weddings and churching of women after childbirth, Induction/Admission into CMF & MU/WG and other rites are to also pay their Endowment Funds or show proof of payment. This money is to be faithfully and fully remitted to the Diocese.
- 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!
- **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 quarter should celebrate them. The Chaplains and Diocesan Coordinators are to ensure compliance.
- **Priests and their churches including the Activity Groups – CMF, MU/WG, AYF, etc. are hereby reminded that they are to compulsorily patronize the Diocesan Printing Press for all their printing jobs** for church services, conferences, special events, weddings, funerals, etc. and obtain payment receipts from the Press. Those who fail in this regard will be seriously sanctioned after necessary Diocesan audit.
- **The Diocesan Bookshop at the All Saints Cathedral caters for all your stationeries, literature, vestments and Communion elements needs.** Churches, institutions, priests and members of the Diocese are hereby encouraged to patronize it.
- **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 ensure as a matter of Diocesan Policy that all couples preparing for their weddings in Evo Churches mandatorily carry out all their pre-wedding medical tests/examinations in our BEM Hospital. Similarly, all Diocesan schools Principals are to send to BEMH their newly admitted students/pupils and employed staff for their necessary medical examinations.

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Bishop, Diocese of Evo 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025