

**DIocese OF EVO
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NOVEMBER						
DATE/ CHURCH SEASON	THEME FOR THE WEEK	ACTIVITY GROUP / MINISTRY	PROGRAMME	VENUE	TIME	REMARKS
Fri. 1 st (All Saints' Day)		Bishop	Funeral Service of Mrs. Yvonne Nkechinyere Amadi (Late wife of Mr. Gabriel Amadi)	St. Andrew's, Rumuobiokani Deanery	10am	
Fri. 1 st – Sat. 2 nd		Women's Ministry	Diocesan Women Training Workshop	St. Andrew's, Rumuobiokani Deanery		
Sat. 2nd (All Souls Day)						
Sun. 3 rd (Trinity XXIII)	Theme: Prepare to Give Full Account	Bishop	Engaged			
		Diocese	Home Fellowship Meetings	In all Churches	5pm	
Tue. 5 th		Bishop/Diocesan Ministers	Bishop meets with all clergy & church teachers	Lady Chapel, All Saints Cathedral	11am	
Thur. 7 th		CCN National	Standing Committee Meeting	The African Church/Lagos State		
Fri. 8 th		Red & Gold Colour Prayer Group	Visit and worship in struggling churches to celebrate Deborah/Phoebe Day	Anglican Church of The Beatitudes, Rumuokwurusi		
		Bishop	Funeral service of the mother-in-law of Justice Iche Ndu (Fmr. Chief Judge of Rivers State)	St. Paul's Cathedral, Diobu	10am	
Sat. 9 th		Bishop	Wedding of Miss Juliet Chinonye Ofurum & Mr. Leonard Ugwumba Onwuaso	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	10am	
			Burial of late Mrs. Love A. Imenwo, mother of The Rev'd Kingsley Imenwo	Imenwo's Compound, Alimini Isiokpo	10am	<i>The Ven. Chimaobi Chieme to represent the Bishop</i>
			Baptism of Baby Elora & Churching after childbirth of Mrs. Juliet Temple Elenwo	Chapel of Refuge, Bishop's Court	2pm	
		DCMF	Last Quarter General Meeting	St. Andrew's, Rumuobiokani Deanery – 10am		
		ACM	Teachers Love Feast	All Saints' Cathedral Rumuokwurusi		
Sun. 10 th (Trinity XXIV)	Theme: Christian Fellowship: How Important	Bishop	Thanksgiving for disengagement from the active ministry of the Church by the Ven. Akuro Omubo	Holy Trinity, Okuru-Ama, Diocese of Okrika		

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Mon. 11 th – Fri. 15 th		CoN	Church of Nigeria Divine Commonwealth Conference (DIVCCON) 2024	National Christian Centre, CBD, Abuja		
Sat. 16 th		Ash Colour Prayer Group	End of Year Get Together	St. Andrew's Rumuobiokani Children Hall		
		Bishop	Baptism of Baby Jasmine & Churcing after childbirth of Mrs. Grace Itekena Marshall	Chapel of Refuge, Bishop's Court	2pm	
Sun. 17 th Trinity XXV (Second Sunday Before Advent)	Theme: The Coming Day of the Lord	Bishop	Baptism of Baby Peniel & Churcing after childbirth of Mrs. Joyce Ben-Peterson	Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Elingbu Parish	9:30am	
		Sports	Diocesan Sports Awareness Day in all Churches	In all the Churches of the Diocese		
		Bishop	Service of Songs in honour of Mrs. Blessing Ngozi Daniels, late wife of Mr. Charles Daniels	Holy Ghost Church, Iriebe Parish	5pm	
		Lay Readers	End of Year General Meeting & Get together	Holy City Ang. Church, Pipeline, Rumuokwurusu	8am	
		Diocese	Home Fellowship Meetings	In all Churches	5pm	
Sun. 17 th – Tues. 19 th		ACB	National Executive Council Meeting	Diocese of Evo		
Tue. 19 th		Diocesan Board	Emergency Diocesan Board Meeting	Bethel Church, Rumuibekwe Parish – 12noon		
Thur. 21 st		Industrial Chaplaincy	Visitation & Evangelism	Elingbu Market	12noon	
Fri. 22 nd		Bishop	90 th Birthday Thanksgiving Service of the Rtd. Ven. Nyeche Okopbiri, JP	Bishop's Court Chapel of Refuge	8:30am	
		PPSSM	Variety Programmes	St. Andrew's/Archbishop Akinola Retreat Centre 10am		
		Bishop	Funeral of Mama Roseline Ogonda Wodi, late mother of Sir Mike Wodi	St. Mark's, Elelenwo District	10am	
			Funeral Service of Late Mrs. Blessing Ngozi Charles Daniels	St. Philip's Ang. Church, Umunkiri Parish, Obingwa LGA, Abia State	10am	<i>Bishop to be represented by The Ven. Kingsley Ohajianya</i>
Fri. 22 nd – Sun. 24 th		Music	Diocesan Choir Conference/St. Cecilia Day	St. Simon's, Okporo District		
		AYF	NEC Meeting	Diocese of Ijebu		

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Sun. 24 th Trinity XXVI (Sunday Before Advent)	Theme: The Way to Eternal life	Bishop	Episcopal Visit for Christening of AWC, Igbo-Etche Road & Service of Confirmation	AWC, Igbo-Etche Road/Ang. Church of The Pentecost, Rumuogba Parish	8am/9:30am	
		Diocese	Meetings of Prayer Groups	In all Churches		
Tue. 26 th		Diocese	Meeting of the Diocesan Finance & Budget Committee	Bishop's Office Conference Hall	10am	
Wed. 27 th		Bishop/MU/WG	Service of Admission/Induction of women into the MU/WG	Church of The Holy Spirit, Paraclete Deanery	11am	
Thur. 28 th Nov. – Sun. 1 st Dec.		Diocesan Women's Ministry	Annual Diocesan Women's Conference			
Sat. 30 th St. Andrew's Day		DIOCESE	Mama Evo Reads Her 2024 Conference Address		10am	
		BISHOP	Wedding of Miss Sandra, daughter of HRH, Sir, Eze Emeka Ihunwo.	St. Nicholas', Woji District	10am	
DECEMBER						
Sun. 1 st (Advent Sunday)	Theme: The coming reign of Christ	Rivers CCN Churches/ACM	World Aids Day			
		Bishop/Diocesan Women	Combined worship of adults with the Children	In all Churches		
		Diocese	Diocesan Women's Conference/Harvest Thanksgiving Service	Church of The Holy Spirit, Paraclete Deanery	10am	
		Diocese	Home Fellowship Meetings	In all Churches	5pm	
Mon. 2 nd to Sat. 7 th		DIOCESE	ON THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES IN ALL CHURCHES			
Sat. 7 th		DCMF	Prayer Retreat/Breakfast with Jesus	Anglican Church of the Beatitudes Rumuokwurusi	8:00am	
		Orange & Cream Prayer Group	End of the Year Love Feast	St. Andrew's, Rumuobiokani Deanery – 11am		
		Lemon Colour Prayer Group	End of the Year Worship/Meeting /Get together	St. Mark's, Elelenwo District – 11am		

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Sun. 8 th (Advent II)	Theme: The Supremacy of the Word of God	DIOCESE	Diocese of EVO Observes the Church of Nigeria Advent Sunday 100% Remittance of all Tithes & Offerings (Trf. From Sunday 1st December)			
			Clergy & Church Workers Appreciation Sunday: To be observed in all Churches			
		Bishop	Episcopal Visit to St. Michael's Rumuomasi Deanery for dedication of church furnishings and thanksgiving of Mr. Morgan Amadi & family		9:30am	
		Knights	4 th Quarter General Meeting/End of the Year Party	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi		
Sun. 8 th – Sat. 14 th		DIOCESE	Diocesan Bible Week	In all Churches	Diocesan Adult Sunday School / Discipleship Ministry to propose programme of activities for the week.	
Mon. 9 th		Lay Workers	Last Quarter General Meeting	St. Matthias, Atali District	10am	
		Clergy	Clergy Welfare Association General Meeting	St. Michael's, Rumuomasi Deanery	10am	
Mon. 9 th – Sun. 15 th		Oginigba Deanery	120 th Anniversary Celebration of St. Jude's Church, Oginigba Deanery.			
Wed. 11 th		Rivers Anglicans	Rivers Anglicans Pray for The State	St. Paul's Cathedral, Diobu	10am	
		Bishop	@ St. Jude's, Oginigba Deanery 120 th Anniversary Lecture		5pm	
Thur. 12 th		Diocese	Meeting of the Diocesan Finance Board	Church of the Holy Spirit, Elioze Parish – 10am		
Sat. 14 th		Bishop	@ The 15 th Coronation Anniversary of HRH Barr. Dr. Temple Ejekwu, Paramount Ruler of Rumuogba	Palace of His Highness, Rumuogba	10am	
		Social Welfare Directorate	On the Highways Feeding & Mission			
		DCMF	Love Feast/Choral Cantata	New Covenant Eliminigwe Parish, Elemenwo – 10am		
		Industrial Chaplaincy	End of Year Love Feast	Pentagon Securities	10am	
		Ecumenism	Love Feast	Mount Zion Eliogbolo		
		Rivers CCN	State Service of Christmas Carols and Nine Lessons	St. Cyprian's, Hospital Rd, PH.	4pm	

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Sun. 15 th (Advent III)	Theme: John's Example as Herald of His Coming	Diocese	Day of Remembrance & celebration of the aged in all churches of Evo	<i>All churches to specially celebrate those aged 70 years & above during the services of today</i>		
		Anglican Youth Corps Fellowship	End of the year retreat/ Love Feast	Chapel of Grace & Knowledge, Eledenwo		
		Bishop	Episcopal Visit/Service of Confirmation	St. Jude's, Oginigba Deanery	9:30am	
		Diocese	Home Fellowship Meetings	In all Churches 5pm		
		State BB	Carol of 9 Lessons & Banquet	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwursi	4pm	
Mon. 16 th		Sport	Evo Clergy FC VS Clergy Children Football Match/love feast	BCMSS, Rumuobiokani	7am	
		Bishop & Diocesan Finance Team	Bishop, Diocesan Finance Team & Auditors meet with all auditors of the Archdeaconries, Deaneries, Districts, Parishes & Station Churches	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwursi	5pm	
Tue. 17 th		Diocesan Board	Last Quarter Meeting of the Diocesan Board	<i>To be hosted by St. Simon's, Okporo District churches @ Calvary Ang. Church, RD Road, Mgbuesilaru – 10am</i>		
Wed. 18 th – Fri. 20 th		Diocese	Last Diocesan Prayer Convocation & Hour of Answer with night vigil on Friday, 20th	To hold in all Admin Blocs Headquarters	(10am Wed.- Fri.) (9pm-Friday Night Vigil)	<i>Diocesan Prayer Ministry & Archdeacons, Rectors to mobilize their parishioners to attend.</i>
Thur. 19 th			Service of Songs in honour of Sir Chief Roland Odum	St. Jude's, Oginigba Deanery	5pm	
Thur. 19 th – Sat. 21 st		ACM/Clergy Children	Christmas Camping/Vicar's Children Party	BCMSS, Rumuobiokani	8am	
Fri. 20 th		Bishop	Funeral Service & Internment of late Sir Chief Roland Odum	St. Jude's, Oginigba Deanery	10am	
Fri 20 th – Sun 22 nd		AYF	Diocesan General Annual Meeting/Election & Love Feast	St. Jude's, Oginigba Deanery		

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Sat. 21 st		Bishop	Wedding of Miss Abekuchi C. Amadi & Mr. Wilson Okey Okolie	St. Simon's Anglican Church, Okporo District – 10am		
		Guild of Stewards	Seminar & General Meeting/Love Feast	CHACFA, Woji		
		Bishop	Funeral Service of Chief Wilson E. N. Nyema (Father of Mrs. Mercy Egbule) @ Omuigwe, Aluu	10am	<i>Bishop to be represented by Ven. Godwin B. Chinda</i>	
			Visit to St. Andrew's, Rumuobiokani Deanery for Episcopal functions	2pm		
Sun. 22 nd (Advent IV)	Theme: Accepting God's Will for our Lives	Bishop	Service of Confirmation & Ordination Thanksgiving of The Rev'd Anointed Pthyias Onyeme	St. Andrew's, Rumuobiokani Deanery	9am	
Mon. 23 rd		Bishop/Central Offices	Official closing of the Central Office for the holidays			<i>Skeletal services to run on Wednesdays during this period.</i>
		DIOCESE/Music Ministry	Diocesan Christmas Carols & Service of 9 Lessons	All Saints' Cathedral Rumuokwursi	5pm	
Tue. 24 th (Christmas Eve)		Clergy Association	Clergy & Wives Get-Together	Venue to be determined by clergy leaders		
Wed. 25 th (Christmas Day) Nativity of Christ		Diocese	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES IN ALL CHURCHES			
		Bishop	Episcopal Visit & Service of Confirmation	New Wine, East/West Rd Parish, Okporo	10am	
Thur. 26 th (St. Stephen's Day (Boxing Day))		Bishop	Wedding of Miss Ichebadu Utchay (daughter of HRH, Emma Utchay) & Mr. Confidence N. Kpakol	Holy Trinity, Elingbu Parish	10am	
			Wedding of Church Teacher Elijah Obuikem & Miss Chiamaka Favour Azunna	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwursi	1pm	
Fri. 27 th St. John's Day		Pink Colour Prayer Group	St. John's Day (Service of Holy Communion/Love Feast)	St. John the Evangelist, Atali		
Sat. 28 th (Holy Innocents' Day) & Sun. 29 th		Bishop	Traditional & Church wedding of Vilma C. Okey-Ewurum (Daughter of Dr. Okey & Dame Pharm. Ijeoma Ewurum) & Mr. Markus Lessley St. Louis	Orji-Owerri & CATOL, Owerri		

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Sun. 29 th (Christmas I)		Bishop	Engaged			
Tue. 31 st (New Year's Eve)		Diocese	Watchnight service in all Churches			
January 2025						
Wed. 1 st January, 2025 New Year's Day		Diocese	New Year's Day services in all Churches Bishop Engaged in a church			
Fri. 3 rd			Burial of Mrs. Rubby Chinyere Ndukwe, mother of The Rev'd Daniel Nwabueze Ndukwe	St. Peter's Ang. Church, Mbutu, Aboh Mbaise		
Sun. 5 th (Christmas II)		Diocese	First Sunday of the Year Eucharistic/ Thanksgiving Services in all churches. Bishop engaged in a church.			
Mon. 6 th Epiphany of Our Lord		Diocese	Eucharistic Services in all churches of the Diocese Bishop engaged in a church.			
Mon. 6 th – Sat. 18 th		Diocese	Days of Fasting & Prayers by all Diocesan faithful preparatory to the 2025 Diocesan Rededication Service. <i>To be observed at Individual, Family, Church, activity groups/arms/units levels of the Diocese. Churches' beginning of the year revival programmes should equally hold within this period</i>			
Tue. 7 th – Fri. 10 th		CoN	Bishops & Wives' Annual Retreat	Diocese on The Niger (Onitsha)		
Sun. 12 th		State	Armed Forces Remembrance Day Thanksgiving Service	To be determined		
		Diocesan Board	Emergency Diocesan Board Meeting	St. Michael's, Rumuomasi Deanery – 3pm		
Mon. 13th – Fri. 17th		Bishop & Diocesan Ministers	Beginning of the year prayer & fasting retreat for the Bishop, Clergy, Church Teachers and wives		Mon. 13 th – Tue. 14 th – Christ, The Redeemer, Eliogbolo Wed. 15 th – Thur. 16 th – Ang. Church of the Pentecost, Ahia-Woji Fri. 17 th – All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi Time – 9am Daily.	
Sun. 19th		Diocese	Diocesan Rededication Service	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	10am	

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Wed. 22 nd / Thur. 23 rd		Joint Provincial Councils, East of The Niger	Hosting of the meeting of the Joint Provincial Councils, East of The Niger by the Diocese of Evo	Venues: St. Michael's Rumuomasi Deanery St. Andrew's Rumuobiokani Deanery & BCMSS, Rumuobiokani
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Prayers (To form part of the prayer points of each church during matins and other fellowship meetings)

- Dedicate enough time to thank God for the success of our Diocesan programmes and activities for the year.
- 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
- Pray for the remaining months and for the success of all outstanding activities of the Diocese for the year, 2024, especially the harvest thanksgiving services of all churches, the Diocesan Women's Conference and CoN DIVCCON 2024 at Abuja
- Ceaselessly pray for the manifestation of this year's Diocesan Theme "**Unlimited Advancement & All-Round Fruitfulness**" in the lives of members of our Diocese.
- 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.
- Earnestly pray against untimely death in our Diocese as the year ends; and also for travelling mercies for all those travelling out of the Diocese for the coming Christmas and New Year Celebrations .
- Every church should dedicate to pray for their overall growth and that of the Diocese.
- Commit the coming year into God's hands for greater manifestation of His glory and grace in the Diocese of Evo

Crucial instructions:

- **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 churcing 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.

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- 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.



The Rt. Rev. Innocent Uchechukwu Ordu, DSSRS, JP
Bishop, Diocese of Évo
30th October, 2024