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PREFACE

Sometime in 2017 while in Holy Trinity Anglican Church Asaba, (the Center of Grace) I felt led to put together a write up on the existence of the Church, even after the usual periodic transfer in the ministry and brought me to St. Philips Anglican Church,(the Center of Joy) A.G.G.S Compound West End, Asaba, the vision to do such a write-up kept coming. This documentation is thus the product of that vision.

The Anglican Church is known for record keeping but we seem to be deviating from this noble practice. If action is not taken now, a time will come when there will be no record of certian existance in our generation.

History being the record of past events should entail the continuous record's of events as they occur. History gives the opportunity to reflect on the past, think of the present and plan for the future. When records are available, it is easy to confirm, remove or add facts according to the authenticity.

I felt the need for Leaders of the Church to take on the challenge of going back to our tradition of proper record keeping, so that our generation will not lose focus of the projection of the future due to lack of information of the past and present.

St. Philips Anglican Church, Westend, Asaba, in its twenty-nine years of existence has gone through so many stages to get to where it is now. The different height it has gone through, with its monumental achievements was due to the kind of men that God appointed to lead the Church as the Vicars with the co-operation of their various committees. Each of them had their different disposition and specialization, with peculiar focus, which the church has enjoyed.

As it were, the Church has had seven previous Vicars; the eighth is the present Vicar, Ven. Joel Azukaego Mordi who came in September, 2017. Each of these men put down their footprints in the sands of time in the church, with indelible marks that cannot be erased. This Book highlights the achievement of the Vicars because of the leadership position they occupy in the Church, they are the bearers of the banner in the Church.

In this little historical account of the founding and growth of the Church we have tried to be very modest in our presentation. We see this as a record that will form the basis for future documentation of activities of the Church.

We prayerfully commend the book to all for information and education.

God bless you.

Ven Joel Azukaego Mordi.

INTRODUCTION

The historical inquiry of the establishment of St. Philip's Anglican Church, A.G.G.S Compound, West-End, Asaba is very much desirous.

This has become very necessary in that some of the pioneer members are gradually relocating to other places, while some are passing away. There may come a time when the questions 'how and when did it begin' may become a serious issue. To be prepared for such a time in our history, it is thus necessary to have a written account of the events which led to the founding of St. Philip's Anglican Church, A.G.G.S. compound, Asaba and subsequent developmental activities till date. This documentation will therefore serve as the basis for generational answers to questions and the basis for addition of future written accounts.

History is defined as the study of past important events and time especially in connection with human affairs. Moreover, history does not only deal with past events, it also expresses its relevance in the present as it prepares us for future events. It helps us to identify our areas of success and failures. For St. Philip's Anglican Church in retrospect, we can find out how the Church started, her areas of success and failure with her leadership from inception. In other areas of recorded success, she can strive to keep it up and in the areas where she failed, strive to live up to expectations. The lessons learned from a review of the story of the Church from inception till date can also help the leadership and members to mend their ways to promote greater success with the passing of time. This documentation therefore takes into cognisance the penetration of Christianity into Asaba with special focus on Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Asaba, the mother Church of St. Philip's Anglican Church, Asaba.

CHAPTER ONE

The Advent of Christianity Asaba

The story of St. Philip's Anglican Church, west-end, Asaba cannot be told without first referring to the source of its evangelization, which came from Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Asaba that birthed the Church. Holy Trinity Anglican Church was the first Church established in Asaba. The Church Missionary Society (CMS) were the first Christians to establish a Church in Asaba. It all began in July, 1875 when Revd. Samuel Ajayi Crowther, Revd. J. C. Taylor and Simon Onas anchored at Onitsha and founded the Niger mission. Their first port of call and settlement was at the point of the River bank which later became known as the Royal Niger Company Beach. They settled at Otu Enenia (John Holt Beach) the first mission post from which the missionaries came into the town of Asaba to evangelize. The team of missionaries that came to Asaba included Europeans, Sierra-Leonians and West Indians.

In the course of their evangelism, Obi Igweli, a Red Cap Chief of Umunkwo, Umuezei Quarters, Asaba was converted along with his household. His conversion led to the relocation of the Church from Otu Enenia (John Holt Beach) to Obi Igweli's compound in Umunkwo. From there, the Gospel spread into the town leading to the conversion of more souls. Among the new converts at that time were Obi James Odiwe – another Red Cap Chief, Thomas Nwanukwu, Lazarus Odibosa Onyia, Nkadi Monu Obingbo, Asiekwu Nwanze, Ogoh and others. As the mission work progressed many more converts were won. The need arose for a bigger space and a new Church building to be erected, and seeing the need, Thomas Nwanukwu of Umuaji Quarters in 1880 gave them a piece of land at a spot called “Abu-Ato”. Abu-Ato is the junction of three important roads that linked together the five quarters of Asaba in the centre of the town. This is where Holy Trinity Anglican Church is situated today.

According to Chief Dennis Osadebey of blessed memory, the interpretation of the name of this junction “Abu-Ato” tripartite road junction informed the Christening of the Church as Holy Trinity signifying God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. With the building of the Church on this site, more converts were recorded. These include Pa Elijah, Obi Onyeobi of Ogbeogo Quarters, Red Cap Chief Samson Onwudiachi, Enoch Obiechie and many others.

With the progress made in Mission and Evangelism, the Church Missionary Society at this time built a basic primary school with a Sierra-Leonian, Mr Hugh S. Macaulay as the Head Master. The first group of pupils admitted in the school included, Lazarus Odibosa Onyia, Obingbo, Nkadi Monu, Andrew Nwanze Asiekwu and Egbuniwe Ochei. Also, a college was built by the missionary at Ogbe-Afor. The following persons passed through the college, Obi Oputa (Obi of Aboh), Obed Azikiwe (Father of Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe), Nezianya, Okwusogo, S. C. Obianwu, Andrew Nwanze Asiekwu who later became a Reverend of the Anglican Church. This college thrived in Asaba between 1895 and 1899 before it was transferred to Awka in 1904 during the days of Revd. J. C. Spencer.

This institution trained Mr. Nathaniel Ukadike who later became the first Igbo man to be trained as an Organist. Other students trained in this institution include Alphonsor Chukwuma Onyeabo, the first Igbo Bishop, Hezekiah Okologwugwu Nweje (aka Holy Nweje). It was from the nursery of Holy Trinity Church, Asaba that the seedlings of the Anglican Church were transplanted to other neighbouring towns and within Asaba community.

CHAPTER TWO

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Asaba

It is pertinent to reiterate that it was from the nursery of Holy Trinity Church, Asaba that the seedlings of Anglican Christianity were transplanted to other neighbouring towns and Asaba community. According to Rt. Revd. Justus Nnaemeka Moge kwu, the current Bishop, Diocese of Asaba, in his charge of the 2018 Synod stated:

“St. Philip's Anglican Church, West-End, Asaba, can be said to be a product of the boldness and fearless action undertaken by members of our communion who God had placed in the position of responsibility in public service who used their positions in service to the glory of the name of the Lord and the joy of the Church”

One of such persons was Lady Esther Elue, the Principal of Asaba Girls' Grammar School as at October, 1991 when St. Philip's Anglican Church came into being. She facilitated and gave all the necessary support to the planting of St. Philip's Anglican Church, Asaba. She gave the permission that the school dining hall be used for Church services. She also participated with her students in Church activities. Lady Esther Elue's husband later became Deputy Governor of Delta State between 1999 and 2007. The Church started as if it was a Chapel to the school. Today, St. Philip's Anglican Church, AGGS Compound, Asaba is one of the largest Anglican Church in the Diocese of Asaba to the Glory of God.

Lady Esther Elue supported the church as a fearless Christian though she was persecuted for allowing the Church to exist within the school compound. We are proud of her for being resilient in the midst of frustration of being demoted for two good years. God however did not abandon her in this situation as she was soon appointed the pioneer Principal of the Federal Government Girls' College, Ibusa. The history of St. Philip's Anglican Church cannot be complete without a record of the role played by this great woman in the establishment of the Church.

The Church, St. Philip's Anglican Church, West-End, Asaba came into being in the month of October, 1991 after a crusade organised by Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Asaba at Uzoigwe primary school, Asaba. The 3 – day crusade featured the Revd. L. O. Nwajiobi (Now Venerable in Ndokwa Diocese) as guest preacher while the then Revd. Canon D. N. Emordi (later Venerable) of blessed memory, who was then the Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Parish was the host. The Rt. Revd. Dr. Roland Nwafor Chukwuwinke Nwosu of blessed memory, the then Bishop of Asaba Diocese of the Anglican Communion was the Chief host. Though the crusade was poorly attended, it became a catalyst for aggressive evangelism of the West-End area which was home to most Deltans who moved from Benin city to settle in Asaba after the creation of Delta State from the former Bendel State on 29th of August, 1991.

With only three (3) adults and some children converts recorded from the Uzoigwe crusade, there was need to fashion out a deliberate and result oriented method for a harvest

of more souls in the West-End area of Asaba. This resulted immediately in the planting of a Church in the area, which was christened SAINT PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH,

The first Sunday service of the Saint Philip's Anglican Church was held on Sunday, 20th October, 1991 in the Dining Hall of the Anglican Girls' Grammar School (A.G.G.S.), Asababy the then Principal of the school Lady Esther O. Elue (wife of the former Deputy Governor of Delta State) who was also a foundation member of the Church.

The first service of the Church was conducted on the 20th of October, 1991 by Bro. Godwin Isitheri (now Ven. Godwin Isitheri), the immediate past Vicar, while a Catechist attached to Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Asaba in the person of Bro. Joseph Okoye (who was later ordained a Priest) preached the sermon. He died in active service in the year 2010. The service recorded an attendance of twenty-two (22) adults and children worshippers.

In the early days of St. Philip's Church, Mr. Geoffery I. Onyenachie acted as Catechist and was supported by a host of Lay-Readers among whom were: Mrs. Edna Ndili (now Dame Edna Ndili) Mr. Patrick O. Chukwuma (now late), Kenneth Anyira (now an ordained Priest), Pa Anthony O. Emordi of blessed memory, Matthew Ofili and Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable) and the immediate past Vicar of St. Philip's Anglican Church, West End, Asaba.

On the 19th of January, 1992, Revd. Ogom Josiah Nsaka (now retired Venerable) joined the Church following his movement from Benin city on account of the creation of Delta state. On that day which was a Sunday, he worshipped and preached the sermon based on the Bible text: Daniel 6:25. At the end of the service a decision was reached to organise Bible study every Wednesday at 6pm. This was later changed to Tuesdays at 5pm which is the day that the church holds its Bible Study Sessions till date. However, Revd. O. J. Nsaka was later posted officially to Holy Trinity Anglican Church by Rt. Revd. Dr. Roland N. C. Nwosu, the pioneer Bishop of the Diocese of Asaba.

It is worthy of note to state that the Church has grown in leaps and bounds and has fed most of the Churches in Okpanam axis with membership.

CHAPTER THREE

PRIESTS THAT HAVE SERVED IN THE CHURCH

Revd. & Mrs. Ephraim Iwegbu

On the 10th of October, 1992, the Revd. Ephraim Iwegbu (of blessed memory) was posted to St. Philip's Anglican Church by Rt. Revd. Dr. Roland N. C. Nwosu the then Bishop as the first and full time Priest to man the affairs of the Church.

On assumption of duty, Revd. Ephraim Iwegbu, through team work with members of the Church coupled with aggressive evangelism carried out in the West-End area resulted in increased membership of the Church. Thus the need for a permanent and more conducive place of worship became very necessary. Consequently, the Church appointed a building committee to commence work on the site to be determined by the Church within the school compound. Members of the building committee were Mrs. Edna Ndili (now Dame Edna Ndili) – Chairman, Mrs. Esther Elue (now Lady Esther Elue), the then Principal of the school who was a member of the congregation. Others were Revd. Ephraim Iwegbu (Vicar), Mr. Matthew Ofili, Mr. N. Nwosa, Pa Anthony O. Emordi (of blessed memory), Mr. Stephen Basime, Mr. Christian O. Mordi, Mrs. Obi-Rapu, Mr. Maduka Onyiaodike (now Sir Maduka Onyiaodike), Mr. Geoffery I. Onyenachie (now Pastor Geoffery Onyenachie of Mountain of Fire), Mr. Bernard Okpu (now Sir Bernard Okpu), and Mr. Godwin Isitheri (now Ven. Godwin Isitheri), was Secretary of the Building Committee.

The Building Committee had barely commenced work when the then Vicar of the Church, Revd. Ephraim Iwegbu was taken away by sudden death.

Revd. & Mrs. Ogom Josiah Nsaka (now Ven. O. J. Nsaka Rtd.) 1993 – 1999

In 1993, Revd. O. J. Nsaka was officially posted as the Vicar of the Church. Having been on ground before the death of Revd. Ephraim Iwegbu, it was easy for him to continue the work of the Church. He inherited the already existing building committee led by Mrs. E. O. Ndili, and organised the foundation laying ceremony for a new Church building which was done in June 1993 by the Rt. Revd. Dr. R. N. C. Nwosu. During the tenure of Rev. O. J. Nsaka as the Vicar, Revd. Jonathan F. E. Edewor (now retired Bishop of Oleh Diocese) joined the Church when he replaced Mrs. Esther O. Elue as the Principal of Anglican Girls Grammar School, Asaba. He became a veritable instrument by way of his contributions towards the expansion of the Church building from the original small structure. In 1999, Revd. Joel Azukaego Mordi (now Venerable and present Vicar) was posted as an assisting Priest to the Church. He became part of the team that worked to achieve the best in that era. In the year 2000, the first Church building was completed and put to use and work started on the first vicarage

Revd. & Mrs. Godson C. Hez. Ebirim 2000 – 2002

Revd. & Mrs. G. C. Hez. Ebirim (now Rtd) succeeded Revd. & Mrs. O. J. Nsaka. It was under Rev. Ebirim that building work on the vicarage was completed hence, he became the first resident Priest. It is worthy to note that the Priests who hitherto served in St. Philip's Church were residing at Anwai campus from where they were coming for services and other activities. The vicarage was completed in July, 2001 and dedicated on 14th August, 2001 by the Bishop, Rt. Revd Nicholas Dikeriehi Okoh (now retired primate) Revd. Joel Azukaego Mordi continued his service as an assisting Priest to Rev. G. C. Hez. Ebirim before his transfer in August 2001. In January, 2002, Rev. G. C. Hez Ebirim was also transferred from St. Philip's Anglican Church, West-End, Asaba.

Revd. Canon & Mrs. David Friday Amaechi Obiosa (now Bishop of Ndokwa Diocese) 2002 – 2003

In January 2002, the mantle of leadership of the Church fell on Revd. Canon D. F. A. Obiosa. Though his stay was short, it was however full of activities. He gave the vicarage a finishing touch and consequently, the building was dedicated in February, 2002. He expanded the clergy vestry in the Church building and included a toilet. He constructed veranda round the Church and drilled the first borehole in the Church premises. He also organised the members and bought a bus (Mitsubishi – L300) for the Church. He started the move for Parish status of the Church which resulted in the planting of Christ The King Anglican Church, DLA Road, Asaba. The inauguration of St. Philip's Parish was performed on the 17th of March, 2002 by the Bishop, Rt. Revd. N. D. Okoh (now retired Primate). The parish comprised St. Philip's Church Asaba (Parish Headquarters), St. Stephen's Church, Ugolu, Christ the King Church, Asaba and St. George's Church, Aningene

Revd. Canon & Mrs. Charles Nnamdi Osemenam (now Venerable) 2003 – 2007

There is no Church worker that has a permanent station, as movement of Church workers is a continuous process. This rule of operation brought Revd. & Mrs. Charles N. Osemenam (now venerable) to St. Philip's Church as Parish Priest and Vicar on the 21st of January, 2003. His tenure witnessed a remarkable Spiritual and Physical growth of the Church. During this period new Churches were planted. The Churches planted were: St. Stephen's Ang. Church (June, 2005), St. John's Anglican Church, Anwai Road, Asaba (2005), St. George's Anglican Church, Ani-NGene (2006) and St. Paul's Anglican Church, behind the stadium (2007). St. John's Church Anwai Road is now an Archdeaconry headquarters while St. Stephen's and St. Paul's Churches are now parish headquarters. In this period, the Church successfully hosted the Diocesan Synod for the first time in 2004 with the theme "*Principalities and Powers and the Christian Ministry in the 21st Century, Asaba Diocese*". The Revd. C. N. Osemenam worked assiduously with the reconstituted building committee led by Dr. (Mrs.) Dorothy E. Odiase to build the present Church (the Glorious House) which was dedicated on the 18th of December, 2007 by His Grace, the

Archbishop of Bendel Province and Bishop of the Diocese of Asaba (now retired Primate of All Nigeria, Anglican Communion).

The Church bought her first lister generator within this period. Revd. Patrick Amankwe and Revd. Kingsley Dieli (now Canons) at various times between 2006 and 2007 served as curates in the Church.

Revd. Canon Felix Chukwudinma Okonkwo (now Venerable) 2008 – 2016

In January 2008, Revd. Canon & Mrs. Felix C. Okonkwo became the new Vicar and Supervisor of Asaba West-End Archdeaconry, that was proposed to be inaugurated. He had the mandate of the then Bishop, Most Revd. N. D. Okoh to work on the Church and the Parishes as Asaba West-End Archdeaconry. He worked assiduously with the help of his assisting Priest: Revd. Canon Leonard Dunkwu to bring Asaba West-End Archdeaconry to a reality. The inauguration took place on the 6th of December, 2009 with St. Philip's Church as the Archdeaconry Headquarter and Ven. Felix C. Okonkwo as the pioneer Archdeacon. On the same day of inauguration of the Archdeaconry, there also was the dedication of the ultramodern vicarage comprising a storey building with Residential quarters for the Archdeacon, a Priest offices and conference rooms well furnished. This dedication ceremony was performed by the Most Revd. Nicholas D. Okoh. During this period, the Church witnessed tremendous infrastructural growth and increase in membership. Within the period, the Church acquired a brand new Toyota Hiase bus and a 100KVA Mikano sound proof generator.

On the 11th of December, 2011, a second storey building with another Vicarage, guest house, ultramodern toilet and bathroom for general use, as well as junior staff quarters plus a Toyota Hilux van were dedicated by His Lordship, the Rt. Revd. J. N. Moge kwu. In the period that Ven. Felix Okonkwo was the Vicar, the terrazzo floor of the Church was changed to tiles, the plain wooden pews were converted to padded pews. In May 2012, St. Philip's Church hosted the Synod with the theme "*Examine Yourself*". This was the second time of hosting. In July, 2014, the Church played host to the Diocesan Women Conference with the theme "*Honour the Lord with thy substance*"

During this period also, the Church received the donation of a 150KVA electricity generator and a Pipe Organ from His Excellency, Senator (Dr.) Ifeanyi Okowa, the Executive Governor of Delta State who is a member of the Church. The foundation for St. Philip's Nursery & Primary School was laid, the school was built and eventually dedicated on 14th January, 2016 by His Lordship, the Rt. Revd. J. N. Moge kwu. Ven. Felix C. Okonkwo enjoyed the support and fellowship of the following assisting Priests: Revd. Canon and Mrs. Leonard A. Dunkwu, Revd. Canon and Mrs. Henry N. Onianwa(now Venerable), Revd. Wilfred Idegwu, Revd. & Mrs. Ubaka B. A. Okolotu (now Canon), Revd. & Mrs. Victor A. Ikedia(now Canon), Revd. Canon & Mrs. Sunday A. Mejulu (now Venerable), Late Revd. Canon Joachin C. Mordi, Revd. Canon & Mrs. Gospel O. Odibeli

(now Supervisor) and Revd. & Mrs. Prosper U. Okoh (now Canon and Asst. Clerical Synod Secretary).

Revd. Canon & Mrs. Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable) 15th January, 2016 – 14th September, 2017

In January 2016, the Revd. Canon and Mrs. Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable) became the new Vicar and the Supervisor of the Archdeaconry. The period of their service was brief but impactful. He initiated the vision to transform the old Church building, where he served as Pastor's and People's Warden for some years before becoming a Priest. He vigorously carried out the vision of making it a multipurpose hall when completed. He pushed on with zeal and commitment until he was transferred. In the area of evangelism, he did not lag behind and was able to purchase a piece of land measuring approximately (100ft by 200ft) 1877.822sqm for the Anglican Church of the Advent, Iyiabi. The St. Philip's Nursery/Primary School also started operation officially under his tenure in the 2017/2018 academic session.

Ven. & Mrs. Joel Azukaego Mordi (September 2017 till date)

In September 2017, Ven.& Mrs. Joel Azukaego Mordi became the new Vicar and Archdeacon of Asaba West-End Archdeaconry. He has been working with his Assisting Priests: Revd. Canon Tabugbo M. Uzoma, Revd. Canon Prosper U. Okoh, Revd. Emmanuel C. Ottah (2017 – 2019) and Rev. Sampson I. Ajie. He came with the vision of focusing on the spiritual growth of the Church. Since his arrival, various revival programmes have been organized in the Church and he believes that revival of the Church should start at the group level which will in turn affect the revival of the Church as a whole. There has been total re-organisation of the various groups and bodies that exist in St. Philip's Church. Group Supervisors have been assigned to the various groups in the Church with the aim of strengthening the groups, addressing their problems and conducting thorough follow-up with each of the groups. He introduced a comprehensive annual vestry meeting in which the various groups submitted their annual reports which are consolidated into the Annual Vestry Meeting Report and presented to the Church. The first Annual vestry report presented in January 2018 was warmly received by the Church. Every 3rd Sunday of the month is 'Youth Sunday' service – a youth inclusive Church programme to encourage youths in the church to conduct and imbibe the basic tenets of Anglican Worship in 2019, the Christian Men Fellowship groups grew from 3 groups to 6 groups.

The St. Philips Nursery/Primary School's first academic session kicked off on the 11th of September, 2017. Since after its take – off Ven. Joel A. Mordi worked assiduously with the school Education Board and the school staff to ensure that the school functions properly in line with standards of the Ministry of Education as well as the Anglican

Missionary Schools. The school has grown to a population of 163 pupils, with 16 crèche babies and 23 staff.

In May 2018, St. Philip's Church hosted the Synod 2018 tagged "THE LORD of HOSTS, MIGHTY In BATTLE" under the leadership of Ven. Joel A. Mordi. The Synod Local Organising Committee, every member of the Church as well as other Churches within the Archdeaconry worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the Synod. Consequently, the 2018 Synod was adjudged the "Best so far" by His Lordship, Rt. Revd. Justus N. Mogeckwu.

Church Multipurpose Hall: Ven. Godwin Isitheri during his tenure as Vicar of the Church initiated the renovation and conversion of the old Church building to a Multipurpose Hall. This vision was sustained and actualised by Ven. Joel A. Mordi, who worked with the Building Committee members to raise funds from the Church for the building project, to achieve a high standard Multipurpose Hall. The project is finally completed and is currently in use.

Under the leadership of Ven. Joel A. Mordi, the MEDIA UNIT of the Church was set up and equipped with a Sony video camera in March 2019 and a video duplicator in May 2019. A website for the Church has been developed and is functioning. His Excellency, Sen. Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa on the 2nd of June, 2019, donated a Dail 16-Seater Bus to the Church to facilitate transportation activities.

Ven. Joel Azukaego Mordi (NwaJesus) is still working and pursuing his vision for St. Philip's Anglican Church, Asaba.

Roll Call of Clergymen who have served in the Church

S/N	NAMES	POSITION	DATE
1.	Revd. Ephraim Iwegbu (late)	Vicar	1992
2.	Revd. O. J. Nsaka (now retired Venerable)	Vicar	1993 – 1999
2i	Revd. J. F. E. Edewor (Bishop of Oleh, Rtd.)	Asst. Priest	1994
3.	Revd. G. C. Hez Ebirim	Vicar	2000 – 2002
3ii.	Revd. Azukaego Mordi (now Venerable)	Asst. Priest	1999 – 2001
4.	Revd. Canon David F. A. Obiosa (now Bishop of Ndokwa Diocese)	Vicar	2002 – 2003
5.	Revd. Canon C. N. Osemenam (now Venerable)	Vicar	2003 – 2007
5i.	Revd. Patrick Amankwe (now Canon)	Curate	2006
5ii.	Revd. Kingsley O. Dieli (now statutory Canon)	Curate	2006
6.	Ven. Felix Chukwudinma Okonkwo	Archdeacon/Vicar	2008 – 2016
6i.	Revd. Canon Leonard Dunkwu (Now	Asst. Priest	2008 – 2009

	Venerable)		
6ii.	Revd. Canon Henry N. Onianwa (now Venerable)	Asst. Priest	2010 – 2014
6iii.	Revd. Wilfred N. Idegwu	Curate	2010 – 2011
6iv.	Revd. U. B. A. Okolotu (now Statutory Canon)	Curate	2011 – 2013
6v.	Revd. Victor Ikedia(now Canon)	Curate	2012 – 2014
6vi.	Revd. Canon Sunday A. Mejulu (now Venerable)	Asst. Priest	2012 – 2014
6vii.	Revd. Canon Joachim C. Mordi (late)	Asst. Priest	2014 – 2016
6viii.	Revd. Canon Gospel Odibeli (now Supervisor)	Asst. Priest	2014 – 2017
6ix	Revd. Canon Prosper Okoh (now Statutory Canon)	Asst. Priest	2015 till date
7.	Ven. Godwin Isitheri	Archdeacon/Vicar	2016 – 2017
7i.	Revd. Emmanuel Ossai (Now Canon)	Asst. Priest	2016 – 2017
8.	Ven. Joel Azukaego Mordi	Archdeacon/Vicar	2017 till date
8i.	Revd. Canon Tabugbo M. Uzoma	Asst. Priest	2017 till date
8ii.	Revd. Emmanuel C. Ottah (Now Canon)	Asst. Priest	2017 – 2019
8iii.	Revd. Samson I. Ajie	Asst. Priest	2019 till date

Over the period of time, a number of Priests have been produced from St. Philip's Church, Asaba. They include:

1. Ven. Palmer Melekwe (Retired, Ika Diocese)
2. Revd. Canon Paulinus Medeh (of blessed memory)
3. Revd. Canon Japheth C. Anosike (now Venerable)
4. Ven. Godwin Isitheri (immediate past Vicar of this Church)
5. Revd. Canon Ubaka B. A. Okolotu
6. Revd. Canon Leslie S. Ogbewe
7. Rev. Kenneth Anyira
8. Rev. Emmanuel Adefila
9. Rev. Edwin Chiejine
10. Rev. Caleb Chibua

CHAPTER FOUR

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHURCH

Pioneer Building Committee

Dame Edna Ndili was the first Building Committee Chairman of this great Church. She had the following Committee members: Lady Esther Elue, Mr. Matthew Ofili, Mr. N. Nwosa, Pa Anthony Emordi of blessed memory, Mr. Samuel Basime, Mr. Christian O. Mordi, of blessed memory, Mrs. Obi-Rapu, Mr. Maduka Jonathan Onyiaodike, Mr. Geoffery I. Onyenachie, Mr. Bernard Okpu, Mr. Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable), who was secretary of the Committee and Revd. Ephraim I. Iwegbu (of blessed memory) who was the Vicar then. Revd. O. J. Nsaka took over as the Vicar Following the death of Revd. Ephraim Iwegbu. Revd. J. F. Edewor (retired Bishop of Oleh Diocese) became the Principal of the Secondary School and joined the church work force. They built the first Church building which has now been converted to a Multipurpose Church Hall. The foundation for the First Church Building was laid on the 19th of June, 1993 by Rt. Revd. Dr. Roland N. C. Nwosu. That Building today has been restructured to serve as the children's hall and multipurpose hall.

The Church Building Committee was reconstituted by Rev. Godson Hez-Ebirim who became the Vicar in 2000 to build the first Vicarage.

1. Mrs. Edna Ndili - Chairman
2. Barr. Andrew U. Elueche - Vice Chairman
3. Mr. Anthony O. Emodi (now late)
4. Mr. Samuel C. Ushiadi
5. Mr. Kaine C. Odiakosa
6. Mr. Godwin Isitheri
7. Mr. Patrick Chukwumah (late)
8. Mr. Ubaka B. A. Okolotu (now Rev. Canon)
9. Mr. Maduka J. Onyiaodike
10. Mr. Leslie S. Ogbewe (now Reverend Canon)
11. Mrs. Hannah Nwosa
12. Mr. Bernard Okpu - Financial Secretary
13. Dr. Mrs. Dorothy E. Odiase - Treasurer
14. Mr. Japhet C. Anosike (now Rev. Canon) - Secretary

This Committee under the Chairmanship of Dame Ndili started the building of the Vicarage under the leadership of Revd. Ogom J. Nsaka as the Vicar, but it was completed during the days of Revd. Godson C. Hez-Ebirim as the Vicar. He became the first Priest to live in the parsonage.

Subsequent Building Committees

Dr. (Mrs.) Dorothy E. Odiase later took over the Chairmanship of the Building Committee and worked with the then Vicar, Revd. Canon C. N. Osemenam (now Venerable) with the following Committee members: Sir Bernard Okpu (Secretary), Late Evang. Patrick Chukwumah, Mr. Kenneth Anyira with Engr. Sir. Sunday Okpako as consultant, to carry on the work of building for the Church of Christ.

This committee under the able leadership of Dr. (Mrs.) D. E. Odiase handled the following projects: The new Church Building which was completed and dedicated on 18th of December, 2007 by the Most Revd. N. D. Okoh, then Archbishop of Bendel Province & Bishop of the Diocese of Asaba (now retired Primate). A Storey building containing an Ultramodern Vicarage for the Vicar and another priest, Church offices and a conference room well furnished which was dedicated on 6th December, 2009 by the Most Rev. N. D. Okoh, Archbishop of Bendel Province and Bishop of Asaba Diocese of Asaba (now retired Primate of All Nigeria).

As time went by, the membership of the Committee changed as some members moved out of Asaba. Thus the following persons formed the new building committee:

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| 1. | Dr. (Mrs.) Dorothy E. Odiase | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Arch. (Sir) Obioma Chikwe | - | Vice Chairman |
| 3. | Engr. Solomon Aghagba | - | Member |
| 4. | Mr. Patrick O. Chukwumah | - | “ |
| 5. | Engr. Hope Benin-Unoho | - | “ |
| 6. | Arch. Chinyelu Ikejiaku | - | “ |
| 7. | Qs Gift Onyebueke | - | Member |
| 8. | Mr. Emmanuel Okwufuleze | - | “ |
| 9. | Engr. Ifeanyi Ochuba | - | “ |
| 10. | L/R Leslie Ogbewe | - | “ |
| 11. | Arch. Joseph Irorezi | - | “ |
| 12. | Qs Catherine Onyeme | - | “ |
| 13. | Mr. Chekwube Onianwa | - | Secretary |

A second storey building made up of a vicarage, junior staff quarters, guest house and ultramodern toilet and bathrooms for general use of the church was dedicated on the 11th of December, 2011 by the Rt. Revd. Justus N. Moge kwu, Bishop of the Diocese of Asaba.

Also, a two storey building housing St. Philip's Nursery and Primary school was dedicated on the 14th of January, 2016 by Rt. Revd. Justus N. Moge kwu, the Bishop of the Diocese of Asaba. Under Ven. Godwin Isitheri, the Building committee initiated work on the reconstruction and conversion of the old Church to an ultramodern multipurpose hall. In September 2017, Ven. Joel Azukaego Mordi inherited the Committee and work

continued. Today, the ultramodern multi-purpose hall is completed. The following are the members of the Building Committee as at 2017:

1. Dr. (Mrs.) D. E. Odiase	-	Chairman
2. Engr. Solomon Aghagba	-	Vice Chairman
3. Engr. Hope Benin-Unoho	-	Member
4. Arch. Chinyelu Ikejiaku	-	“
5. Engr. Ifeanyi Ochuba	-	“
6. Arch. Joy Elemokwu	-	“
7. Ezinne Catherine Onyeme	-	“
8. Mr. Emmanuel Okwufuleze	-	“
9. Mr. Ifeaka Alama	-	“
10.Qs Edwin Ulebe	-	“
11.Mr. Joel Ogigbah	-	“
12.Mr. Chekwube Onianwa	-	Secretary

There is no gainsaying that cooperative work for the Spiritual as well as the Physical development of St. Philips Anglican Church, Asaba, is a continuous assignment for the priests and members of the Church till Jesus return to Rapture His Church.

Lay-Readers in St. Philip's Church

The Lay-Readers that have laboured in this Church include the following:

- (i) L/R Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable and immediate past Vicar of this Church)
- (ii) L/R Leslie S. Ogbewe (now Reverend Canon)
- (iii) L/R Ubaka B. A. Okolotu (now Reverend Canon)
- (iv) L/R Andrew U. Elueche (former Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Ika)
- (v) L/R Mercy U. Ureki (now Diocesan Woman Worker)
- (vi) L/R Kenneth Anyira (now Reverend)
- (vii) L/R Young Daniel Igbrude of blessed memory, (former Speaker, Delta State house of Assembly 2003 - 2006)
- (viii) L/R Patrick O. Chukwumah of blessed memory He handled some Churches in the Archdeaconry as a local helper such as St. Paul's Church, behind stadium and St. Jude's Church, Ngegwu
- (ix) L/R Edna Ndili.
- (x) L/R Mildred U. Mademezia
- (xi) L/R Chidi Ekweribe.

Knight and Dames in St. Philip's Church

1. Dame Edna Ndili (Asaba)
2. Sir U.B.A. Okolotu (Asaba)
3. Sir Leslie S. Ogbewe (Asaba)
4. Sir Moses Agboro (Asaba)
5. Sir Emmanuel Akiti (Asaba)
6. Sir Nelson Moore (Asaba)
7. Sir Obioma Chikwe (Asaba)
8. Sir Mbadiwe Okonkwo (Asaba)
9. Sir Sylvester Edafienene (Asaba)
10. Sir Ikenna nwabuwa (Asaba)
11. Sir Onyeka Okeke (Asaba)
12. Sir Chinonso Okonkwo (Asaba)
13. Sir Felix Ilomechine (Asaba)
14. Sir Austin Nwokolo (Asaba)
15. Sir Chamberlain Dunkwu (Asaba)
16. Dame Mildred Maduemezia (Asaba)
17. Sir Ifeanyi Okowa (Ika)
18. Dame Edith Okowa (Ika)
19. Sir Frank Apokwu (Ika)
20. Sir Monday Onyeme (Ndokwa)
21. Sir Friday Okei (Ndokwa)
22. Sir Obiora Obidiegwu (Ndokwa)
23. Sir Festus Ofekeze (Oleh)
24. Dame Minne Igbrude (Oleh)
25. Dame Lilian Okpako (Oleh)
26. Sir Samuel Okpokpor (Oleh)
27. Sir Bernard Okpu (Oleh)
28. Sir Samson Emeotu (Late) (Oleh)
29. Sir Emmanuel Elili (Oleh)
30. Sir Sunny Areh (Oleh)
31. Sir Sunday Okpako (Ughelli)
32. Sir Jonathan Udele (Sapele)
33. Sir Ifedi Eziuzor (Awka)
34. Sir Eddy Agbasimelo (Amichi)
35. Sir Jonathan Monye (Afikpo)
36. Sir Murphy Madubuike (Methodist Diocese of Enugu)
37. Sir Ebele Udeoji (Ogbaru)
38. Sir Sam Nwokolo
39. Sir Lawrence Eleazu
40. Sir Godwin Maduakor
41. Sir Christian Okwunna

Ezinnes in St. Philip's Church

1. Ezinne Grace Chinweoku (late) (Asaba)
2. Ezinne Joy Ugbelase (Asaba)
3. Ezinne Ihuoma Ogamba (Asaba)
4. Ezinne Dorothy Eloho Odiase (Asaba)
5. Ezinne Lilian Okpako (Asaba)
6. Ezinne M. Maduemezia(Asaba)
7. Ezinne Ogochukwu Osunde(Asaba)
8. Ezinne Victoria Okechukwu (Asaba)
9. Ezinne Eunice Okolie (Asaba)
10. Ezinne Florence Onwuegbuna (Asaba)
11. Ezinne Catherine Onyeme (Ndokwa)
12. Ezinne Patricia Emodi (Ndokwa)
13. Ezinne I. Victoria Mordi (Ika)

HIS EXCELLENCY, SENATOR DR. IFEANYI OKOWA & HER EXCELLENCY, DAME EDITH OKOWA

His Excellency, Senator Dr. Ifeanyi and Her Excellency, Dame Edith Okowa are singled out for special mention as members of St. Philip's Anglican Church, AGGS compound, Asaba. There is no doubt that their presence as members of the Church has been of tremendous blessings to the St. Philip's Church. They have been long standing members of St. Philip's Anglican Church, AGGS compound, Asaba before becoming the Executive Governor and First Lady of Delta State. And they have remained committed and impactful members of the St. Philip's Church, Asaba. Their financial contribution to the Church both the ones done in secret and the ones done in the open, are hereby acknowledged to the glory of God. May the good Lord continue to shower His blessings upon him and his family.

Before Sen. Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa became the Governor of Delta State, he has been financially supporting the Church. One of such was sponsoring the tiling of the Church Altar walls with marble tiles. As a Governor, the Church received the donation of one hundred and fifty (150) KVA Mikano generator and a pipe organ in 2015 from him. He has also supported the Church in the equipping of Choir with musical instrument. The personal encouragement and financial contribution added a lot to the success of the hosting of 2018 Asaba Diocesan Synod which was adjudged the best so far. He sponsored the tiling of the multipurpose hall, the acquisition of land for St. Jude's Anglican Church, Ngegwu camp, a baby Church under St. Philip's Parish.

He installed a transformer for the Church to improve our light supply. Some of the youths of the Church have benefited from the S.M.A.R.T. agenda of the state under his leadership,

that they cannot forget his day as Governor of Delta State and a member of ST. Philip's Anglican Church, Asaba. On his thanksgiving for the second term in office St. Philip's Church received a Dail sixteen (16) seater fully air-conditioned bus.

We recognise and appreciate his humble disposition and participation as a loyal and communicating communicant member of St. Philip's Anglican Church, AGGS compound, Asaba.

Her Excellency, Dame Edith Okowa (aka Mama Delta) is presently the First Lady, and the Founder, of O5 Initiative. It is noteworthy to mention a few of her contributions. As a caring mother, she has singled out herself in the provision of food to the less privileged through the Store House Project (food bank). Many families have benefited from her programme (Couples Forum) especially couples from St. Philip's Anglican Church, Asaba.

Her commitment, down to earth nature and willingness to listen makes her accessible to members of the Church. She has paid hospital bills and school fees for some members. She has empowered widows in the Church. She also gives gifts to widows during festive seasons.

PCC MEMBERS FROM 1999 TO 2020

1999

1. Revd. Ogom Nsaka – now retired Venerable – Chairman/Vicar
2. Revd. Azukaego J Mordi – now Venerable & Vicar
3. Mrs Edna O. Ndili – now Dame
4. Mr Godwin Isitheri – (now Venerable)
5. Ordinard Palmer E.O. Melekwe now retired Venerable Ika Diocese
6. Mr Leslie Ogbewe-now Revd. Canon
7. Mr Maduka J. Onyiaodike – (now Sir)
8. Mr Chidi N Iweanyanwa
9. Mr Japhet C. Anosike – now Venerable
10. Barr. Andrew U. Elueche
11. Mrs Mercy Aniamaka
12. Mrs Eunice O. Ogbuji
13. Mr Geoffery I. Onyenachie
14. Mrs Bose N. Aguebor
15. Mr Bernard Okpu - now Sir – Treasurer
16. Mrs Anthonia Isikwe – Secretary

2000

1. Revd. Godson C. Hez Ebirim-now retired – Chairman/Vicar
2. Revd. Azukaego J. Mordi (now Venerable) – Assisting priest
3. Ordinand Palmer E.O. Melekwe (now retired Venerable Ika Diocese)
4. Mr Godwin Isitheri – Pastor's Warden

5. Mr Leslie Ogbewe – (now Revd. Canon) – People's Warden
6. Mr Japhet C. Anosike (now Venerable)
7. Mr Ubaka B.A. Okolotu (now Statutory Canon)
8. Mr Samuel C. Ushiadi
9. Mr Chidi N. Iwuanyanwu
10. Mr Patrick O. Chukwuma (now late)
11. Mr Azoro A. Omeire-(now sir)
12. Mrs Edna O Ndili- now Dame
13. Mrs Ngozi I. Obi-Obueze
14. Dr Mrs Dorothy Odiase
15. Barr Andrew U. Elueche
16. Mrs. Edith Okowa
17. Mr Maduka J. Onyaodike now sir-Treasurer
18. Mrs Eunice O. Ogbuji-Assistant Secretary
19. Miss Faith N. Obaroara- Secretary.

2001

- 1.Revd. Godson C. Hez-Ebirim - Vicar/Chairman
- 2.Revd. Joel Azukaego Mordi (Now Venerable) – Asst. Priest
- 3.Mr Festus Okwata
- 4.Mr Samuel C. Ushiade
- 5.Mr Patrick O Chukwuma
- 6.Mr Leslie S. Ogbewe - Now Revd. Canon
- 7.Mr Japhet C. Anosike (now Venerable)
- 8.Mr E. Mordi
- 9.Barr Andrew U. Elueche
- 10.Mr Maduka J. Onyiaodike
- 11.Mr Azoro A. Omerie (now Sir)
- 12.Mr Ubaka B. A. Okolotu – (Now Statutory Canon)
- 13.Mr Godwin Isitheri – (Now Venerable)
- 14.Dr (Mrs) Dorothy E Odiase
- 15.Mrs Edna Ndili - Now Dame
- 16.Mrs Evelyn Ovuworie
- 17.Mr Godwin C Obi-Obueze - Treasurer
- 18.Miss Faith Obaroara - Asst Secretary
- 19.Mrs Joy N Iwuanyanwa - Secretary

2002

- 1.Revd Canon David F. A. Obiosa - Now Bishop Ndokwa Diocese – Chairman/Vicar
- 2.Mr Godwin Isitheri – (Now Venerable) - Pastor's Warden

- 3.Mr Leslie S. Ogbewe - Now Revd Canon - People's warden
- 4.Mr Japhet C. Anosike - Now Venerable)
- 5.Mr G. C. Obi-Obueze
- 6.Mr Patrick O. Chukwuma (now late)
- 7.Mr Samuel C. Ushiadi
- 8.Mr Chidi N Iwuanyanwa
- 9.Mr Fidelis N Ogosi
- 10.Mr James Onanowe
- 11.Dr O. M. Agadas
- 12.Mrs Josephine I. Ofunne
- 13.Lady Onyekachukwu G. Elueche
- 14.Mrs Edna O Ndili - Now Dame
15. Dr (Mrs) Dorothy E Odiase
- 16.Mr Ubaka B. A. Okolotu – (Now Statutory Canon) - Treasurer
- 17.Miss Faith U. N. Obaroura - Asst Secretary
- 18.L/R Mercy U. Ureki – Secretary(now Diocesan Woman Worker)

2003

- 1.Revd Canon David A. Obiosa - Now Bishop of Ndowka Diocese – Chairman/Vicar
- 2.Mr Godwin Isitheri – (Now Venerable) - Pastor's Warden
- 3.Mr Leslie S. Ogbewe - Now Revd Canon
- 4.Mr Ubaka B. A. Okolotu – (Now Statutory Canon)
- 5.Mr Patrick O. Chukwuma
- 6.Mr Bernard Okpu
- 7.Mr Godwin C. Obio-bueze
- 8.Mr Chidi N. Iwuanyanwa
- 9.Mr Kenneth Anyira
- 10.Lady Onyekachukwu G. Elueche
- 11.Dr (Mrs) Dorothy E. Odiase
- 12.L/R Mercy U. Ureki
- 13.Mrs Edna O. Ndili
- 14.Mr Timothy Igbinosa - People's Warden/Treasurer
- 15.Mr Fidelis U. Ukadike - Asst Secretary
- 16.Miss Faith U. N. Obaroara - Secretary

2004

- 1.Revd Charles N. Osemenam – Chairman/Vicar
- 2.Mr Godwin Isitheri – (Now Venerable) - Pastor's Warden
- 3.Mr Leslie S. Ogbewe – (Now Revd Canon)

4. Engr Anthony Odiase
5. Mr Sylvester Edafienene (now Sir)
6. Mr Bernard Okpu (now Sir)
7. Mr Pius A. Isikwe
8. Mr Patrick O. Chukwuma (now late)
9. Mr Ubaka B. A. Okolotu (now Statutory Canon)
10. Lady Onyekachukwu G. Elueche
11. Dr (Mrs) Dorothy E. Odiase
12. Mrs Edna O. Ndili - Now Dame
13. Mrs Mildred Maduemezia - Now Dame
14. L/R Mercy U. Ureki
15. Mrs Lucy O. Nweke
16. Mr Victor Iweka - Treasurer
17. Mr Godwin Idama - Asst Secretary
18. Miss Faith U. N. Obaroara - Secrrtary

2006

1. Revd Canon Charles N. Osemenan - Now Venerable – Chairman/Vicar
2. Revd Patrick M. Amankwe - Now Revd Canon– Asst. Priest
3. Mr Bernard Okpu (now Sir)
4. Mr Sheddy Agbagbara
5. Sir Ubaka B. A. Okolotu – (Now Statutory Canon)
6. Sir Leslie S. Ogbewe – (Now Revd Canon)
7. Engr Sunday O. Okpako (now Sir)
8. Mr Patrick O. Chukwuma (now late)
9. Mrs Mildred U. Maduemezia - Now Dame
10. Dame Edna O. Ndili
11. Mrs Grace O. Umuze
12. Mrs Ndidi Akiti – (now Lady)
13. Dr (Mrs) Lilian O. Okpako – (now Dame)
14. Mr Victor O. Iweka - Treasurer
15. L/R Mercy U. Ureki - Asst Secretary
16. Mr Godwin O. Idama - Secretary

2007

1. Revd. Canon Charles Osemenam (now Venerable) – Chairman/Vicar
2. Revd Kingsley Dieli (now Statutory. Canon) – Asst. Priest
3. Sir Leslie S. Ogbewe –(Now Revd canon) - Pastor's warden
4. Mr Chekwube Onianwa - People's warden

- 5.Mr Sheddy Agbagara
- 6.Mrs. Grace O. Umuze
- 7.Mr Sylvester A. Edafienene (now Sir)
- 8.Mrs Mildred U. Maduemezia (now Ezinee)
- 9.Dr (Mrs) Dorothy E. Odiase
- 10.Dr (Mrs) Lilian Okpako (now Dame)
- 11.Sir (Engr.) Sunday O. Okpako
- 12.Mr. Jackson E. Oniobo
- 13.Sir Bernard O. Okpu
- 14.Dame Edna O. Ndili
- 15.Mrs. Ndidi Akiti (now lady)
- 16.Sir Ubaka B. A. Okolotu –(Now Statutory Canon) - Treasurer
- 17.Mr Patrick O. Chukwuma (now late)
- 18.Evang Uche Onyenachie - Mrs Uche Uti- Asst Secretary
- 19.Mr Victor O. Iweka - Secretary

2008

1. Revd Canon Felix C. Okonkwo (Made Venerable in May,2008) - Chairman/Vicar
2. Revd Leonard A. Dunkwu (Made Canon May, 2008, now Venerable) - Asst. Priest
3. Sir Leslie S. Ogbewe (now Revd canon) - Pastor's warden
4. Mr Chekwube Onianwa - People's warden
5. Mr Kaine C. Odiakosa
6. Mr Sheddy Agbagara
7. Mr Benjamin O. Umuze
8. Mr Monday Imarhiagbe
9. Mr Sylvester A. Edafienene (now Sir)
- 10.Mr C. Ojugbana
- 11.Mrs Janet Edafienene (now Lady)
- 12.L/r Mercy U. Ureki(now Diocesan Women Worker)
- 13.Mrs Mildred U. Maduemezia
- 14.Dr (Mrs) Dorothy E. Odiase
- 15.Dr (Mrs) Lilian Okpako (now Dame)
- 16.Evang Uche Onyenachie - Mrs Uche Uti
- 17.Mrs Ndidi Akiti (now Lady)
- 18.Sir Ubaka B. A. Okolotu –(Now Statutory Canon) - Treasurer
- 19.Mr Godwin O. Idama - Asst Secretary
- 20.Mr Victor O. Iweka - Secretary

2009

1. Ven. Felix C. Okonkwo – Chairman/ Vicar
2. Revd. Canon Leonard A. Dunkwu – Asst. Priest
3. Mr. Chekwube Onianwa – People's warden
4. Mr. Patrick O. Chukwuma (now late)
5. Mr. Monday Imarhiabge
6. Comr. Emmanuel O. Egonu
7. Mr. Alex Ovuworie
8. Mr. Sheddy Agbagbara
9. Sir. Leslie S. Ogbewe
10. Sir Ubaka B.A. Okolotu
11. Mr. Sylvester Edafienene (now Sir)
12. Dame (Dr.) Lilian O. Okpako
13. Dr. (Mrs.) Dorothy E. Odiase
14. Mrs. Mildred U. Maduemezia
15. Mrs. Mercy U. Ureki
16. Evang Uche Onyenachi – (Now Mrs. Uche Uti)
17. Mrs. Chika Nwabuwa (now Lady)
18. Mrs. Ndidi Akiti (now Lady)
19. Mrs. Janet O. Edafienene (now Lady)
20. Mr. Benjamin O. Umuze – Treasurer
21. Mr. Victor O. Iweka – Pastor's warden & Secretary

2010

1. Ven Felix C. Okonkwo – Chairman/Vicar
2. Revd Canon Henry N. Onianwa – Asst. Priest
3. Mr Chikwube Onianwa - People's Warden
4. Mr Victor O. Iweka - Pastor's warden & Secretary
5. Sir Sylvester A. Edafienene
6. Sir Leslie S. Ogbewe - Now Revd Canon
7. Sir Ubaka B. A. Okolotu – (Now Statutory Canon)
8. Sir Obioma Chikwe
9. Mr Patrick O. Chukwuma (now Late)
10. Mr Lucky Elili
11. Mr Obiora Obidiegwu
12. Mr Sheddy Agbagbara
13. Dr (Mrs) Dorothy E Odiase
14. Lady Janet O. Edafienene
15. Mrs Mercy U. Ureki
16. Lady Chika Nwabuwa

- 17.Lady Ndidi Akiti
- 18.Mr Benjamin O. Umuze - Treasurer
- 19.Evang Uche Onyenachi – (now Mrs Uche Uti) – Secretary.

2011

- 1.Ven. Felix c. Okonkwo – Chairman/Vicar
- 2.Revd. Canon Henry N. Onianwa– Asst. Priest
- 3.Rev Ubaka B.A. Okolotu – (Now Statutory Canon)– Asst. Priest
- 4.Revd. Wilfred N. Idegwu – Curate
- 5.Mr Victor O. Iweka - Pastor's warden
- 6.Mr. Chekwube Onianwa - People's warden
- 7.Mr. Felix A. Ovuworie
- 8.Mr. Patrick O. Chukwuma (now Late)
- 9.Sir Obioma Chikwe
- 10.Sir Leslie S. Ogbewe (now Rev. Canon)
- 11.Sir Sylvester A. Edafienene
- 12.Sir Frank O. Apokwu
- 13.Sir Obiora Obidiegwu
- 14.Mr Sheddy Agbagbara
- 15.Mr Jackson E. Oniobo
- 16.Evang Monday Imarhiagbe
- 17.Dr (Mrs) Dorothy E. Odiase
- 18.Lady Chika Nwabuwa
- 19.Lady Ndidi Akiti
- 20.Evang Uche Onyenachi – (Now Mrs Uche Uti)
- 21.Mr Benjamin O. Umuze - Treasurer
- 22.Mr Richard E. Ettih - Asst. Secretary
- 23.Mr Lucky Elili - Secretary

2012

- 1.Ven Felix C. Okonkwo – Chairman/Vicar
- 2.Revd. Canon Henry N. Onianwa (now Venerable) – Asst. Priest
- 3.Revd. Canon Sunday A. Mejulu (now Venerable) – Asst. Priest
- 4.Revd. Victor A. Ikedia - Now Revd. Canon– Asst. Priest
- 5.Revd. Ubaka B.A. Okolotu - Now Revd. Canon – Asst. Priest
- 6.Mr Chekwube Onianwa - Pastor's warden
- 7.Mr Victor O. Iweka - People warden
- 8.Sir Frank O. Akpokwu
- 9.Sir Obioma Chikwe

- 10.Sir Sylvester Edafienene
- 11.Sir Leslie S. Ogbewe
- 12.Sir Obiora Obidiegwu
- 13.Mr Jackson Oniobo
- 14.Mr Patrick O. Chukwuma
- 15.Mr Emeka Igbokwe
- 16.Mr Richard Etih
- 17.Dr. (Mrs) Dorothy E. Odiase
- 18.Dr. (Mrs) Joyce Odiini
- 19.Lady Janet Edafienene
- 20.Lady Chika Nwabuwa
- 21.Mrs Joy N. Iwuanyanwa
- 22.Lady Ndidi Akiti
- 23.Mrs Mercy U. Ureki
- 24.Evang. Uche Onyenachi - Now Mrs Uche Uti
- 25.Mr Benjamin O. Umuze - Treasurer
- 26.Mr Victor Okeofu Chukwunedum - Asst. Secretary
- 27.Mr Emmanuel Eboh - Secretary.

2013

- 1.Ven Felix C. Okonkwo – Chairman/Vicar
- 2.Revd. Canon Henry Onianwa (now Venerable)– Asst. Priest
- 3.Revd. canon Sunday A. Mejulu (now Venerable) – Asst. Priest
- 4.Revd. Victor A. Ikedia (now Rev Canon) – Asst. Priest
- 5.Revd. Ubuka B.A. Okolotu (now Statutory Canon) – Asst. Priest
- 6.Ordinand Leslie S. Ogbewe (now Rev Canon)
- 7.Ordinand Kenneth Anyira (now Reverend)
- 8.Mr Chekwube Onianwa - Pastor's warden
- 9.Mr Victor O. Iweka - People's warden
- 10.Mr Patrick O. Chukwuma (now late)
- 11.Mr Jackson E. Oniobo
- 12.Engr. Monday Imarhiagbe
- 13.Mr Emeke Igbokwe
- 14.Mr Felix A. Ovuworie
- 15.Mr Onoriode Omajajah
- 16.Sir Sylvester Edfienene
- 17.Sir Obioma Chikwe
- 18.Sir Obiora Obidiegwu
- 19.Lady Chika Nwabuwa

- 20.Lady Ndidi Akiti
- 21.Lady Patience Ogbewe
- 22.Lady Rose Emeotu
- 23.Dr.(Mrs) Dorothy E. Odiase
- 24.Mrs Joy N. Iwuanyanwa
- 25.Mr Benjamin O. Umuze - Treasurer
- 26.Evang Uche Onyenachi (Now Mrs Uche Uti) –Asst. Secretary
- 27.Dr. (Mrs) Joyce I. Odini - Secretary

2014

- 1.Ven. Felix C. Okonkwo – Chairman/Vicar
- 2.Revd. Canon Henry N. Onianwa (now Venerable)– Asst. Priest
- 3.Revd. Canon Sunday A. Mejulu (now Venerable) – Asst. Priest
- 4.Revd. Victor A. Ikedia - Now Revd. Canon – Asst. Priest
- 5.Mr Chinedu Amakeze – Pastor’s Warden
- 6.Mr Chekwube Onianwa –People’s Warden
- 7.Mr Richard Etih - Verger
- 8.Sir Sylvester A. Edafienene
- 9.Sir Obioma Chikwe
- 10.Sir Obiora Obidiegwu
- 11.Mr Jackson E. Oniobo
- 12.Mr Felix Ovuworie
- 13.Mr Onoriode Omajajah
- 14.Mr Patrick O. Chukwuma (now late)
- 15.Mr Charles Okpe
- 16.Engr Monday Imarhiagbe
- 17.Mr Emeka Igbokwe
- 18.Dr (Mrs) Dorothy E. Odiase
- 19.Miss Okemena Okore
- 20.Mrs Joy N. Iwuanyanwu
- 21.Mrs Mercy U. Ureki
- 22.Miss Patricia Onyemeziem
- 23.Lady Chika Nwabuwa
- 24.Lady Ndidi Akiti
- 25.Mr Benjamin O. Umuze - Treasurer
- 26.Evang Uche Onyenachi (Now Mrs Uche Uti)– Asst Secretary
- 27.Dr (Mrs) Joyce Odini - Secretary

2015

1. Ven. Felix C. Okonkwo – Chairman/Vicar
2. Revd. Canon Joachin C. Mordi – Asst. Priest
3. Revd. Canon Gospel O. Odibeli (now Supervisor)– Asst. Priest
4. Mr. Chinedu Amakeze - Pastor's warden
5. Mr. Chekwube Onianwa – People's warden
6. Mr. Richard Etih - Verger
7. Sir. Austin C. Nwokolo
8. Sir. Jonathan Monye
9. Sir. Obioma Chikwe
10. Sir. Sylvester Edafienene
11. Sir. Obiorah Obidiegwu
12. Sir Moses Agboro
13. Mr. Onoriode Omajajah
14. Mr. Idowu Efreakaya
15. Mr. Felix Ovuworie
16. Mr. Ifeakachukwu Alama
17. Mr. Patrick O. Chukwuma
18. Mr. Eric Anionicha
19. Mr. Sheddy Agbagbara
20. Dr. (Mrs.) Dorothy E. Odiase
21. Mrs. Helen Akumazi
22. Mrs. Eunice Ogbuji
23. Mrs. Joy Elemokwu
24. Lady Bridget Okpu
25. Lady Chika Nwabuwa
26. Lady Ndidi Akiti
27. Mrs Mercy U. Ureki
28. Mr. Benjamin O. Uumze - Treasurer
29. Miss Patricia Onyemeziem - Asst. Secretary
30. Dr.(Mrs.) Joyce Odini - Secretary

2016

1. Revd. Canon Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable) – Chairman/Vicar
2. Revd. Canon Gospel Odibeli (now Supervisor) - Assisting Priest
3. Revd. Prosper Okoh – Now Revd. Canon – “
4. Revd. Emmanuel Ossai - Assisting priest
5. Mr. Chinedu Amakaeze - Pastor's warden
6. Mr. Chekwube Onianwa – People's warden
7. Mr. Richard Etih - Verger
8. Mr. Jackson Oniobo

9. Mr Felix Ovuworie
10. Dr. Gilber O Adudu
11. Mr. Samuel S. Mordi
12. Mr. Onoriode Omajajah
13. Engr. Arinze Nnoruka
14. Mr. Sheddy Agbagbara
15. Sir. Austin C. Nwokolo
16. Sir. Obioma Chikwe
17. Sir Sylvester A. Edafienene
18. Sir Obiora Obidiegwu
19. Sir Moses Agboro
20. Lady Bridget Okpu
21. Lady Chika Nwabuwa
22. Lady Ndidia Akiti
23. Dr.(Mrs.) Dorothy E. Odiase
24. Mrs. Joy N. Iwuanyanwa
25. Mrs. Mercy U. Ureki
26. Mrs. Stella Chukwuma
27. Mr. Benjamin O. Umuze - Treasurer
28. Miss Roseline Obaraora – Asst. Secretary
29. Dr.(Mrs.) Joyce Odiase - Secretary

2017

1. Ven. Godwin Isitheri - Chairman/Vicar (till August, 2017)
2. Revd. Canon Gospel Odibeli (now Supervisor) - Assisting Priest (till August, 2017)
3. Revd. Emmanuel Ossai - Assisting priest (till August, 2017)
4. Ven. Azukaego Mordi – Chairman/Vicar (from September, 2017)
5. Revd. Canon Morgan Uzoma – Assisting priest (from September, 2017)
6. Revd. Canon Prosper Okoh - “
7. Revd. Emmanuel Ottah - “ (from September, 2017)
8. Mr. Chinedu Amakaeze - Pastor's warden
9. Mr. Chekwube Onianwa - People's warden
10. Mr. Richard Etih - Verger
11. Sir. Austin Nwokolo
12. Mr. Samuel S. Mordi
13. Engr. Monday Imarhiagbe
14. Comr. Emmanuel O. Egonu
15. Mr. Emeka Igbokwe
16. Lady Bridget Okpu
17. Dr.(Mrs) Dorothy Odiase

18. Mrs. Eunice O. Ogbuji
19. Mrs. Chukwumah Stella
20. Dr. O. Gilbert Adudu
21. Mr. Felix Ovuworie
22. L/r. Mercy U. Ureki
23. Lady Chika Nwabuwa
24. Sir Obiora Obidiegwu
25. Sir Sylvester A. Edafienene
26. Sir Moses Agboro
27. Lady Ndidi Akiti
28. Mr. Sheddy Agbagbara
29. Mr. Benjamin O. Umuze - Treasurer
30. Mr. Gospel Ejuvwevwo - Asst. Secretary
31. Dr.(Mrs) Joyce Odini - Secretary

2018

1. Ven. Azukaego Mordi - Chairman/Vicar
2. Revd. Canon Morgan Uzoma - Assisting Priest
3. Revd. Canon Prosper Okoh - “
4. Revd. Emmanuel Ottah - “
5. Mr. Chinedu Amakaeze - Pastor's warden
6. Mr. Chekwube Onianwa - People's warden
7. Mr. Richard Etih - Verger/Asst Secretary
8. Mr. Onoriode Omajajah
9. Engr. Monday Imarhiagbe
10. Mr. Emmanuel O. Egonu
11. Mr. Emeka Igbokwe
12. Lady Bridget Okpu
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15. Mrs. Joy N. Iwuanyanwu
16. Miss Rose Obaroara
17. Dr. Gilbert O. Adudu
18. Mr. Felix Ovuworie
19. Mrs. Mercy U. Ureki
20. Lady Chika Nwabuwa
21. Sir. Obiora Obidiegwu
22. Sir. Sylvester A. Edafienene
23. Sir. Moses Agboro
24. Lady. Ndidi Akiti

25. Mr. Seddy Agbagbara
26. Mr. Benjamin O. Umuze - Treasurer
27. Mr. Alex Ovuworie - Secretary

2019

1. Ven. Azukaego Mordi - Chairman/Vicar
2. Revd. Canon Morgan Uzoma - Assisting Priest
3. Revd. Canon Prosper Okoh - “
4. Revd. Emmanuel Ottah - “ (till August 2019)
5. Revd. Sampson I. Ajie - Asst. Priest (from September 2019)
6. Mr. Chinedu Amakaeze - Pastor's warden
7. Mr. Chekwube Onianwa - People's warden
8. Mr. Richard Etih - Verger/Asst Secretary)
9. Sir. Austin C. Nwokolo
10. Sir. Jonathan Monye
11. Mr. Emmanuel Egonu
12. Sir. Chinonso Okonkwo
13. Mrs. Joy N. Iwuanyanwu
14. Dr. (Mrs) Dorothy Odiase
15. Lady Rose Emeotu
16. Miss Rose Obaroara
17. Dr. (Mrs.) Joyce Odiini
18. Mr. Andrew Atobremu
19. Mr. Emmanuel Okwufuleze
20. Mrs. Mercy U. Ureki
21. Lady Chika Nwabuwa
22. Sir. Sylvester A. Edafienene
23. Sir. Moses Agboro
24. Lady. Ndidi Akiti
25. Mr. Sheddy Agbagbara
26. Sir. Obiorah Obidiegwu
27. Mr. B. O. Umuze - Treasurer
28. Mr. Alex Ovuworie - Secretary

2020

1. Ven. Azukaego J. Mordi - Chairman/Vicar
2. Revd. Canon Morgan T. Uzoma – Assisting Priest
3. Revd. Canon Prosper Okoh - “
4. Revd. Samson I. Ajie – Assisting Priest
5. Mr. Chekwube Onianwa - People's warden

6. Mr. Chinedu Amakeze - Pastor's warden
7. Mr. Richard Etih - Verger
8. Mr. Emmanuel Okwufuleze
9. Sir. Sylvester A. Edafienene
10. Sir. Chinonso Okonkwo
11. Sir. Jonathan Monye Esp.
12. Mr. Samuel S. Mordi
13. Sir. Obiora Obidiegwu
14. Sir. M.O. Agboro
15. Mr. Sheddy. Agbagbara
16. Mr. Andrew Atobremu
17. Dr.(Mrs.) Dorothy E. Odiase
18. Lady Ngozi Okeke
19. Dr.(Mrs.) Joyce Odini
20. Lady Rose Emeotu
21. Lady Chika Nwabuwa
22. Evang Roseline Obaroara
23. Lady(Dr.) Chinyere P. Obidiegwu
24. Lady Ndidi Akiti
25. L/R Mercy Ureki
26. Mr Benjamin Umuze - Treasurer
27. Engr. Ifeanyi E. Egonu - Asst. Secretary
28. Mr. Alex Ovuworie - Secretary

Past and Present Pastor's Wardens

S/N	NAME	YEAR
	Mr. Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable)	1992 – Feb. 2005
	Sir Leslie S. Ogbewe (now Revd. Canon)	Mar. 2005 – Mar. 2009
	Mr. Victor O. Iweka	Apr. 2009 – 2011
	Mr. Chekwube Onianwa	Apr. 2012 – Feb. 2014
	Mr. Chinedu S. Amakeze	Mar. 2014 till date

Past and Present People's Wardens

S/N	NAME	YEAR
	Mr. Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable)	1992 – 1999
	Sir Leslie E. Ogbewe (now Revd. Canon)	2000 – 2001
	Mr. Maduka J. Onyiaodike	2001 – 2002
	Sir Ubaka B. A. Okolotu (now Revd. Canon)	Mar. 2002 – Feb. 2003
	Mr. Timothy Igbinosa	Mar. 2003 – Mar 2004
	Sir Leslie E. Ogbewe (now Revd. Canon)	Apr. 2004 – Mar. 2005
	Sir Ubaka B. A. Okolotu (now Revd. Canon)	Apr. 2005 – Dec. 2006
	Mr. Chekwube Onianwa	Jan. 2007 – Mar. 2012
	Mr. Victor O. Iweka	Apr. 2012 – Feb. 2014
	Mr. Chekwube Onianwa	Mar. 2014 till date

Past and Present Church Treasurers

S/N	NAME	YEAR
	Mr. Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable)	1991 – 1993
	Mr. Kaine C. Odiakose	1993 – 1998
	Mr. Bernard Okpu	1999
	Mr. Jonathan Maduka Onyiaodike	2000
	Mr. Godwin C. Obi-Obueze	2001
	Mr. Ubaka B. A. Okolotu (now Rev. Canon)	2002
	Mr. Timothy Igbinosa	Mar. 2003 – Mar. 2004
	Mr. Victor Iweka	Apr. 2004 – Mar. 2006
	Sir. Ubaka B. A. Okolotu (now Rev. Canon)	Apr. 2006 – Feb. 2009
	Mr. Benjamin O. Umuze	March 2009 till date

Past and Present PCC Secretaries

S/N	NAME	ASSISTANT	YEAR
1.	-	-	
2.	-	-	
3.	Mrs. Anthonia Isikwe	-	1999
4.	Miss Faith Obaroara	Mrs. Eunice Ogbuji	2000
5.	Mrs. Joy Iwuanyanwu	Miss Faith Obaroara	2001
6.	Mrs. Mercy Ureki	Miss Faith Obaroara	2002
7.	Miss Faith Obaroara	Mr. Fidelis U. Ukadike	2003
8.	Miss Faith Obaroara	Mr. Godwin Idama	2004 – 2005
9.	Mr. G. O. Idama	Mrs. M. U. Ureki	2006
10.	Mr. Victor Iweka	Evang. Uche Onyenachie	2007
11.	Mr. Victor Iweka	Mr. Godwin Idama	2008
12.	Mr. Victor Iweka	Evang. Uche Onyenachie	2009
13.	Evang. Uche Onyenachie	-	2010
14.	Mr. Lucky Elili	Mr. Richard Etih	2011
15.	Mr. Emmanuel Eboh	Mr. Victor C. Okeofu	2012
16.	Dr. Mrs. Joyce Oдини	Evang. Uche Onyenachie	2013
17.	Dr. Mrs. Joyce Oдини	Evang. Uche Onyenachie	2014
18.	Dr. Mrs. Joyce Oдини	Miss Patricia Onyemeziem	2015
19.	Dr. Mrs. Joyce Oдини	Miss Roseline Obaroara	2016
20.	Dr. Mrs. Joyce Oдини	Mr. Gospel Ejuvwevwo	2017
21.	Mr. Alex Ovuworie	Mr. Richard Etih	2018
22.	Mr. Alex Ovuworie	Mr. Richard Etih	2019
23.	Mr. Alex Ovuworie	Engr. Ifeanyi Egonu	2020 till date

PAST AND PRESENT CHURCH WORKERS

SEXTONS		
S/N	NAME	DATE
1.	Mr. Hilary Ofunne	Mar. – Aug. 1998
2.	Mr. Benedict Oboroghare	Sept. 1998 – Dec. 2002
3.	Mr. Kenneth Edeh (now Catechist)	2000 – Dec. 2002
4.	Mr. Stanley Gozi Onyekaonwu	Jan. 2003 – July 2004
5.	Mr. Christian Ndubuike	Oct. 2004 – Dec. 2009
6.	Mr. Christian Anika (now Catechist)	Jan. 2010 – Jan. 2013
7.	Mr. Nicholas Ossai	Jan. 2010 – 2015
8.	Mr. Innocent Ejiofor (now Catechist)	Sept. 2014 – Aug. 2015
9.	Mr. Osita Ekwuribe (now Catechist)	Nov. 2015 – Jan. 2016
10.	Mr. Samuel Ifeanyi Ejiofor	Sept. 2015 till date

Secretaries		
1.	Mr. Chukwuka T. Uti	2001 till date
2.	Alumona Okwanuzor	Oct. 2011 – July 2019
Account Clerk		
1.	Mr. Samuel A. Anukwu	Sept. 2012 till date
Drivers		
1.	Mr. Monday I. Inneh	2009 – 2010, 2012– Apr. 2020
2.	Mr. Abraham Atanurno	2010
3.	Mr. Christopher Idio (Late)	2011 – June 2012
4.	Mr. Nnamdi H. Eziani	May 2020 till date
Organists		
1.	Mr. Christian O. Mordi (late)	1992 – 1999
2.	Mr. Maduka J. Oyiaodike (Now Sir Onyiaodike)	1999 – 2002
3.	Okwuenu Collins	2003 till date
4.	Adewale Akintayo (NYSC)	Oct. 2011 – Aug. 2012
5.	Oluwayomi Bosede Temidayo (NYSC)	Oct. 2012 – Aug. 2013
6.	Uchenna Ekeke (NYSC)	Oct. 2013 – 2014, 2014 – Dec. 2017
7.	Victor Osuka	Oct. 2018 till date
Security officers		
1.	Abraham Obah (Night)	2005 till date
2.	Mr. Christopher Idio (Night)	Aug. 2012 – Dec. 2013
3.	Mr. Philemon Joshua (day)	2011 – 2012
4.	Mr. Felix Ojieh (Night)	2014 – 2015
5.	Mr. Ogosi Christopher (day)	2015 till date
Cleaners		
1.	Mrs. Udeogu Kate	Sept. 2011 till date
2.	Mrs. Anthonia Edozue	Sept. 2011 till date
3.	Mrs. Martha Nwani	2014 till date
Gardeners		
1.	Mr. Gideon Uforoah	2004
2.	Mr. Nicholas Ossai	Jan. 2010 – 2015

PAST AND PRESENT GUILD OF STEWARDS (USHERS)

Past:

1. L/R Leslie Ogbewe (now Canon) - Verger (2012)
2. Mrs. Ngozi Obi-Obueze (late) - Asst. Leader
3. Lady Ndudi Okolotu
4. Mr. Fidelis Ogosi
5. Mrs. Hannah Nwose
6. Mrs. Esther Ishaka
7. Mrs. Joy N. Iwuanyanwu
8. Miss Thelma Iloba
9. Miss Ify Egonu (now Mrs. Ify Takim)
10. Mrs. Esther Ukpe (now Mrs. Esther Ojigbo)
11. Mrs. Evelyn Ovuworie
12. Mr. Samuel Ashiedu (now Okeofu)
13. Miss Joy Mordi
14. Miss Agatha Okoligwe (now Mrs. Agatha Otorumor)
15. Mrs. Obi Uyanne
16. Mr. Mike Molokwu
17. Sis. Bama Ogochukwu
18. Mr. Joseph Obi
19. Mr. Amos Omoghene
20. Mr. Ifeanyi Mbaegbu

Present:

1. Mr. Richard Etih - Verger
2. Lady Bridget Okpu - Asst. Leader
3. Sis Roseline Obaroara - Secretary
4. Mr. Emmanuel Okwufuleze - Organizing Secretary 1
5. Mrs. Ese Ovuworie - Organizing Secretary 2
6. Miss Faith Ubara (now Mrs. Aikhoje)
7. Mr. Michael Nna
8. Dr. David Essi
9. Mr. Alex Ovuworie
10. Mr. Chukwuemeke B. Onwochei
11. Mrs. Oghogho Egbewho (now Mrs. Onyekaonwu)
12. Miss Favour E. Ofili
13. Mr. Emmanuel Jibunor
14. Evang. Anthonia Onothoja
15. Mr. Joshua Obanya
16. Mr. Onoriode Franklin Igirigi

WELFARE SCHEME OF THE CHURCH

Welfare; according to Merriam Webster Dictionary, is the state of doing well especially in respect to good fortune, happiness, well-being or prosperity. The other definition of welfare is AID in the form of money or necessities for those in need. There could be an agency or program through which such aid is distributed.

The nature of the welfare operated in St. Philip's Church, (Centre for Joy) is based on the second definition of welfare which is given as aid in the form of money or necessities for those in need. In doing this, it is a show of love in obedience to the word of our Lord Jesus Christ; "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Again, "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself". As you help others in love, the Lord Almighty will not forget your show of love, He will surely reward you.

The welfare scheme of St. Philip's Church is as old as the Church right from the day of Revd. Ogom J. Nsaka (now retired Venerable) as the Vicar of the Church as far back as 1993. The welfare committee then was headed by Mr. Samuel C. Ushiadi until the establishment of Christ the King Anglican Church, DLA road, Asaba in 2002. Mr. Ushiadi left St. Philip's Anglican Church to the new Church and Mr. Obi-Obueze was appointed the Chairman of the welfare committee and he served from 2002 till 2003. In 2004 under then Revd. Canon Charles N. Osemenam the Parochial Church Committee appointed a committee to draft a law for the operation of the Church welfare scheme, including the scope and the composition of its membership. The following is a summary of what was proposed and approved to guide the Church welfare.

The Welfare shall attend to the needs of her members in the following areas:

1. Participate at the marriage ceremonies of members and their children
2. Participate at the burial of ceremonies of a member, a member's father, mother, husband or wife
3. Visit sick, bereaved and distressed members
4. Assistance to the widows
5. Assist in paying school fees of the indigent youths who are active members of the Church youth groups. This is done through the Education Support Committee and any other area as the Church shall deem fit.

The Composition of the Committee thus became three members, appointed by the Church Committee to function as: Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary, in addition to representatives from the various groups in the Church viz: Men, Women, Youth, EFAC, Choir, Boys Brigade and Girls' Brigade. The Chairman who took over from Mr. Obi-Obueze was Mr. Sylvester Edafienene now a Knight of St. Christopher. In 2009 under Ven. Felix C. Okonkwo, the bye-law was reviewed to meet up with the financial situation of the times. In 2010, under Ven. Felix C. Okonkwo – Mr. Felix Ovuworie became the Chairman.

The Church has been committed to improving the scheme from the tenure of one Vicar to another, as any Church that loses touch with Spiritual flavor of love to the need of her members cannot be seen as a Church. In the same vain any Church that loses touch with the welfare of her members may not be seen following the way of Jesus Christ who was able to feed five thousand (5,000) men when He saw that they were hungry.

The recent introduction of the Food Store House in Churches across the Diocese by his Lordship, the Rt. Revd. Justus N. Moge kwu has given a big encouragement to the St. Philip's Church Welfare Scheme.

Welfare Committee Members

1993 – 2002

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|---|---|----------|
| 1. Mr. Samuel C. Ushiadi | - | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable) | - | Member |
| 3. Mr. Leslie S. Ogbewe (now Revd. Canon) | - | Member |
| 4. Mr. Godwin. C. Obi-Obueze | - | Member |
| 5. Mr. Kaine C. Odiakosa | - | Member |

2002 – 2003

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|--|---|----------|
| 1. Mr. Godwin C. Obi-Obueze | - | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable) | | |
| 3. Mr. Leslie S. Ogbewe (now Revd. Canon) | | |
| 4. Mr. Ubaka B. A. Okolotu (now Revd. Canon) | | |

2003 – 2007

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|---|---|-----------|
| 1. Mr. Sylvester A. Edafienene | - | Chairman |
| 2. Comr. Emmanuel Egonu | | |
| 3. Sister Uche Onyenachie (now Mrs. Uche Uti) | | |
| 4. Sister Patricia Onyemeziem | | |
| 5. Mr. Fidelis Ogosi | - | Secretary |

2007 – 2009

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|---|---|-----------|
| 1. Sir Sylvester A Edafienene | - | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. Chekwube Onianwa | | |
| 3. Mrs. Florence Anekwe (now Mrs Anachukwu) | | |
| 4. Lady Janet Edafienene | | |
| 5. Mr. Alex Ovuworie | | |
| 6. Miss Uche Onyenachie (now Mrs. Uche Uti) | | |
| 7. Miss Patricia Onyemeziem | | |
| 8. Miss Vivian Uzowulu | | |
| 9. Comr. Emmanuel Egonu | - | Secretary |

2010 till date

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|-------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1. Mr Felix Ovuworie | - | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. Chekwube Onianwa | | |
| 3. Mrs. Gladys Egonu | | |
| 4. Mrs. Evelyn Basime | | |
| 5. Mrs. Isioma Ifeanyi | | |
| 6. Mr. Victor Iweka | - | Secretary |

ST. PHILIP'S NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL, ASABA

Private participation in Education implies the involvement of the provision of Education by individuals, communities, non-governmental organizations including religious bodies, corporate bodies such as companies and other organized private sector participators without government financial support. The realization that education is a social service that touches the lives of the citizens in one form or the other and that government cannot handle the provision of education alone makes private participation in education a vital and crucial factor in the country's development. In Nigeria, private participation in education started under Christian Missionary zeal with the establishment of the first Primary School in Badagry in 1842 by the Methodist Mission. The Methodist Mission was soon followed by other Christian missions notably the Church Missionary Society (CMS), the Roman Catholic Mission (RCM), the Baptist Mission, etc.

The idea for the Church to set up a school was first mooted in 2005 by the women of St. Philip's Church, Asaba. In a meeting held on the 22nd of August, 2005, specific roles were assigned to persons to facilitate the take-off. The Chairperson of the Education Committee was the then Vicar's wife, Mrs Ifeoma P. Osemenam (late), while the secretary and assistant were Mrs. P. O. Ogbewe and Mrs. M. U. Ureki respectively. Mrs. G. O. Umuze was to find out from the appropriate quarters, the details for establishing the school which was to take off with a Daycare Centre. The school was first named St. Philip's Daycare Centre with an initial intake of 20 babies, a Care giver with two assistants. The Daycare was put under the supervision of Mrs. N. I. Obi-Obueze (late) and Mrs. G. O. Umuze. The St. Philip's Nursery and Primary school was thus registered and actually took off as a daycare centre on the 3rd of January, 2008.

Following complaints made to the Vicar, Ven. F. C. Okonkwo by the women of St. Philip's Anglican Church, Asaba about their inability to continue to manage the Day care centre under their jurisdiction due to low patronage and inability to pay salaries of the staff, the Parochial Church Committee (PCC) decided to look into the matter. At its meeting on the 12th of April, 2010, the issue was discussed exhaustively and it was decided that the PCC should take over the assets and liabilities of the Centre. Accordingly, the Church started paying salaries of the staff with effect from April, 2010. The PCC also decided to upgrade the facilities of the centre to attract more patronage. In the light of the foregoing, a committee was set up to advise the PCC on steps to be taken to upgrade and improve the standard of the centre to a full-fledged school. The Committee on the establishment of the

Day care, Nursery and Primary school was therefore set up with its membership and terms of reference listed as follows:

Members:

1. Mr. Benjamin O. Umuze	-	Chairman
2. Mrs. Mildred U. Maduemezia	-	Vice Chairman
3. Sir (Arch.) Obioma Chikwe	-	Member
4. Engr. Solomon A. Aghagba	-	Member
5. Mr. I. Oscar Eborah	-	Member
6. L/R Patrick O. Chukwumah (late)	-	Member
7. Mrs. Joy N. Iwuanyanwu	-	Member
8. Mr. Victor O. Iweka	-	Member
9. Mr. Chekwube Onianwa	-	Member
10. Miss Patricia Onyemeziem	-	Secretary
11. Mrs. Joyce Oadini (now Dr. Oadini)	-	Member

Terms of reference:

1. Objective of setting up the school
2. Sources of fund to establish the school
3. Name of the school
4. Viability of the project
5. Location/Space for the school
6. Capacity of the school according to departments
7. Facilities to be provided for academics, sports etc
8. Staff, Head Teacher, Teaching and Non-Teaching
9. Management
10. Fees
11. Uniforms
12. Transport/mobility and other logistics
13. Any other suggestion that may guide the PCC in establishing a standard school.

The Committee was given 30 days to submit its report.

Amongst decisions taken by the PCC were:

- a. Location of the school
- b. Provision of the school building
- c. Setting up of a board to manage the school
- d. Name of the school
- e. Motto of the school, etc.

The school building was put up and completed under the leadership of Ven. F. C. Okonkwo. It was dedicated by the Bishop of Asaba Diocese (Anglican Communion), the Rt. Rev. Justus N. Mogekewu on the 14th of January, 2016. Soon after the dedication, Ven. Okonkwo was transferred and a new Vicar, Revd. Canon Godwin Isitheri took over. Enrollment of children into the school actually started, albeit with some teething problems, in September, 2017 under Revd. Canon Godwin Isitheri. But not too long after Canon

Isitheri who later became a Venerable was also transferred and replaced by a new Vicar, Ven. Joel A. Mordi. Since then, the school has witnessed tremendous growth both in student population and infrastructural development.

The school started its first academic session (2017/2018) on the 11th of September, 2017 with the following classes: crèche, play-class, pre-grades 1 – 3, and grades 1 – 2. It had a total enrollment of twenty six (26) pupils and thirteen (13) staff both teaching and non-teaching. In the 2019/2020 academic session, the school experienced an impressive growth in both number of pupils and teachers which now stands at 164 pupils and 23 staff members respectively.

The Pioneer management staffs are as follows:

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|------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| i. | Mr. Kenneth Uche Aghanenu | - | Head Teacher |
| ii. | Mr. Solomon Okonji | - | Asst. Head Teacher |
| iii. | Miss Okwanuzor Alumona | - | School Administrator/Secretary |
| iv. | Mrs. Kate Ovigweh Etih | - | Bursar |

School Board Members

The Proprietor of the St. Philip's Nursery and Primary School is the Rt. Rev. Justus Nnaemeka Mogekewu, the Anglican Bishop of Asaba Diocese but it is run by a Board which was set-up by the Parochial Church Committee (PCC) of St. Philip's Anglican Church, Asaba.

Membership of the Board is as follows:

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|-----|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1. | Mr. Benjamin O. Umuze | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Dr. (Mrs) Dorothy E. Odiase | - | Vice Chairman |
| 3. | Mrs. Helen Akumazi | - | Secretary |
| 4. | Ven. Godwin Isitheri | - | Vicar and PCC Chairman |
| 5. | Revd. Canon Gospel Odibeli | - | Assisting Priest |
| 6. | Revd. Canon Prosper Okoh | - | Assisting Priest |
| 7. | Rev. Emmanuel Ossai | - | Assisting Priest |
| 8. | Mr. Chekwube Onianwa | - | Member |
| 9. | Barr. Afor Irogbo | - | Member |
| 10. | Engr. Tony Unuafe | - | Member |
| 11. | Com. Emmanuel O. Egonu | - | Member |
| 12. | Sir Jonathan Udele | - | Member |
| 13. | Lady Bridget Okpu | - | Member |
| 14. | Mr. I. Oscar Eborah | - | Member |
| 15. | Sir I. John Maliki | - | Member |
| 16. | Mrs. Joy Iwuanyanwu | - | Member |

The school Board has been making efforts with the support of the PCC to meet the expectations of Government for every Private School both in terms of provision of material and human resources and in complying with government rules and regulations. All these and many more are what the St. Philip's Nursery and Primary School stand for.

IDENTITY OF THE SCHOOL:

- i. Name: St. Philip's Nursery and Primary School, Asaba
- ii. Motto: The motto of the school is ***Faith, Virtue and Knowledge*** taken from 2 Peter 1:5 – 7 (KJV)
- iii. Slogan: Citadel of Learning
- iv. School Uniform Colours: Blue, Sky-blue and White
- v. Mission Statement:
 - (a) To teach children the necessary skills for an ever changing world
 - (b) To provide exceptional and challenging educational experience through curriculum and extracurricular activities.
 - (c) To give qualitative personal attention to every child at every level.
 - (d) To help parents and the society at large to acknowledge that no child is born dull, so provision is made for every child to take part in all school curriculum and extracurricular activities.
 - (e) To ensure the proper spiritual and moral upbringing of the child in this present morally decadent world
- vi. School Facilities:
 - (i) Conducive classrooms
 - (ii) Staff room
 - (iii) Assembly hall
 - (iv) Sick bay
 - (v) Serene and secured well fenced environment
 - (vi) Extensive parking space for parents and visitors' cars
 - (vii) Standard field for all sport events and activities
 - (viii) Facilities for proper spiritual and moral upbringing
- vii. Staff: The school has experienced and trained teaching and non-teaching staff who are dedicated to their jobs and are result oriented.
- viii. Admission: Enrollment of pupils takes place at the beginning of each academic session into: Creche, Play-Class, Pre-grades 1 – 3, Grades 1 – 5. Applicants are to procure admission forms at the School Administrative office at a specified cost. All payments for forms, fees etc. are made payable to the school account: ECOBANK Account Name: St. Philip's Nur/Pry School, Asaba Account Number: 2153063740

CHAPTER FIVE

GROUPS IN THE CHURCH

CHRISTIAN MEN FELLOWSHIP

The ministry of the Christian Men Fellowship in St. Philip's Church started in 1991 with the pioneer Vicar, Revd. Ephraim I. Iwegbu as the leader. It was then a group known as Men's Fellowship prayer meeting and later under Revd. O. J. Nsaka now (Rtd. Venerable) they were divided into three groups known as zone 'A', 'B' and 'C' later named group one (1), two (2) and three (3). The members of the Men's Fellowship prayer meeting Group 'B', headed by Sir Maduka J. Onyia-Odike, was mandated to move to the newly planted Church at DLA, Christ the King Anglican Church, however some members of the group returned to St. Philip's Church.

In 2006 under the supervision of the erstwhile Bishop of the Diocese now the retired Primate of all Nigeria, His Grace, the Most Revd. N. D. Okoh, changed the system and named it the Christian Men Fellowship. He inaugurated the leadership, now out of the Priests to the men as the executives at the Diocesan level and runs down to the Archdeaconries, Parishes and Churches to ensure that men render their desired services in uplifting the ideals of Jesus Christ.

In 2007, the Church hosted the Diocesan Christian Men Fellowship Convention with the theme: "The Man God Uses" from Friday 28th September – Sunday, 30th September, 2007.

Fellowship days: The fellowship meets in a combined fellowship and in groups – combined fellowship: last Monday of the month and the group fellowship: every Monday of the month except the last Monday. The men organise Fathers' Day in the month of June every year. Join the other Churches in the Diocese to hold an Annual convention which brings all delegates together for a period of three (3) days in September of each year.

In 2018 the vision to expand the groups came, the Vicar, Ven. J. Azukaego Mordi discussed with the Chairman, Bro. Victor Iweka with the executives who bought the vision too. In 2019, the vision became a reality and that gave birth to six (6) groups known as Group one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), and six (6). To the glory of God, the expansion is working, men are becoming more committed to the fellowship and things of God.

Past Leaders – General Chairmen

1. Sir Andrew U. Elueche
2. Mr. Samuel S. Mordi 2003 – 2005
3. Mr. Sheddy Agbagbara 2005 – 2008
4. L/R Patrick Chukwumah (late) 2008 – 2012
5. Mr. Omajajah Onoriode 2012 – 2016
6. Mr. Victor O. Iweka 2016 till date

Past group leaders

1. Zone: Sir Maduka J. Onyiaodike
2. Group 1:
 - a. Mr. Fidelis Ogosi - 2004 – 2007
 - b. Mr. Eric Anionicha (Late) - 2007 – 2013
 - c. Mr. Chekwube Onianwa - 2013 – 2019
3. Group 2:
 - a. Arch. Chikwe Obioma - 2011
 - b. Mr. Walter Okafor - 2012 – 2016
 - c. Mr. Hope Benin-Unoho - 2016 – 2019
4. Group 3:
 - a. Engr. Solomon Aghagba - 2011
 - b. Mr. Godwin O. Idama - 2012
 - c. Mr. Victor Iweka - 2013 – 2016
 - d. Pa. Felix Ovuworie - 2016 – 2019

Present Group leaders (2019 till date)

Group 1: Mr. Raymond Idogun

Group 2: Engr. Hope Benin-Unoho

Group 3: Bro. Henry Agu

Group 4: Mr. Chekwube Onianwa

Group 5: Mr. Godwin Idama

Group 6: Mr. Samuel S. Mordi

THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN FELLOWSHIP

Women organization of St. Philip's Church Asaba is the umbrella body of all the women in the church and members are drawn from Mothers Union, Women's Guild and General Women Fellowship. It has the aim of bringing all the women in the church together for fellowship prayer and service that will help to promote unity, love and spiritual growth of one another. The vicar's wife is the leader of the women organization.

The women ministry in St. Philip's is as old as the Church. It all started with the Pioneer Vicar's wife in the person of Mrs Philomena Iwegbu. She led the women of St. Philip's Church in a single group. Under Mrs. E. E. Nsaka, they were divided into three groups known as Zone 'A', 'B', and 'C', later named Deborah, Esther and Ruth group. Mrs. Joy Obiosa within their short stay in St. Philip's was able to mobilize the women and they bought a Mitsubishi L300 10-Seater bus for the Church, thus St. Philip's became the first Church in the Diocese to own a bus between 2002 and 2003.

Mrs. Ifeoma Osemenam of blessed memory within the period of 2003 – 2007, built the women's kitchen and bought the first set of plates and kitchen utensils. In addition, the women under her leadership had a provision shop.

Mrs. Isioma R. Okonkwo in the period between 2012 and 2015 increased the number of groups from 3 to 5, known as Deborah, Dorcas, Esther, Lydia and Ruth. In 2009, she mobilized the women for a big bus and bought a Toyota Homer 14-seater fully air conditioned bus. The developmental zeal of the women of St. Philip's Church continued to grow between January 2016 to mid September 2017 under Mrs. Gloria Isitheri, the then Vicar's wife. She came with the vision of expansion thus the number of groups were further increased from five (5) to seven(7) known as Deborah, Dorcas, Esther, Joy, Love, Lydia and Ruth. Within her short stay, she mobilised the women to initiate an income generating project. They decided on a business of owning and hiring canopies, chairs, tables and a delivery truck. The women under her leadership succeeded in getting a truck, 250 chairs and twenty tables. She also initiated action on the building of a warehouse for the storage of the materials.

Mrs. Helen N. Azukaego-Mordi took over from Mrs. Gloria Isitheri and immediately continued with the work. So far, she has completed the building of the warehouse, increased the number of chairs and tables, to a total number of 400 chairs and 35 tables. Arrangements of getting for acquisition of canopies to further strengthen the project are on-going.

Past Leaders of the Women Groups:

1. Deborah group - Dame Edna Ndili: 2003, Dr. Lilian Okapko: 2003 - 2009, Mrs. Florence Anachukwu: 2009 and Mrs. Helen Akumazi: 2016
2. Esther group - Dr. (Mrs.) Dorothy E. Odiase: 1993–2009 and Lady Rose Emeotu: 2009 - 2016
3. Ruth group - Lady Mercy A. Aniamaka (of blessed memory): 2003, Ezinne Ihuoma Ogamba: 2003 - 2009 and Mrs. Grace Umuze: 2009 - 2016
4. Dorcas group - Mrs. Joy N. Iwuanyanwu: 2009 - 2016
5. Lydia group - Lady Janet Edafienene: 2009 - 2016

Present Leaders of the Women Groups (2016 till date):

1. Deborah group - Mrs. Pretty Igbi
2. Dorcas group - Mrs. Gbemisola Adeyemi
3. Esther group - Dr. Joyce Oadini
4. Joy group - Mrs. Dorah Okaro
5. Love group - Lady Chika Nwabuwa
6. Lydia group - Mrs. Gladys E. Egonu
7. Ruth group - Mrs. Stella Chukwumah

Women activities: (a) Fellowship and Prayers (b) Meetings (c) Visitation (d) Conferences (e) Cleaning the church for Sunday services (f) Decoration of the church (g) Mission & Evangelism (h) Care and Charity Ministry (i) Rental Services.

MUSIC – CHOIR

In the area of music in the Church Choir, the following persons served and led the Choir in St. Philip's Church at various times from the time of its inception in 1991.

- i. Mr. Christian O. Mordi – Organist/Choirmaster
- ii. Mr. Maduka Jonathan Onyiaodike (now a Knight) – Organist/Choirmaster (now with Christ the King Church, Asaba)
- iii. Mr. Kenneth Anyira – Choirmaster (now Reverend)
- iv. Mrs. Eunice O. Ogbuji – Choirmistress for many years and still a member of the Choir.
- v. Mr. Raymond Idogun – Choir Master for years and still a member of the choir.
- vi. Mr. Paul Akpesiri – The present Choir Master and has been a member of the choir.

Eight (8) members originally started the choir with Mr. Anyira Kenneth being the Choir Master while Onyenachie Uche was the Secretary, Mr. Christian O. Mordi (of blessed memory) the pioneer Organist.

Name of pioneer members:

1. Mr. Anyira Kenneth (Revd.)
2. Mr. Kaine C. Odiakosa
3. Mr. Onyenachie Geoffery
4. Mr. Chukwumah Patrick (late)
5. Mr. Ofili Matthew
6. Mrs. Aguebor Bose N.
7. Mrs. Onyenachie Uche (now Mrs. Uti)
8. Mrs. Gloria Isitheri

In 1993, still under the leadership of Mr. Anyira Kenneth (now Reverend), the choir participated in the first ever music competition organised by the Diocese of Asaba, where they came first overall in the competition which led to the double promotion of the choir by the Diocesan music community from group C to group A.

There was an election in 1995 that brought in Sir Jonathan Onyiaodike as choir master, and Mrs. Aguebor N. Bose as his assistant. This administration ran the affairs of the choir successfully till 2002 with the choir participating in different church programmes.

In 2002, Mrs. Ogbuji Eunice became the choir mistress assisted by Miss Onyenachie Uche (now Mrs. Uche Uti) while Mrs. Omosivie (Nee Okoro) was the secretary. As at this time, late Pa Christian O. Mordi was the Chief Organist. Sir (Dr.) Nwafor was appointed as the first music director and trained the choir for the second Diocesan music competition. He later brought in Dr. Alvan Ikoku Nwamara who took over as the Music Director and groomed the choir for the competition in 2004. The choir came first position in the competition in English anthem in group A. Mr. Emmanuel Adefila (now Reverend, served as a Youth Corper in the Choir in 2004 & later band leader).

This group excelled in singing performances to the glory of God in the year 2007 when another election took place Dr, Alvan remained the Music Director, Mrs. E. Ogbuji was the Choir Mistress and was assisted by Miss Onyenachie Uche (now Mrs. Uche Uti) and Mr. Raymond Idogun. That same year, the choir attended another Diocesan music competition. at the end, the choir won 6 out 7 trophies in the competition, clearly distinguishing themselves in group A.

The Chief Organist as at this time was Mr. Okwuenu Collins who was assisted by a number of corpors, who served in the Church and left after their respective service years. In 2009, Mrs. Ogbuji E. Became Choir Coordinator, Mr. Jackson E. Oniobo Choir master while Mr. Charles Offou was the secretary. The choir over the years have organised programmes like Easter cantata being the first in the Dioceses, Christmas carols, choir week celebration, community hymn singing and Sunday anthem renditions among others.

In 2013 through another election, Mr. Onyedika Orjiekwe became the choir Chairman, Mr. Raymond Idogun the Choirmaster, Mr. Nonso Uzowulu and Paul Akpesiri became Assistant Choirmaster while Mrs. Vivian Monye was elected secretary.

In 2016, Mr. Raymond Idogun became Choir Master, Mrs. E. Ogbuji and Mr. Paul Akpesiri were assistant while Mr. Charles Offou was the secretary. The various choir programmes continued to be observed and improved upon.

Mr. Paul Akpesiri became the Choirmaster and Mr. Raymond Idogun his assistant while Mr. Charles Offou emerged as the Secretary of the Choir, in an election that came up in 2019.

The present choir is open for eligible singers on the condition that they pass through an initial voice test period of one month. Training and retraining of voices is given at intervals to accommodate all who are interested in singing.

Supervisors:

Rev. Emmanuel Ottah – 2018

Rev. Sampson Ajie – 2019 till date

THE ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Anglican Youth Fellowship is a fellowship for the Christian Youths in the Anglican Communion. The fellowship trains young persons to offer themselves to rendering services to God and humanity through the Church. In doing so, they should abide by the principles of life which is sacrifice, which the youths of this Church have been rendering significantly.

In St. Philip's Anglican Church, it started like a mustard seed planted in the month of November 1991 with only few persons namely: Bro. Kenneth Anyira now Reverend, Bro. Patrick Chukwumah of blessed memory, Bro. Matthew Ofili of blessed memory, Sister Uche Onyenachi now Mrs. Uche Uti, Bro. Azoro A. Omeire now Knight and Bro. Peter Okolie, Mrs. Aguebor, Miss Stella Obaroara(now Mrs. Chukwumah), Bro. Charles Okpe.

These persons were already aware of the organizational structure of the fellowship hence it was easy to come together within few months of the birth of the Church.

In February 1992, the first election was conducted and the following persons have served and led the fellowship:

February 1992 – February 1994

1. Bro. Azoro A. Omeire – Leader
2. Bro. Patrick Chukwunah – Asst. Leader
3. Sister Uche Onyenachie – Secretary

March 1994 – February 2000 (two tenures)

1. Bro. Patrick Chukwumah – Leader
2. Bro. Jeremiah Ikama – Asst. Leader
3. Sister Uche Onyenachie – Secretary

March 2000 – March 2003

1. Bro. Timothy Igbinosa – Leader
2. Bro. Godwin Osage – Asst. Leader
3. Sister Uche Onyenachi – Secretary

They led the fellowship for only one (1) year that is the year 2000. In 2001, another election was conducted to replace and complete the tenure

1. Bro. Apuchi V. U. – Leader
2. Bro. Peter I. Okolie – Asst. Leader
3. Sister Faith Obaroara – Secretary

March 2003 – March 2006

1. Bro. Peter I. Okolie – Leader
2. Bro. Charles Okpe – Asst. Leader
3. Sister Faith Obaroara – Secretary

March 2006 – March 2009

1. Bro. Lucky Elili – Leader
2. Bro. Samuel Anukwu – Asst. Leader
3. Sister Roseline Obaroara – Secretary

March 2009 – March 2012

1. Bro. Alex Ovuworie – Leader
2. Bro. Samuel Ashiedu (now Okeofu) – Asst. Leader
3. Sis. Evelyn Ugolo – Secretary
4. Sis Roseline Obaroara – Asst. Secretary
5. Bro. Mudiaga Aghwadoma – Treasurer
6. Sis Ify Egonu (now Mrs. Takim) – Financial Secretary
7. Sis Peace Obums (Now Mrs. Ukpuru) – Sister's coordinator
8. Sis Alice Obums (now Mrs. Ejiliwe) – Asst. Sister's Coordinator
9. Sis Gift Onyebuoke (now Mrs. Okafor) – Prayer Secretary
10. Bro. Peter Okolie – Asst Prayer secretary
11. Bro. Benedict Oboroghare – Welfare officer
12. Bro. Daniel Odenu – Labour coordinator

Note: Sis Ify Egonu's tenure was later completed by Sis Faith Ubara (now Mrs. Aikhoje)

March 2012 – March 2016

1. Bro. Alex Ovuworie – Leader

2. Bro. O. Benedict – Asst. Leader
3. Bro. Chude Onochie – Secretary
4. Sis Roseline Obaroara – Asst. Secretary
5. Bro. Ifeaka Alama – Prayer Secretary
6. Sis Charity Oboroghare – Asst. Prayer Secretary
7. Sis Igho Akpos – Treasurer
8. Sis Oghogho Egbewho (now Mrs. Onyekaonwu) – Financial Secretary
9. Sis Patricia Onyemeziem – Sister's coordinator
10. Sis Blessing Edeha – Asst Sister's Coordinator
11. Bro. Mudiaga Aghwadoma – Welfare officer 1
12. Sis Joy Okpe – Welfare officer 2
13. Bro. Damala Destiny – Labour coordinator
14. Bro. Macaulay Akumazi – Asst. labour coordinator
15. Bro. Ifeanyi Ejiofor – Provost

Note:

*Sis Mary Akporobaro (now Mrs Akinboyo) became the Deputy leader in 2013 and completed the tenure of Bro. Benedict Oboroghare.

*The tenure of Sis Charity Oboroghare was completed by Sis Jennifer Uzowulu (now Mrs. Osubor) via appointment

*Sis Blessing Edeha (now Mrs. Okowa) later became the Assistant Secretary in 2013 and secretary in 2014 and combined the positions to complete the tenure of Sis Roseline Obaroara and Bro. Chude Onochie respectively.

*Sis Favour Ofili became the Assistant Sister's coordinator in 2013

*Sis Mena Oniobo took over the position of Welfare 2 in 2013 to complete the tenure of Sis Joy Okpe

*The positions of Labour coordinator and the Assistant were taken over in 2013 by Bro. Ebube Eborah and Bro. Oscar Chinaecherem respectively.

March 2016 – March 2019

1. Bro. Ejuvwevwo Gospel - President
2. Sis. Uzowulu Jennifer - Vice President
3. Sis. Anonyua Chiamaka - Secretary
4. Sis. Onyemariheome Cordelia - Assistant Secretary
5. Bro. Edegware Promise - Treasurer
6. Sis. Okondu Chukwufumnanya - Financial Secretary
7. Bro. Efenudu Ejiro - Prayer Coordinator
8. Bro. Ojji Ifeanyi - Assistant Prayer Coordinator
9. Sis. Uzowulu Vivian - Sister's Coordinator
10. Sis. Obaroara Abigail - Assistant Sister's Coordinator
11. Bro. Ejiofor Samuel - Welfare Male
12. Sis. Akwuobi Uju - Welfare Female
13. Bro. Ovuworie Alex - Music / Drama Coordinator
14. Sis. Egonu Martha - Assistant Music / Drama Coordinator
15. Bro. Oba Abraham - Labour Coordinator
16. Bro. Ekaeze Joseph - Assistant Labour Coordinator
17. Bro. Oburo Paul - Public Relations Officer

The year 2019 was another election year. The newly elected executives are:

1. Bro. Emmanuel Egonu - President
2. Sis. Uzowulu Jennifer (Now Mrs Osubor) - Vice President
3. Sis. Excel Agboro - Secretary General
4. Sis. Martha Egonu - Assistant Secretary General
5. Sis. Cordelia Onyemariheome - Treasurer
6. Sis. Esther Odor(now Mrs. Esther Uforoah) - Financial Secretary
7. Bro. Efenudu Ejiro - Prayer coordinator
8. Sis. Abigail Obaroara - Sister's Coordinator
9. Sis. Deborah Ezeanochie - Assistant Sister's Coordinator
10. Sis. Martha Egonu - Music / Drama Coordinator
11. Sis. Okoro Glory - Assistant Music / Drama Coordinator 1
12. Sis. Omekeh Gladys - Assistant Music / Drama Coordinator 2
13. Sis. Mobuogwu Happiness - Welfare Female
14. Bro. Ovuworie Oghenetega - Welfare Male
15. Bro. Efenudu Moses - PRO
16. Bro. Precious Biose - Labour Coordinator.

These set of new executives are still in service.

EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION (EFAC)

The EFAC in the Church started with the Church in 1991 when it was founded, but bore the name 'Evangelical Team', which was a catalyst in the growth of the Church. She later adopted the name EFAC in order to flow with the other churches in the Dioceses. In January, 1999, the first election was conducted and the following persons were elected as officials:

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| 1. Brother Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable) | - | Leader |
| 2. Sister Anthonia Isikwe | - | Asst. Leader |
| 3. Sister Evelyn N. Bardi (now Mrs. Evelyn Basime) | - | General Secretary |
| 4. Sister Bose N. Aguebor | - | Asst. General Secretary |
| 5. Sister P. Osaji | - | Financial Secretary |
| 6. Brother Goddy Efeunu | - | Treasurer |
| 7. Brother James Onanowe | - | Prayer Secretary |
| 8. Brother Endurance Emefiele | - | Evangelism Secretary |
| 9. Brother P. Idhove | - | Usher |
| 10. Sister C. Nwalupuo | - | Usher |
| 11. Brother Palmer E, Melekwe (now Rtd. Venerable) | - | Ex-Officio |
| 12. Brother Japhet C. Anosike (now Rev. Canon) | - | Ex-Officio |
| 13. Brother Leslie S. Ogbewe (now Rev. Canon) | - | Ex- Officio |

Mr Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable) remained the leader till 2005 with G. Oghige as the Vice, before he left to St. John's Anglican Church, Anwai road which was founded in 2004. Mrs. Anthonia Isikwe was the General Secretary and later handed over to Mrs. Evelyn Basime in 2006 who held the post till March, 2017.

Victor Ashiedu was the President from 2006 to 2010 and Mrs. Peace Morka was the Prayer Coordinator. They worked with other ExcOs.

The election of 2010 brought Mr. Christian Morka as the Unit Leader, assisted by Sister Alice Obums (now Mrs. Alice Ejiliwe), Bro. Onyebuchi Egbomuche – Treasurer, Sis. Charity Ekwuribe – Financial Secretary, Bro. Samuel Ugwu – Prayer Secretary, Late Emmanuel Iwekuba – Evangelism Secretary, Bro. Christian Anika – Publicity Secretary.

In 2012, the Leader, Bro. Christian Morka, became the Diocesan President and the Vice, Bro. Victor Ashiedu, was no longer functioning due to some reasons, Bro. Samuel Ugwu was appointed the Unit Leader until he left for school. Some of the existing EXCOs like Onyebuchi, Emefiele Jonathan, left to join Christ Anglican Church, Okpanam, Anika Christian left to become a Cathechist at Ejeme-Aniogor. Bro. Ejiro Efenudu was then asked to man the unit.

EFAC started dwindling until March 2017, when Bro. Friday Esanjumi became the Leader and an interim EXCO's Assistant – Bro. Sam Ugwu, Treasurer – Sis, Eunice Obums.

In 2019. The main election was held. The following emerged as the present ExcOs:

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| 1. Bro. Friday Esanjumi | - | Leader |
| 2. Sis Amaka Osakwe | - | Asst. Unit leader |
| 3. Peace Mordi | - | General Secretary |
| 4. Bro. Chukwunedum Emekekwe | - | Financial Secretary |
| 5. Sis Evelyn Basime | - | Treasurer |
| 6. Bro. Sam Ugwu | - | P.R.O |
| 7. Mrs. Charity Ekwuribe | - | Evangelism Coordinator |
| 8. Mrs. Ogo Anozie | - | Asst. Evangelism Coordinator |
| 9. Mrs. Chinyelu Emekekwe | - | Welfare |
| 10. Mrs. Chikaodili Obi | - | Asst. Welfare |
| 11. Sis. Esther Odor | - | Prayer Secretary |
| 12. Bro. Christian Morka | - | Ex-Officer |

ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH BOYS' BRIGADE

The St. Philip's Anglican Church Boys' Brigade was founded by Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Asaba in the year 2004 with a total number of fifteen (15) boys and 10 officers.

BOYS AND OFFICERS: Peter Okolie, Oboroghene Benedict, Kenneth Eden, Ejiofor Samuel, Ngozi Nwose

PATRONS AND PATRONESSES: Sen. Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa (now the Executive Governor of Delta State), Mr. Patrick O. Chukwuma (late), Sir and Dame (Dr.) Sunday Okpako, Lady Patience Ogbewe, Dr. (Mrs.) Dorothy E. Odiase, Mr. Godwin Isitheri (now Venerable), Lady Opule, Engr. Prosper Odhomo.

The First Enrolment Service took place in the year 2004 with 55boys, 10 officers and one captain.

Captain: Onyekaonwu Gozi,

Senior Lieutenant: Kingsley Okpako, Uzowulu Nonso, Christian Ndubuiife,

Officers: Ifeanyi Ezeokonkwo, Macaulay Akumazi, Abraham Obah, Matt Ejiofor, Precious Biose.

NOTE: Mr. Ngozi Nwose was Captain in 2003.

Activities: Physical, Educational and spiritual activities are carried out in the Boys Brigade

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH GIRLS BRIGADE

The first enrolment for the Girls Brigade took place in 1997 with Ashiedu Isioma Precious (now Mrs. Isioma Precious Ifeanyi) as the first captain. 40 girls were enrolled, 2 officers were commissioned, the 2nd officer is Miss Nkem Nwosa (now Mrs Ugwunja). The Girls' Brigade of St. Philip's Church now has a total number of 20 girls & 3 officers, they are: Mrs Isioma Ifeanyi (Captain), Mrs Gbemi Adeyemi & Fumnanya Uchudunor (Lieutenant). The Patrons /Patronesses are: Ezinne V. O. Chukwuedu, Barr. Ufuoma Irogbo, Mrs Eloho Odhomo, Engr. Prosper Odhomo, Engr. Anthony Odiase while the district patrons for our Church are Dr. Dame Igbrude & Mrs. Uche Owabor-Uwuigbe. The Girls' brigade of St. Philip's Church used to be 9th in Oshimili company but, now they are 6th in Oshimili company

ST. PHILIP'S YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council of St. Philip's Church began on the 19th of August, 2012 by the then Vicar of the Church, Ven. Felix C. Okonkwo after a meeting with all the youths in the Church after Church service. At the meeting, the Venerable sensitized the youths on the need for the formation of the council. He said that the formation of the council will help for effective reach out to all the youths especially those that did not belong to any of the existing youth organisation (AYF, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade and Girls' Guild) and also help the church harness the full potentials of the youths. He encouraged the youths to embrace the new body which was formed on that day stating that The Youth Council already existed in the Diocese and many churches in the Diocese had active youth councils, so St. Philip's should not be left out.

Election: After the formation of the council by the Vicar, Ven. F. C. Okonwko, he conducted an election which brought about the following persons as the executives of the council:

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| 1. Mr. David Monye | - | Chairman |
| 2. Arc. Joy Elemokwu | - | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Barr. Jane Umuze | - | Secretary |
| 4. Sis. Patricia Onyemeziem- | | Treasurer |
| 5. Sis. Jennifer Uwhule | - | Member |
| 6. Mr. Chidi Obasi | - | “ |
| 7. Mr. Efe Ureki | - | “ |

Mandate: After the election, the Vicar gave the Council, particularly the EXCO the following mandate to execute.

1. To ensure the collection of the Youth Harvest levies from all the youths in the Church
2. To constantly partner with the Harvest Committee to plan and ensure the success of the annual Youth Harvest of the Church
3. To collect and collate the Bio Data of all the youths in the Church and submit same to the Church office
4. To plan and execute programmes that will unify all the youth bodies and also bring about the numerical and spiritual growth of the youths

Activities: The activities of the Youth Council include:

1. Yearly Valentine Dinner
2. Planning the Youth harvest with the Youth Harvest Committee set up by the Church
3. Quarterly Youth programmes for the council
4. Monthly breakfast meeting for singles with the Priests
5. Actively participating in the monthly 3rd Sunday Youth Praise service
6. Monthly meetings on second Sundays

Newly elected Council Executives: The Youth Council held another election on the 15th of April, 2018 and the following persons were elected as the EXCOs:

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| 1. Mr. Godwin Aikhoje | - | President |
| 2. Miss Patricia Onyemeziem | - | Vice President |
| 3. Mr. Emmanuel Egonu | - | Secretary |
| 4. Miss Roseline Obaroara | - | Asst. Secretary |
| 5. Mrs. Monye Vivian | - | Treasurer |
| 6. Miss Nancy Ubogu | - | Financial Secretary |

Other persons that formed part of the EXCO are the leaders of every youth organisation in the Church. They include:

1. Mr. Gozi Onyekaonwu (Boys Brigade)
2. Mr. Gospel Ejuvwevwo (AYF)
3. Mrs. Isioma Ifeanyi (Girls' Brigade)
4. Sis. Gladys Egonu (Girls'/Ladies' Guild)

ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHILDREN MINISTRY

The Anglican Children Ministry (ACM) which is also regarded as the children's Church, is an arm of the main Church, St. Philip's Church. The ACM is directly under the leadership of the main Church.

This arm of the Church started in the year 1991 with about 15 children and one teacher, Aunty Augustina Onianwa (now Mrs. Owhebele). Later, she was joined by Aunty Stella Obaroara, Aunty Faith Obaroara (now Mrs. Stella Chukwumah and Mrs. Faith Oghighe) respectively and Uncle Paulinus Medeh (now late Rev. Canon P. Medeh). Thereafter, the number of children and teachers increased tremendously.

Teachers on roll before the year 2000:

1. Mrs. Stella Chukwumah
2. Mrs. Basime Evelyn N.
3. Uncle Chukwudi Eboka
4. Uncle Meshach Owheruo
5. Mrs. C. Melekwe
6. Dr. Peace Ofekeze (now Dr. Mrs. Afamefuna)
7. Aunty Faith Oghighe
8. Uncle Charles Okpe
9. Uncle Sunday Daniel
10. Aunty Grace Areh

During this time, the ACM had no recognised leader or coordinator.

In 2001, on the recommendation of the teachers, the Church gave the ACM a supervisor in the person of Mrs. O. G. Eluechie. She was to coordinate and supervise the activities of the ACM and serve as a link between the ACM and the main Church. When she left St. Philip's Church to St. John's Church, Anwai road, Asaba, Mrs. Stella Chukwumah was elected the ACM coordinator in 2003. She served from 2003 to 2011.

In 2011 she handed over to Uncle Charles Okpe after an election conducted by the Church through a PCC representative. Presently, the ACM has over 400 children and about 26 teachers/helpers. Membership is free.

Qualification for membership: Born again, passion for children.

Formal ACM teachers' training (being organised by the Diocese)

ACM Coordinators:

Lady Onyekachukwu G. Elueche	-	2001 – 2003
Mrs. Stella Chukwumah	-	2003 – 2011
Uncle Charles Okpe	-	2011 – till date

Secretaries:

Uncle Jonathan Emefiele	-	2012 – 2014
Uncle Gospel Ejuvwervwo	-	2016 – till date

Treasurer:

Mrs. C. Imarhiagbe	-	2012 – till date
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Motto: Catch them young for Christ!!!

Activities:

1. Sunday services and worship
2. Fasting and prayers every second Saturdays of the Month for teachers and second Saturdays of every three months for children
3. Conferences: Zonal, Diocesan, Provincial and National

Teachers presently on roll:

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| 1. Uncle Okpe Charles | - | Coordinator |
| 2. Uncle Gospel Ejuvwevwo | - | Secretary |
| 3. Aunty Celestina Imarhiagbe | - | Treasurer |
| 4. Aunty Stella Chukwumah | | |
| 5. Aunty Rosemary Opharuene | | |
| 6. Uncle Samuel Ugwu | | |
| 7. Aunty Rachel Ugbechie | | |
| 8. Aunty Precious Benin-Unoho | | |
| 9. Aunty Philomena Isika | | |
| 10. Uncle Ejiro Efenudu | | |
| 11. Aunty Isioma Eboh | | |
| 12. Uncle Moses Efenudu | | |
| 13. Uncle Daniel Destiny | | |
| 14. Uncle Chuks Okafor | | |
| 15. Aunty Martha Egonu | | |
| 16. Aunty Glory Okoro | | |
| 17. Aunty Blessing Chukwumah | | |
| 18. Aunty Eucharika Okonkwo | | |
| 19. Aunty Nkechi Amakeze | | |
| 20. Aunty Ogochukwu Anozie | | |
| 21. Aunty Chidinma Okwuchukwu | | |
| 22. Aunty Lilian Abor | | |

ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH GIRLS' GUILD

The St. Philip's Anglican Church Girls' Guild was started by Mrs. Ifeoma Osemenam of blessed memory in the year 2003 as a Diocesan co-ordinator.

The unit started with 25 girls. Mrs. Mercy Ureki was the first co-ordinator from 2003 – 2015, and Mrs. Gbemi Adeyemi took over from 2015 till date.

Past and Present Presidents of the unit:

1. Miss Maureen Uzowulu (now Mrs. Maureen Odara) - 2003
2. Miss Joy Ehiwogwu (now Mrs. Joy Ojeme) - 2010 – 2016
3. Miss Purity Obonodo (now Mrs. Purity Okonkwo) - 2012 – 2016
4. Miss Gladys Egonu – Present President - 2016 till date

Secretaries:

1. Miss Blessing Chukwuma
2. Miss Blessing Isitheri
3. Miss Favour Chukwuma
4. Miss Jennifer Uzowulu - 2012
5. Miss Onyinye Igwe – Present Secretary

Activities of the Girls Guild:

The girls have seminars every year where they learn how to become future Christian mother e.g. taking care of themselves in every stage of their lives, also learn little skills to be independent in the future. The girls are in charge of cleaning the kitchen for the women in the Church.

Awards:

St. Philip's Girls Guild has been producing 'Miss Guild' from 2011 till date. Purity Obonodo (now Mrs. Okonkwo) won the first award in 2011. Other winners include:

1. Jennifer Odini – 2013
2. Eloho Ureki – 2015
3. Ogechukwu Bekwe – 2017
4. Iruo Atobremu – 2019

The supervisor of the group is Lady Chika Nwabuwa (2018 till date).

SUPERVISORS OF THE YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Ven. Joel Azukaego Mordi, with his able assisting Priests in the persons of Revd. Canon Morgan T. Uzoma, Revd. Canon Prosper U. Okoh and Revd. Emmanuel C. Ottah and the Church Committee members of the 2018 administration decided to appoint Supervisors for the various youth groups in the Church for proper coordination and management. Thus the following:

S/N	GROUP	SUPERVISOR
(i)	Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC)	Revd. Canon Morgan T. Uzoma 2018 till date
(ii)	Anglican Children Ministry (ACM)	Revd. Canon Prosper U. Okoh 2018 till date
(iii)	Choir	Revd. Emmanuel C. Ottah 2018 – Aug. 2019 Revd. Sampson I. Ajie Sept. 2019 till

		date
(iv)	Anglican Youth Fellowship (AYF)	Mr. Chinedu S. Amakeze 2018 till date
(v)	Youth Council	Mr. Chekwube Onianwa 2018 till date
(vi)	Boys Brigade	Mr. Emeka Igbokwe 2018 Sir Jonathan C. Monye 2019 till date
(vii)	Girls Brigade	Mrs. Eunice Ogbuji 2018 Mrs. Joy N. Iwuanyanwu 2019 Lady Rose Emeotu 2020

WIDOWS' COMMITTEE (WOMEN OF GRACE)

The idea to set up a Widows' Committee in the Anglican Communion of Asaba Diocese was initiated by the Most Revd. Nicholas D. Okoh and his wife, Mrs. Nkasiobi Okoh (Mama Asaba) in 2007. They were then the Archbishop of the Bendel Province and Bishop of Asaba Diocese and wife respectively. They later became Archbishop, Metropolitan and Primate of all Nigeria (Anglican Communion) and wife (Mama Nigeria) respectively (now retired). In order not to regard the widows as a marginalized group in the Church and to de-emphasise the obnoxious traditional practices of our customs and traditions. The Diocese therefore, decided that the widows should be called as "Women of Grace".

Following the directive of the Diocese in 2007 in this regard, Revd. Canon Charles Osemenam (now Archdeacon) who was then the Vicar of St. Philip's Anglican Church, Asaba established the Widows' Committee of the Church. The pioneer executive members were:

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| i. | Mrs. Grace Otobrise Umuze | - | Chairman |
| ii. | Mr. Felix C. Ovuworie | - | Vice-Chairman |
| iii. | Mr. Chekwube Onianwa | - | Secretary |
| iv. | Mrs. Regina K. Agbagbara (late) | - | Treasurer |
| v. | Mrs. Florence Arinze | - | Member |
| vi. | Miss Cheta Nwosu (late) | - | Member |

The first set of Women of Grace of fifteen members were made up as follows:

- i. Madam Grace Chinwokwu (late)
- ii. Madam Victoria Obi-Rapu (now Okechukwu)
- iii. Madam Victoria Mazeli (late)
- iv. Madam Adudu (late)
- v. Madam Agili Eugenia
- vi. Mrs. Illoh
- vii. Mrs. Comfort Ikhide (late)
- viii. Mrs. Stella Obi
- ix. Mrs. Lucy Nweke

- x. Mrs. Okemena Okore
- xi. Mrs. Esther Ukpe (now remarried)
- xii. Mrs. Grace Akwuobi
- xiii. Mrs. Gladys Eze-Okonkwo
- xiv. Mrs. Nkem (late)
- xv. Mrs. Cordelia Ofili (late)

The number has grown over time and now stands at thirty seven.

The duty of the executive is to see to the general welfare of the Women of Grace. This involves require the provision of financial and material support to the members from time to time. So it is imperative to raise funds and request for material contributions in the forms of food and clothing from the church and its members. Collections are therefore, made for support of the group during Church services at regular intervals while some individual members make financial and material donations on their own. Members of the group also have access to the Store House Provision of the church.

Other forms of welfare that were extended to them include:

- i. Support for conducive shelter through rent payments
- ii. Payment of school fees for members' children from primary to secondary school level.
- iii. Donation of clothing to members
- iv. Enhancing joyful celebrations of Christmas during which period they are provided with rice, chicken, vegetable oil and other condiments

Regarded as even more important to the needs of the Women of Grace is their spiritual lives. To ensure participation and commitment to Spiritual growth, it is compulsory that every member must belong to a Women Fellowship Group in the church. Specifically, the group holds a monthly fellowship every second Sunday of the month immediately after Church service during which a Priest or guest Speaker is invited to talk to them. The group also organizes a one-day prayer and fasting retreat every year. On such occasions, various speakers are invited to talk to them on different topics that are relevant to their lives as individuals and as families. Doctors are also invited to be in attendance to give talks, hear their personal health problems and advice on necessary steps to be taken. They also give treatment where necessary. The executive members also pay visits to sick members at home. To ensure that the Widows' Committee are still active and waxing strong, the Diocese organizes an annual Diocesan conference for Women of Grace in the Diocese. During the occasion, their spiritual and material needs are met by the Bishop's wife, Mrs. Theresa C. Moge kwu (Mama Asaba). Some members of St. Philip's Women of Grace have received donations of grinding machines to empower them.

It will not be out of place to state that Her Excellency, Dame Edith Okowa is very passionate about the welfare of widows in the state in general and the St. Philip's

Church in particular. Her contributions in this regards towards the Women of Grace, both materially and spiritually, are too numerous to mention. There are other members of the Church whose names cannot be mentioned on grounds of anonymity. These members have made it a point of duty to make financial and material contributions to the women on monthly or annual bases till date.

In order to ensure proper financial and material management of the resources of the committee, an account was opened in 2007 with the Oceanic Bank Nig. Plc, Asaba (now Ecobank Nig. Plc). The account details are:

- i. Account Name: St. Philip’s Ang. Church, Asaba Widows Committee
- ii. Account Number: 2541004667
- iii. Bank: Ecobank Nig. Plc, Asaba

The signatories to the account are the Vicar and the Committee Chairman or Treasurer.

ELDERLY CARE MINISTRY

St. Philip’s Anglican Church has been involved in the care of the aged. However, it was not until 2012 that a Committee was set up to run the affairs of the elderly care ministry.

Committee members:

- 1. Mr. Felix Ovuworie - Chairman 2012 – 2020
- 2. Mrs. Helen Akumazi - Vice Chairman 2012 – 2020
- 3. Mr. John Efenudu - Member 2012 – 2020
- 4. Mrs. Grace Areh - Member 2012 –
- 5. Mr. Mudiaga Aghwadoma- Secretary 2012 –

Present Committee Members:

- 1. Mrs. Helen Akumazi - Chairman 2020 till date
- 2. Mr. John Efenudu - Member 2020 till date
- 3. Mr. Joseph Oduh - Member 2020 till date
- 4. Miss Patricia Onyemeziem - Member 2020 till date
- 5. Mrs. Esther Anukwu - Member 2020 till date

Membership qualification:

People aged 70 years and above

Pioneer members:

- 1. Ven. Emmanuel N. Efealukwu
- 2. Mr. Joshua Okoribe
- 3. Mr. Benjamin Igbe
- 4. Mrs. Patricia Emodi (now Ezinne)
- 5. Mrs. Victoria N. Okechukwu (now Ezinne)
- 6. Mrs. Eugenia Agili
- 7. Mrs. Eunice Okolie (now Ezinne)
- 8. Mrs. Ogochukwu Osunde (now Ezinne)
- 9. Mrs. Maria N. Egonu (late)

10. Mrs. Beatrice Dibogbo
11. Pa C. Dibia (late)
12. Pa Moses Ashiedu (now Okeofu)
13. Sir. Barr. Festus Ofekeze (late)
14. Pa Agada (late)

The following people joined as they attained the age of 70 years:

1. Rev. Canon Ezra Mordi (late)
2. Mrs. Janet Ngozi Ochei
3. Dame Edna Ndili
4. Mrs. Dibia
5. Ezinne Mildred Maduemezia
6. Ezinne Joy Ugbelase
7. Mr. Godwin Umukoro
8. Mr. Sheddy Agbagbara
9. Lady Agatha Ofekeze
10. Mrs. Justina Efealukwu
11. Mr. Jackson Oniobo
12. Mrs. Hope Okore
13. Mr. Kaine C. Odiakosa
14. Mr. Benjamin Umuze
15. Engr. Tony Odiase
16. Sir Sylvester Edafienene
17. Prof. Sam Ukala
18. Mr. Paul Oburoh
19. Mr. Felix Ovuworie
20. Mr. Alfred N. Okoh
21. Mr. Gabriel Ohiomu

DIOCESAN PRINTING PRESS

In the year 2018, under Ven. Joel Azukaego Mordi, precisely in the month of August, we received a letter addressed the Vicar, Church Committee and members St. Philip's Anglican Church, AGGS compound, West-End, Asaba from the Diocese signed by Ven. Sunday A. Mejulu the clerical Synod Secretary with the caption: Special request to assist the Diocese to own a Diocesan Printing Press: OLIVE BRANCH PRINTING PRESS. We read the letter, but it initially looked like an insurmountable mountain. Again and again we looked at the request and accepted the challenge that with God, all things are possible.

To the Glory of God by November, 2019 after a year and three months of the letter, we were able to deliver the following machines:

1. Kord printing machine

2. Cutting machine
3. Plate making machine

The Rt. Revd. Justus N. Mogeke, Bishop of Asaba Diocese and the Diocese has shown appreciation to the Church for their assistance.

HARVEST COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN/SECRETARIES FROM 2000 – 2020

YEAR	CHAIRMAN/CHAIRPERSON	SECRETARY
2000	Mr. Obi Okeke	Mr. Fidelis Ukadike
2001	Sir Sylvester Edafienene	
2002	Sir Sylvester Edafienene	
2003	Sir Ubaka B. A. Okolotu	
2004	L/R Leslie Ogbewe (now Rev. Canon)	Mr. Godwin Idama
2005		
2006	Mr. Jackson Oniobo	Mr. Felix Ovuworie
2007	Mr. Nelson Moore M. O.	Mr. Donald Iyasere
2008	Mr. Benjamin O. Umuze	Mr. Godwin Idama
2009	Mr. Jackson Oniobe	Mr. Godwin Idama
2010	Mr. Frank Apoku	
2011	Sir Obiora Obidiegwu	
2012	Engr. (Sir) Sunday O. Okpako	Dr.(Mrs.) Joyce I. Oдини
2013	Mr. Wilson E. Ureki	Dr.(Mrs.) Joyce I. Oдини
2014	Dr.(Mrs.) Joyce Oдини	Miss Patricia Onyemeziem
2015	Lady Bridget Okpu	Mr. Chidi Obasi
2016	Lady Bridget Okpu	Mr. Chidi Obasi
2017	Lady Bridget Okpu	Mr. Chidi Obasi
2018	Sir Austine C. Nwokolo	Evang. Roseline Obaroara
2019	Sir Austine C. Nwokolo	Evang. Roseline Obaroara
2020	Sir Austine C. Nwokolo	Evang. Roseline Obaroara

CHURCH INVESTMENT: BAKERY

The Church Committee in 2019 reasoned on what to do to increase the revenue of the Church. The idea of a bakery was conceived and the need to translate the same into reality was looking like a problem: the land and the finance but there is a popular saying: “Where there is a will, there is a way”. A delegation led by the Vicar, Ven. Joel Azukaego Mordi with the following persons: Mr. Benjamin Umuze, Sir Jonathan Monye, Dr (Mrs.) Dorothy Odiase and Mr. Chekwube Onianwa on Sunday 1st of December, 2019, appealed to the Diocese through the Diocesan Rt. Revd Justus Mogeke (JP) for the building and land space behind the Church’s generator house. On Monday 2nd of December, 2019, the

Diocesan, Rt. Revd. Justus Moge kwu JP in company of Ven. Henry N. Onianwa, paid a visit to the Church Committee saw the portion being demanded for and as a father who is interested in the progress of his children, graciously gave his approval.

The Church Committee met and set up a five(5) man committee known as the Investment Committee made up of the following people:

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| 1. Sir Chinonso Okonkwo | - | Chairman |
| 2. Lady Rose Emeotu | - | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Revd. Canon Prosper Okoh | | |
| 4. Mr. Chekwube Onianwa | | |
| 5. Miss Roseline Obaroara | - | Secretary |

Terms of reference

1. Fesibility study
2. Enquiries of needed machines
3. Staff, bakers etc
4. Other logistics

They swung into action without delay as the work continued. The building committee of the Church brought in Mr. Ifeakachukwu Alama and Mr. Emmanuel Okwufuleze to work with Mr. Chekwube Onianwa in the supervision of the work. The Bakery Committee did their preliminary work in the purchase of needed machines to ensure that we had a functional bakery. Thank you for your effort.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

This write up grew out of burden for record keeping in which the Anglican Church is known for, but it is fast eroding us. The focus is now that we still have some of the pioneer members who can answer some of our questions and correct our records. It is no doubt that the creation of Delta state in August, 199 has contributed to the growth of St. Philip's Anglican Church, A.G.G.S. Asaba which began in October, 1991. St. Philip's became a springboard for church planting that has given birth to the following churches: Christ the King Anglican Church DLA road Asaba, St. Stephen's Anglican Church Ibusa road Asaba, St. John's Anglican Church Anwai road Asaba, Umuche, St. George's Anglican Church, Ani-NGene and St. Paul's Anglican Church behind stadium Asaba.

This documentation is meant to provoke you to think about your record keeping for both yourself and for the public.

RECOMMENDATION

Considering the difficulty of this research and documentation, the question now is: 'Is there a way forward?' The answer is 'YES'. Hence, encouragement is needed, in the

sense that there are quite a good number of persons that cannot go further in life until they hear some words of comfort. The encouragement needed is to see that the book is not thrown away as a book without value.

I also wish to state as recommendation that this work be reviewed from time to time at least within five years.