SERMON NOTES

NEXT SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY 07/01/2024

7:30am	**Leader:** Rev. Gatuma Mbogo **Preacher:**Vicar
8:45am	**Leader:** Shayanne Njihia **Preacher:** Vicar
10:30am	**Leader:** Rev. Marshall Okal **Preacher:**Vicar
10:30amTeens & Ropes	
11:00am(Tent)	**Leader:** Shadrack Kombe **Preacher:** Victor Otieno

Ushers On duty: Lavington Fellowship

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Weekly Activities

Monday 08/01/2024
Off Day Vicar / Clergy
BSF Men 5:30pm

Tuesday 09/01/2024
BSF Ladies 5:30pm

Thursday 11/01/2024
Holy Communion Service 8:00am

Saturday 13/01/2024
Praise & Worship 3:00pm
Choir Practice: 3:00pm

Ushers on duty Today: Mt. View Fellowship

CHURCH BULLETIN

Anglican Church of Kenya
Diocese of Nairobi
ST. MARK'S CHURCH
WESTLANDS

2023 THEME
BROKEN... RESTORED...FOR HIS GLORY
"...I w ill gather you..."
Ezekiel 11:17

Pastoral Team

VICAR
The Ven. Canon Joshua Omungo
CURATES
The Rev. Johnson Gatuma
The Rev. Marshall Okal
The Rev. Rupert Gichuhi
The Rev. Joyce Muraya
Deacon:
The Rev. StanleyGwandaru

MINISTRY CO-ORDINATORS
Sunday School: Annet Odinga
Teens: Emmanuel Malingu

LAYREADERS
Lay Canon Joseph Ogutu
Dr. John Gakinya
Lay Canon. Dr.Dancan Irungu
James Waweru
Shadrack Kombe
Henry Wambuma
Seline Onyango
John Wakiumu
Elizabeth Mbugua
Victor Otieno
Ann Kittony
Milka Murigi

CHURCH OFFICIALS
Peoples Warden
Joshua Anya
Vicar's Warden
Martin Muiruri
Hon Secretary
Priscilla Komora
Hon Treasurer
Lay Canon Desmond Mtula
DIOCESAN BISHOP
The Rt. Rev. Joel Waweru

OUR MISSION
A church reaching out to all with the compassion of Christ through preaching, evangelism, fellowship, discipleship and teaching of the word of God.

OUR VISION
A growing, vibrant, home church centered on Christ.

1st January 2024
2nd Sunday of Christmas

TIME	SERVICE	LEADER	PREACHER
7:30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Rupert Gichuhi	Vicar
10:30am	English **(HC)**	Rev. Joyce Muraya	Vicar

Bible Readings

Psalm 8
Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:21-40

Hymns

7:30am & 10:30am English
AM 746, AM 818,Old AM 356,AM 650,AM 59,AM 641

Vicar's Desk

A Blessed People

Happy New Year! The year past with all its tragedies, problems, disappointments, failures and sadness is now behind us. We now look ahead with optimism; praying that the days ahead will be productive not painful, that the nights will be refreshing not restless, that there will be birth not death, that we will experience prosperity not poverty, that we shall be drawn closer to loved ones not farther.

The Aaronic blessing (Numbers 6:22-27) that was pronounced on the Israelites as they began their journey into the wilderness and also every day of their entire life end with instructions, "… *so they will put my name on the Israelites and I will bless them.*"

According to Hebrews 5, Aaron was a foreshadowing of Christ, our great high priest. Our Lords last act of ministry before returning to heaven was to bless His followers (Luke 24:50-51). During our baptism the name of Jesus was placed on us. We too bear the name of God.

God has placed His all-important Name on us- His people. A comparison is that of "putting our name" upon our cheque. An unsigned cheque is void and worthless until the owner's name has been placed upon it. Our lives, our years, our purpose in living are "void and worthless" until God places His name upon us.

We are a blessed people; we are Gods very own and He will journey with us into the future Shepherding us- leading, feeding, protecting and caring.

Ven. Canon Joshua Omungo

NOTICES

1. **Welcome:** We welcome those attending virtually and those attending in person. A special welcome to our 1st time visitors. Receive the gift of a pen to keep and use it to fill out the slip and drop the slip in the offertory box.
2. **Flowers:** Sign up to sponsor Sunday flowers in 2024. Cost per Sunday is Kshs. 4,000 for both the church and youth services.
3. **Confirmation:** Classes will resume on Saturday 13th January 2024, from 2:00pm.
4. **Prayer service for families:** This will be on Sunday 28th January at 12:30pm at the church.
5. **M.U Calendars:** On sale at Kshs. 300. Get your copy on desk outside.

   Selling snacks to resume this month.
6. **Ground Breaking:** Children, Teens & Youth Center on 27th January 2024.
7. **Tithes & Offerings:** Mpesa Paybill:
   Option 1: Business number: 400222
   A /C No: 590326 # e.g. Tithe_____
   Option 2: Business number: 400200
   Bank Name: Co-operative Branch:Westlands
   A/C No: 01128152566100
   Cheque: Ack St. Marks Church Westlands
8. **Fundraising:** Youth & Children Centre
   Project Cost: Approximately Kes 150million.
   Target 2023: Kes 50 Million
   Cheque: Ack St. Mark's Church Westlands
   AC No: 01136152566100
   Bank Name: Co-operative Branch: Westlands
   Mpesa Paybill: 4095959
   Account Name: Fundraiser
   Thank you for your generous contribution.
9. **Flowers :** Thank you for donating Sunday flowers. Today's flowers have been donated by David & Jannfer Caleb.

The Vicar & Parochial Church Council wish you A blessed year 2024

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear His Name, to worship Him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim Him as Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen