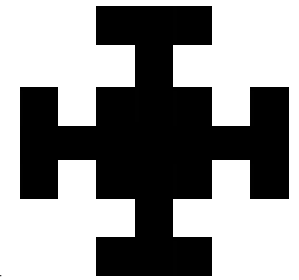


St Chad's Ladybarn



St Chad's Day Celebration 3 March 2024



Join us in the Community Hall after the morning service for wine and cake

This morning's hymns

754 This day God gives me *Tune 510, Bunessan*
181 Fight the good fight
120 Come down, O love divine
79 Blest are the pure in heart *Communion*
275 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

This morning's readings and prayers

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-24 (reader: Robert Mataka);
Psalm 67; **1 Timothy 6:11b-16** (reader: Pam Race); **Luke 14:7-11** (Gospeller: Helen Reid);
Intercessor: Judy Fletcher

Prayer in the silence after communion

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for St Chad

Gracious God, you gave to your servant Chad the gifts of humility, love and holiness; grant that we who remember his ministry may grow in the truths he so faithfully lived and spread the light of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion for missionary saints

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race & language to share with Chad and all your saints in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2:1-10 (reader: Lesley Bowers); Psalm 127; **Colossians 3:12-17** (reader: Peter Knight); **Luke 2:33-35** (Gospeller: Mark Hewerdine); Intercessor: Opal Walsh

About St Chad St Chad was born around 634 in Northumbria and was ordained priest, possibly in Ireland around 660. The Bishop of York had died during a serious outbreak of plague in 664 and Chad was consecrated to take his place. In the chaos caused by the plague a replacement bishop, Wilfred, had already been consecrated in France. He returned to York and in 669 replaced Chad as Bishop of York. Soon after Chad became Bishop of Lichfield where he died on 2 March 672.

Thanks to all ...

... who helped with the Great Sacred Music event and Compline yesterday.
If you enjoyed (or missed) Great Sacred Music, the group will be singing at St Paul's every Thursday lunchtime until Easter, 1pm (with soup & bread lunch 12.30pm)

6.30pm today
Evensong

Hymns & Psalm

715 The King of love my shepherd is
499 Make me a channel of your peace

Psalm 40
66 Be Thou My Vision

Readings Exodus 5.1 - 6.1: Matthew 10.16-22

Tuesday 5 March

10.00am in the Hall: Holy Communion
11.00am – 12.30pm Chatty Tuesday – all welcome

Wednesday 6 March

3.00pm in the Community Hall: Third meeting of Lent Group, based on *The Things He Carried* by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell.

Food Bank

... urgently needs cereal, UHT milk & juice, tinned soup, curry & pasta sauces (but not pasta for now), tinned meat, baked beans, sugar & coffee, nappies & baby wipes.

Big changes in mission and ministry in Ladybarn, Withington and Didsbury

You may have heard about a “team ministry” bringing together Emmanuel and St James, Didsbury, St Paul’s Withington, St Nick’s and St Chad’s. The parishes will have their own churchwardens and PCCs but not their own rector as they have in the past. The five churches will be served by three full-time priests plus, from time to time, one or more curates (apprentice priests).

How might this work? Who will hold things together, knows who to contact and notices who hasn't been at church and may need a visit or a call?

This role once entirely rested with the Priest – now, in a different world, the Diocese is proposing that each church appoint a **focal leader**. This person, who might be a churchwarden, sidesperson, Authorised Lay Minister or other volunteer (lay or ordained) is a go-to person, helping the congregation in any way they can and drawing people alongside them. Experience and research in other dioceses suggest that the presence of a focal leader in church life is linked with increased growth of all kinds.