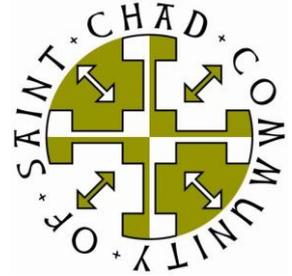


Community of St Chad News

August 2021



Dear friends,

Opportunity to meet future CSC Leaders:

In the last letter we shared the wonderful news that Chris Precious and Rosanne Wilshire had agreed to take on the leadership and oversight of the Community of Saint Chad. On **Friday 20th August**, immediately following our weekly Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9.00am, there will be a chance to hear from them, to ask any questions and to enable them to meet a few members of the Community. The link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95299081656?pwd=SEh0V3FPbE4rQitaZmNXaDJDWmlvQT09> Meeting ID: 952 9908 1656 Passcode: 535560

Handover at St Chad's Well

I mentioned previously that my final week in the Diocese will be spent walking the Two Saints Way from Stoke to Lichfield. Anyone is welcome to join me (and I hope Charlotte) for any or all of this walk for what will be the annual CSC Pilgrimage – details from me or Richard.Barrett@lichfield.anglican.org. The end point of the pilgrimage is St Chad's Well, Lichfield, where I will hand over my part in the leadership of CSC and Bishop Michael will commission Chris and Rosanne as they take over the leadership. Lindsey and Clive have agreed to assist for an initial period – perhaps up to the annual Service of Commitment around St Chad's Day in 2022. All are welcome to join us for the Handover service and we expect it to start **at 3.30pm on Friday 10th September**.

A Backwards Look

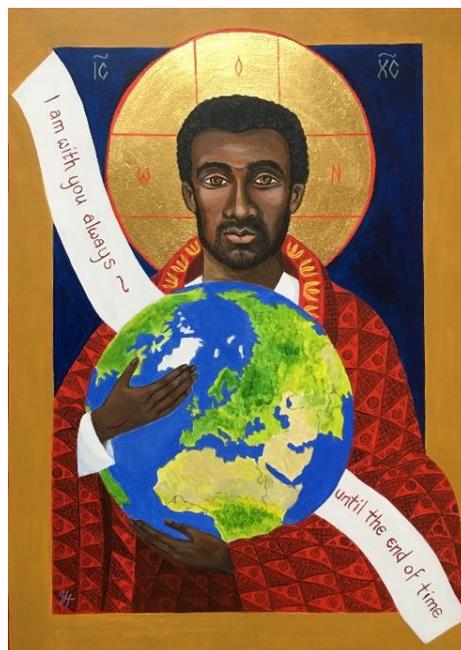
Some of you were present when the CSC was launched by Bishop Jonathan Gledhill in Lichfield Cathedral on March 2nd 2012. As I looked through my files I came across a sheet entitled 'Missional Order of St Chad' with an outline of what was envisaged prior to my making a presentation to Diocesan Synod in July 2010. Following further prayer, discussion and discernment we ended up with the Community of Saint Chad. The CSC Booklet was written by Barry Wilson (with key input from

John Lloyd) during a week's holiday in Wales! I have lost count of the number of reprintings we have done but there could be over 8,000 copies in circulation. I have been most grateful for the wisdom and support from the steering group and particularly in being able to share the leadership with Lindsey Hall. The CSC has been for me a great gift and source of enormous joy and fulfilment during my years in the Diocese as we seek to follow Christ in the Footsteps of St Chad.

Pilgrimage

CSC Member Ann Fisher has been actively involved in creating and charting the **'Two Kingdoms Way'**. The route is approximately 475 miles, from Lindisfarne via Jarrow, Durham, Hartlepool, Whitby, York, Barton on Humber, and following the River Trent (via Southwell) to Repton, Burton and finally Lichfield. The route includes key places associated with Chad, with many other places of interest and varied landscape and terrain. She has planned to walk this in stretches between now and St Chad's Day 2022 (which marks 1350 years since the Saint's death in 672) and is keen to welcome companions. Details can be obtained from the CSC Web Page or the FB Page or directly from her.

Bishop Sarah Bullock passed on this wonderful icon of 'Jeshua's Promise'.



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Blessings for the next stage and many thanks for sharing in the journey,

Philip