**1 March**

**David,**

**Bishop of Menevia,**

**Patron of Wales c. 601**

Almighty God, who called your servant David

to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries for the people of Wales: in your mercy, grant that, following his purity of life and zeal for the gospel of Christ, we may with him receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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David, or Dewi, was a monk and a Bishop in the sixth century. He was reputed to be an exemplar of the ascetic, spiritual life but was also highly regarded for his kindness and compassion to others, particularly the poor and sick. He is believed to have founded the monastery at Menevia, now St Davids, and also at least a dozen other monasteries. He is said to have based his Rule for his monasteries on that of the Egyptian desert monks, with a strong emphasis on hard work, abstinence from alcohol and refraining from unnecessary speech. He died in about the year 601 and has been regarded as the Patron Saint of Wales since at least the twelfth century.

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**2 March**

**Chad**

**Bishop of Lichfield,**

**Missionary 672**

Almighty God, from the first fruits of the

English nation who turned to Christ, you

called your servant Chad to be an evangelist

and Bishop of his own people: give us grace

so to follow his peaceable nature, humble spirit

and prayerful life, that we may truly commend

to others the faith which we ourselves profess; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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**2 March**

**Chad**

**Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary**

Chad was born in Northumbria, the youngest of four sons, all of whom became both priests and monks. They entered the monastery on the isle of Lindisfarne and were taught by St Aidan. Chad’s brother, Cedd had founded the abbey at Lastingham and, on his brother’s death, Chad was elected Abbott. During the confusion in ecclesiastical discipline between Celtic-oriented, Anglo-Saxon hierachy and the pressure from Rome for conformity, Chad became Bishop of York for a time. He graciously stepped back with the arrival in Britain of Theodore, who doubted the validity of indigenous consecrations. This was eventually rectified and Chad became Bishop of Mercia, a huge diocese the centre of which he moved from Repton to Lichfield. Chad travelled extensively and became much loved for his wisdom and gentleness in otherwise difficult situations. The plague was prevalent at this time and Chad died on this day in the year 672.

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