



Chad our Patron Saint

Chad was one of four brothers. A true Celtic Christian in the days when Roman Catholicism was making strong inroads into the lives of the English people. Chad was a member of the Abbey community of Lindisfarne of the north east coast of Britain. It was alive with Gospel passion, with a brave and eager band of evangelists. As a young monk, Chad went to Ireland, later returning to Yorkshire where his brother Cedd, had founded the monastery of Lastingham, of which he later became Abbot. Chad's most memorable achievement, was the creation of the diocese of Litchfield, and the founding of his cathedral. In true Celtic spirit, he build himself a simple oratory near the church, where he lived and prayed, when not travelling on foot throughout his diocese. The diocese covered seventeen counties! He also gathered around him a missionary band of eight of his brethren from Lastingham. Truly a man of great passion for sharing the Christian Gospel, by word and dead. He lived a life of humility, servant hood and courage in troubled times. We are proud to be named after him.

See also following sites for a history of Chad

St Chad Lichfield <http://www.saintchads.org.uk/stchad.htm>

WIKIPEDIA http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chad_of_Mercia#Portrayals_of_St_Chad