Drawing inspiration from the life of St Chad, the 7th century missionary bishop of Lichfield, the Community of Saint Chad is an expression of modern-day monasticism. It has a geographically dispersed membership united by a common commitment to a spiritual lifestyle shaped by five Rhythms of Grace, and by participation in a Spiritual Companionship Group. The Community of Saint Chad welcomes any Christian who longs to grow in depth of discipleship and who is prepared to journey with others in a quest for a life-changing faith.

The Community of Saint Chad (CSC) was launched on March 3rd 2012 at a service in Lichfield Cathedral. The CSC Booklet provides information about the Rhythms of Grace and the small Spiritual Companion Groups as well as a variety of resources including a pattern for daily prayer which has been widely used.

The Booklet has proved to be popular with over 4,000 copies in circulation; they can be purchased for £2 per copy. Copies are available from St Mary’s House, Lichfield and from the Small Street office in Walsall.

Special Offer - If you would like to buy copies for everyone in your parish, they are available for just £1 per copy.

If you would like an electronic copy please see: http://www.lichfield.anglican.org/ourdiocese/community-of-st-chad

The Annual Service of Commitment is held on the Saturday nearest to St Chads Day and provides the opportunity for people to become members of the community for a 12 month period. This would indicate a commitment to follow the Five Rhythms of Grace and if possible to seek to be part of a Small Spiritual Companion Group. However the commitment to become a member could also be made in other ways. The Chad prayers provide the liturgy which is used for joining the Community. Please let Clive Lilley know if you want to become a member and if you would like to receive the regular newsletter which comes by e-mail.

St Chad provides an inspiring example of what it is to be prayerful, missional and a faithful disciple of Christ. Chad’s association with Lichfield gives a regional identity to the Community which enables individuals and small groups to feel connected with one another and with the wider church. The CSC seeks to help us to ‘Discover the Heart of God’; one of the five Diocesan Themes for Growth. The Rt Revd Jonathan Gledhill, Bishop of Lichfield, is Patron to the Community.

We strongly encourage people to be part of a small group (2-5 members) in order to share the journey of faith in a context of trust, encouragement and mutual accountability. The booklet gives guidelines for how the groups might operate. In time we intend to provide information so that ideas can be shared and small groups might be able to meet up regionally. Two courses are available, focusing on Discipleship and The Five Rhythms of Grace. During the course of the year we provide a range of additional activities and events including a Quiet Day, a Teaching Event and a Pilgrimage. Details of these can be found on the web site or in Chad News, as well as being available from the following contacts:

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