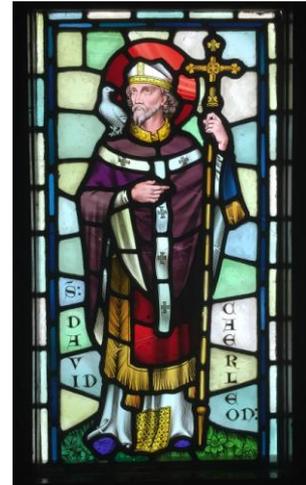


Festivals and Saints' Days (w/c 1st March)

1st March

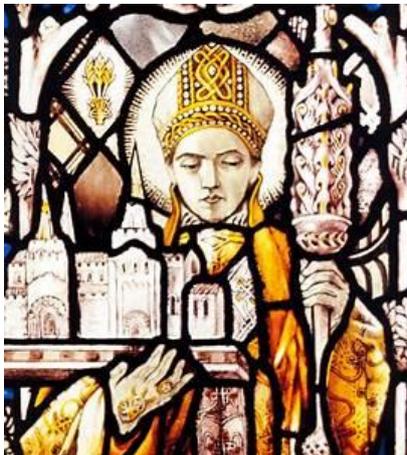
Saint David - *bishop*

David lived from about AD500 to AD569 - though both of these dates are open to question. He was the grandson of a King of Ceredigion and rose to become Bishop of Mynyw (now S David's). He was a renowned preacher and teacher. He also founded a number of monastic houses - S David's Cathedral standing on the site of one of them. His monastic rule dictated a strictly ascetic life. He attended a number of councils, presiding at some of them. He is said to have been a vehement opponent of Pelagianism (a British heresy, which suggested that we can find salvation by our own efforts alone). He died at the monastery in Saint David's and was buried in the cathedral. A shrine was constructed and attracted a significant stream of pilgrims until the Reformation.



2nd March

Saint Chad - *bishop*



There is no record of when Chad was born, but he died on 2nd March AD672. He was educated with his brother, Cedd, on Lindisfarne under S Aidan. He later continued his education in Ireland, being recalled by his brother to help found the abbey at Lastingham. In AD664, he succeeded his brother as abbot and was consecrated Bishop of York. Unfortunately, S Wilfrid had already been named for York and was away in Gaul to be consecrated. When Wilfrid returned, Chad resigned and returned to Lastingham. Archbishop Theodore (of Canterbury), who had charged Chad with improper ordination was, none-the-less impressed by him and nominated him as Bishop of the Mercians, with the seat at Lichfield, where he built the cathedral and monastery. He died of the plague and was buried in Lichfield. At the Reformation, his relics were rescued and can now be found in Birmingham Roman Catholic Cathedral.