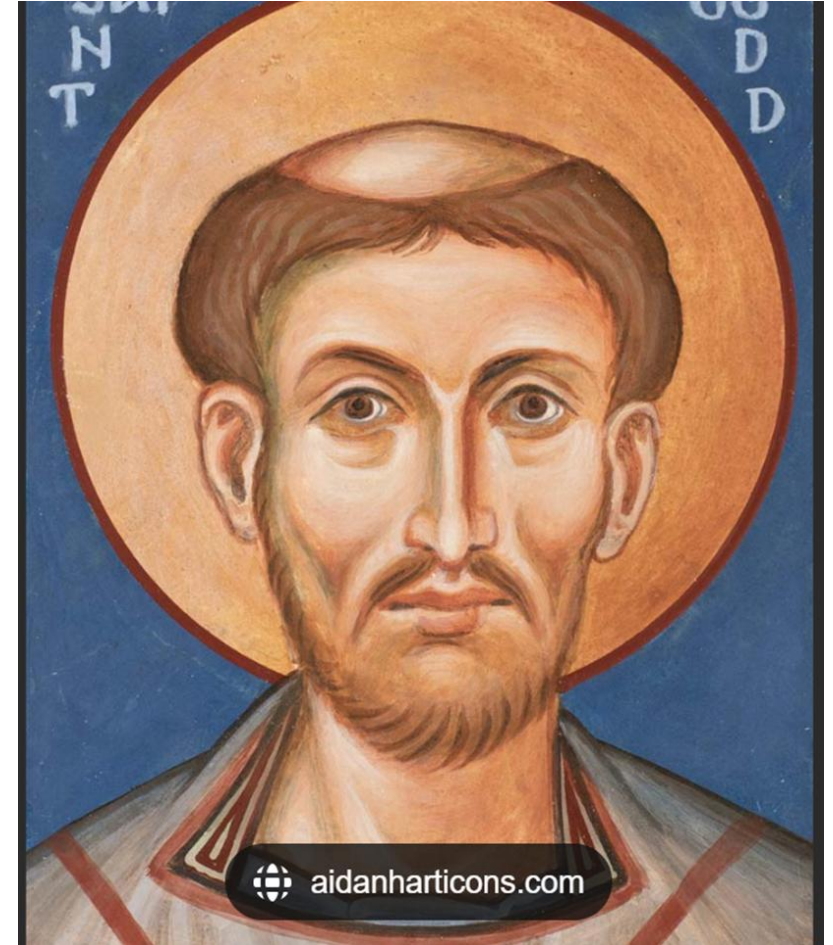
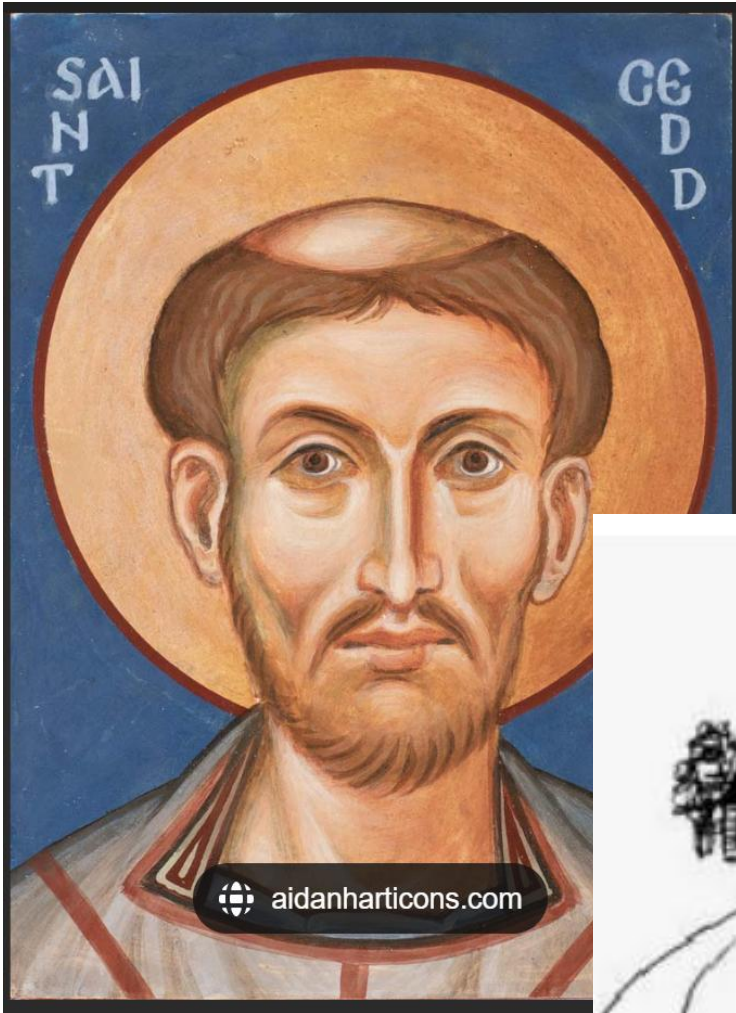


St Cedd: Missionary, Bishop, and Saint

*Exploring a key figure's
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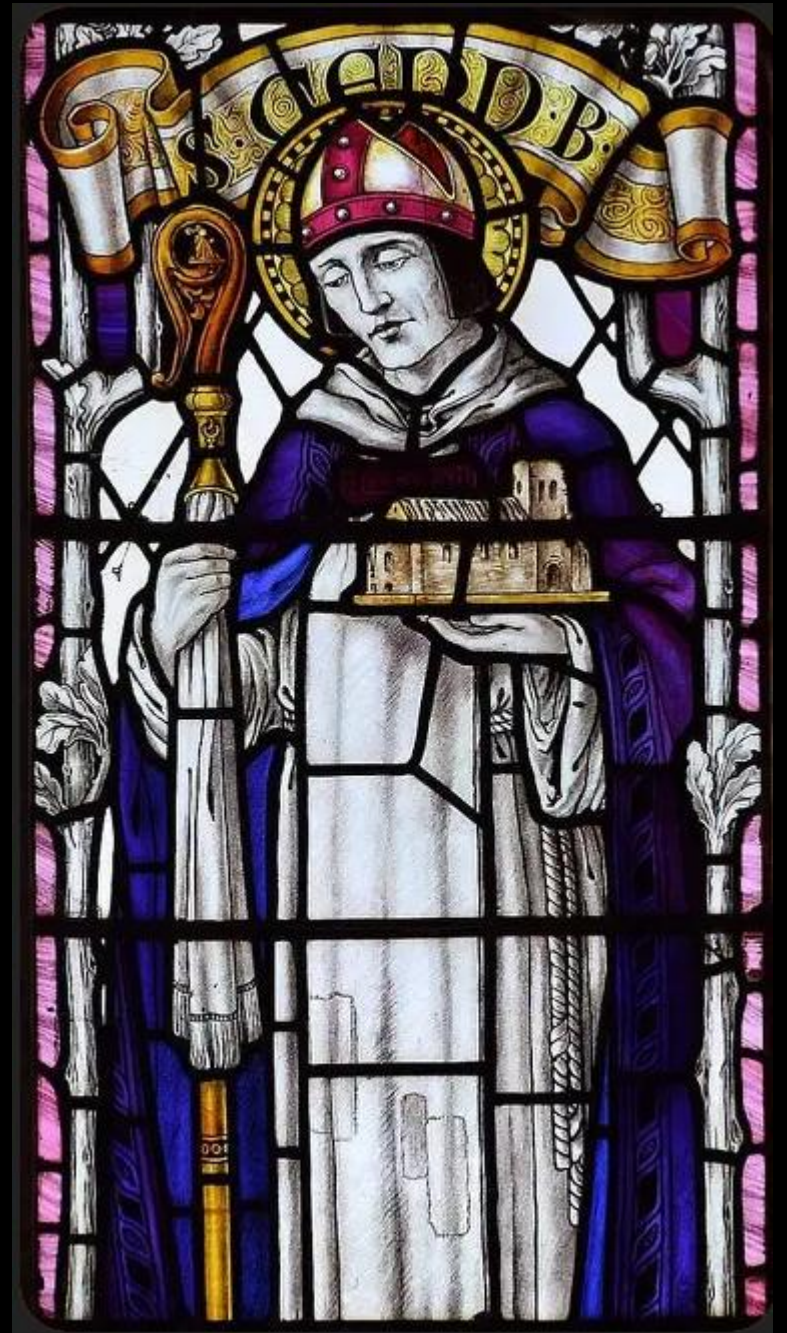




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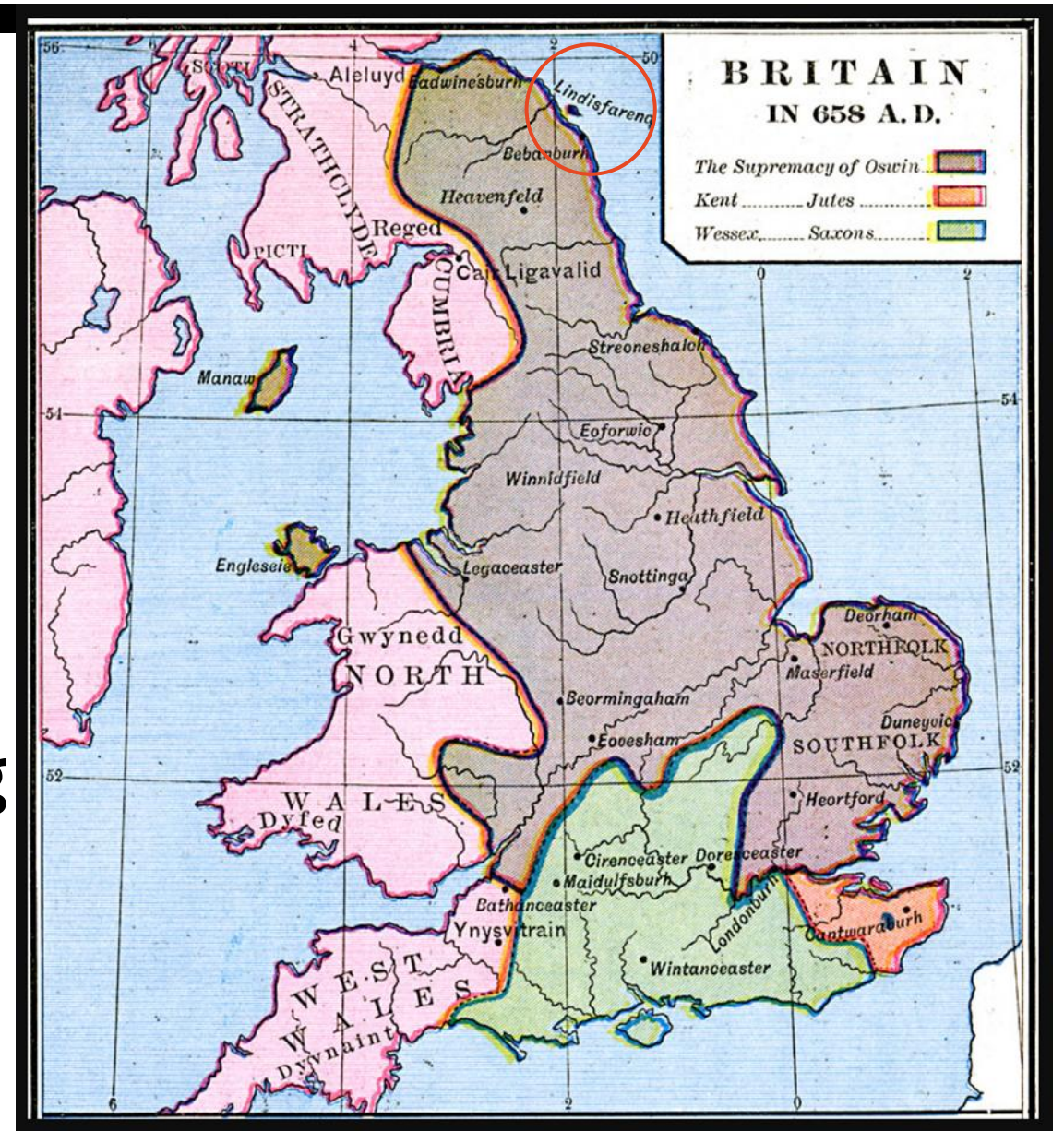
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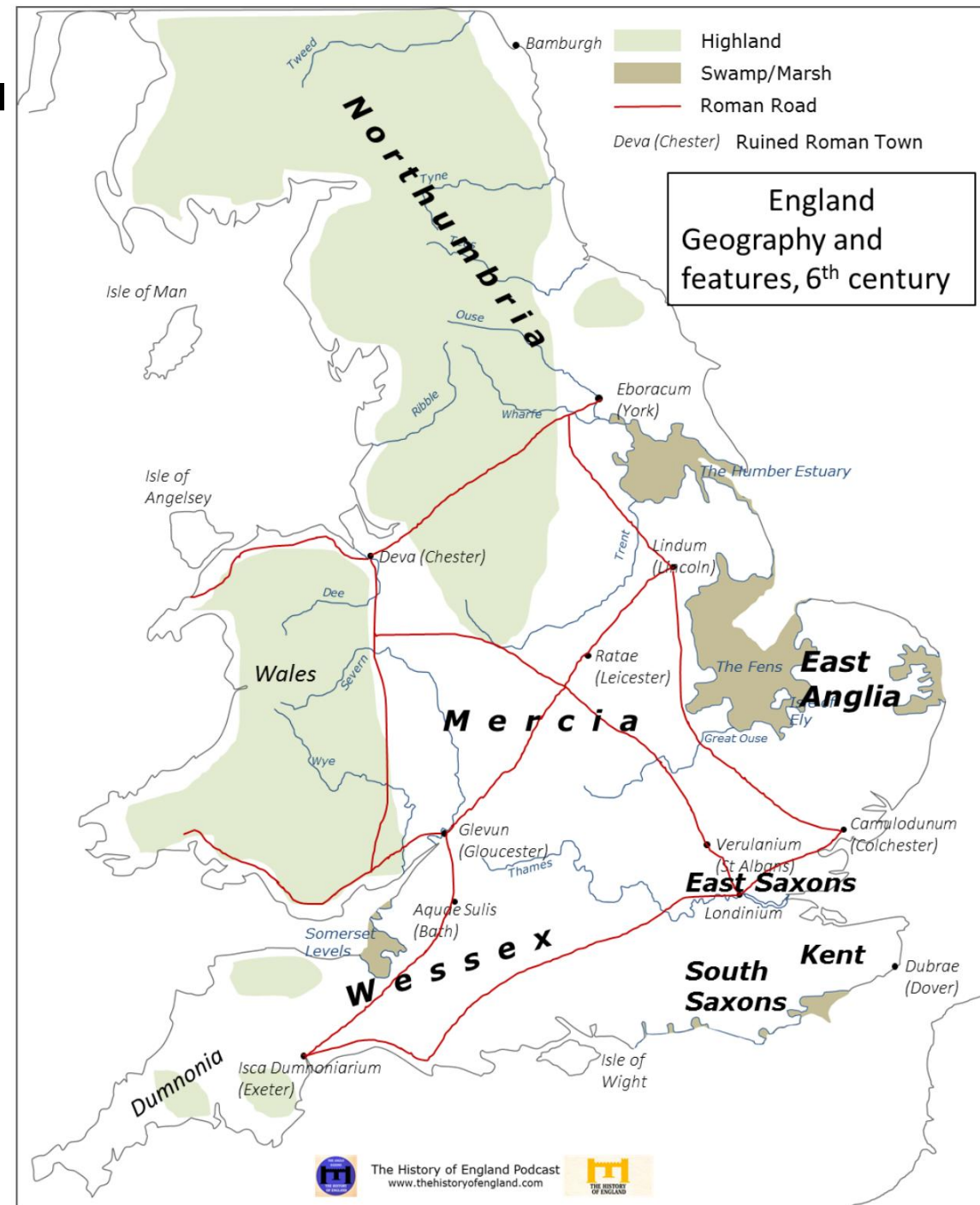
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Missionary work

- 653: Mission to Mercia (Middle Angles)
- Later sent to Essex (East Saxons)
- Appointed Bishop of the East Saxons



Monastic foundations

St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell-on-Sea



- Tilaburg monastery (East Tilbury?)
- Ithancester monastery (Bradwell-on-Sea)
- Abbot of Lastingham

Synod of Whitby (664 AD)

- (Settled the date of Easter)
- Debate over Celtic vs Roman practices
- Cedd acted as translator/interpreter
- Roman customs prevailed





St Mary's

Death and Legacy

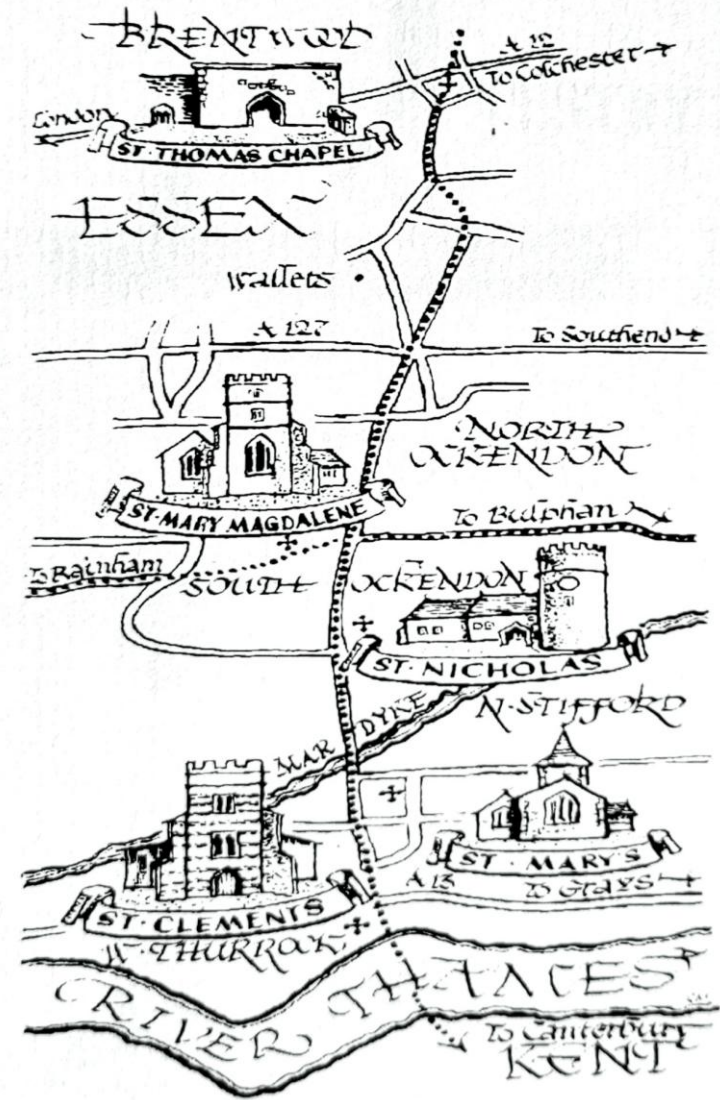
- Died of plague on 26 Oct 664 at **Lastingham**
- Feast day: October 26
- Venerated across Catholic, Anglican, and Orthodox traditions

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He certainly could have...

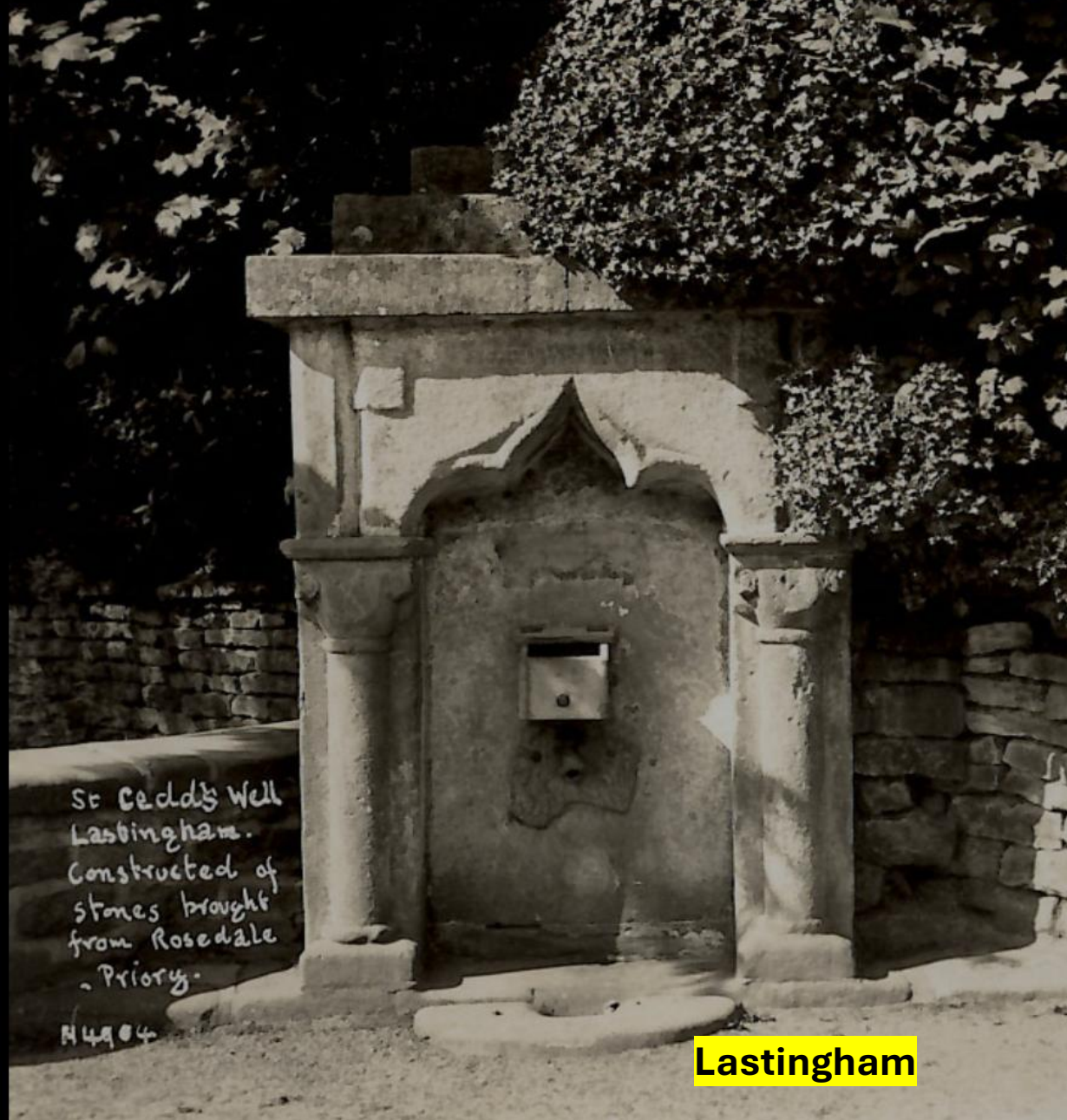
In 598 Augustine (of Canterbury not Hippo) and his monks built an abbey outside the walls of the old Roman town at Canterbury. In 602 he rededicated a deserted Roman church in Canterbury. In 603 Canterbury was chosen to be the seat of the first archbishop.

Once it was chosen to be his seat the town began to revive and then St Thomas à Becket really got things going but not until 1170.



Pilgrim Route

St Cedd's wells...



Lastingham



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Chelmsford Cathedral (Church of St Mary the Virgin, St Peter and **St Cedd**)





Further Reading & Sources

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- Wikipedia – St Cedd
- Bradwell Chapel History
- Thurrock Local History



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