

# Answers



The man in the elaborate cloak and blue hosiery with red ribbons is King Egfrid.

He made the journey with Bishop Trumwine to Inner Farne to persuade Saint Cuthbert to become bishop at Hexham. Cuthbert was reluctant but eventually agreed on condition that he could be based at Lindisfarne. The year was AD 684.

It was King Egfrid, of course, who provided the land for the foundation of Saint Paul's monastery at Jarrow (and the earlier Saint Peter's at Monkwearmouth).

The stone marking the dedication of the church at Jarrow mentions him and he was probably there on the occasion in AD 685. A month later the King was killed in battle.

The painting is one of a series by William Bell Scott which can be seen in Wallington Hall, Northumberland.

The duck probably stayed put.

