

Answers



It is called Saint Cuthbert's Ring.

At the Reformation the Commissioners of Henry VIII went to Durham Cathedral to remove any valuables from the Shrine of Saint Cuthbert.

The ring was found on the body of Cuthbert though he never wore it in his lifetime. At various times his tomb had been opened. At such moments his body was venerated and precious objects put on it.

At some point the ring, made in the 13th Century, was put on Saint Cuthbert's finger.

It came into the possession of Catholics who kept it hidden. In the 1850s it was given to Ushaw College and the splendid case was made to house it.

When Bishop Robert was installed as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle he wore the ring during the ceremony.