

Answers



The label above his head tells us this is St. Bennet Biscop. We normally spell it 'Benet' – this is a shortened version of 'Benedict' which is the name he took when he entered the monastic community at Lerins in France.

He founded St. Peter's in Monkwearmouth in 674. St. Paul's was founded here in Jarrow a few years later and was described by St. Bede as a sister monastery.

Saint Benet is never described as a bishop and it is possible he was a priest. We do know that he was a monk and an abbot.

We could be confused by the window as he is shown wearing a mitre and carrying a crozier or shepherd's staff. All this might make us think he was a bishop. To this day abbots often wear a mitre and carry a crozier.