

Answers



This is a panel of the window above the altar in St. Bede's, Jarrow.

It shows St. Cuthbert – dressed as a Bishop – holding St. Oswald's head – wearing a crown.

St Cuthbert was Bishop of Lindisfarne and died in 687. Saint Oswald was King of Northumbria and killed in the battle of Maserfield in 642. They were not connected in life.

When the monks of Lindisfarne fled Holy Island because of Viking raiders they took with them St. Cuthbert's body. According to the tradition the head of St. Oswald, which had been recovered from the battlefield, was placed in the coffin and both were eventually buried at Durham Cathedral.