



St Wilfrid

Who was he?



Saint Wilfrid was **born around the year 633 AD** in **Northumbria, England**.

Northumbria was one of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms in the north of England, and Wilfrid grew up during a time when Christianity was still quite new in the region. Missionaries were traveling across England to teach people about Jesus. Some still followed the old pagan gods, so there was a mix of beliefs.

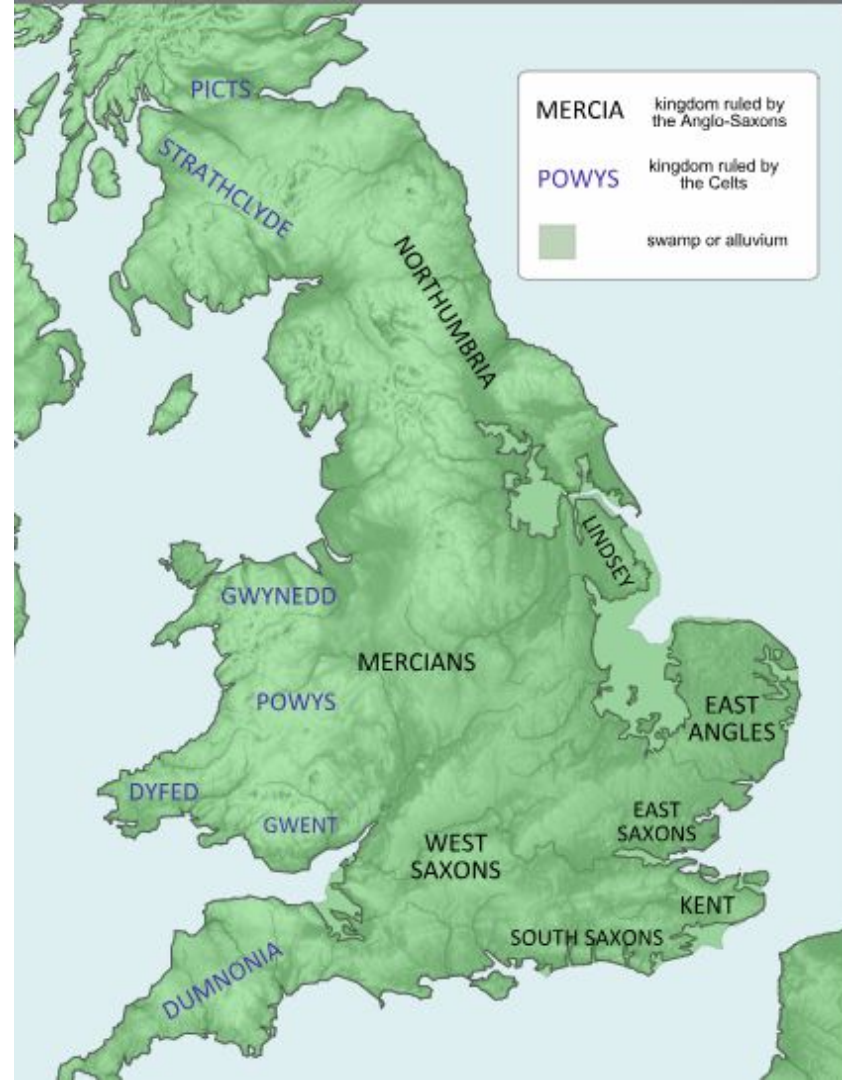




A Land of Kings and Castles –

Northumbria was a powerful kingdom in northern England, ruled by strong kings who often fought battles to protect their lands.

The area that became **Sheffield** was *part of Northumbria* during Saint Wilfrid's lifetime.



Wooden Houses and Halls – Most people lived in simple wooden houses with thatched roofs. The king lived in a big hall where feasts, music, and storytelling took place.



Learning Came from Monks – Monasteries were the main places for learning, reading, and writing. Monks copied books by hand and taught about God.



He Loved to Travel – Saint Wilfrid didn't stay in just one place. He traveled all the way from England to Rome (a huge journey in the 600s!) to learn more about God and the Church.

Travel Was by Foot or Boat –
There were no cars or trains!
People walked, rode horses, or
used boats along rivers and
the sea to get around.



A Church Builder – Wilfrid was famous for building beautiful churches, including one of the very first stone churches in England, at Ripon. Before that, most were made of wood.



He Was a Brave Leader – Even when kings disagreed with him, Saint Wilfrid stayed strong in his faith and kept teaching people about Christianity.



A Saint with a Special Day – Saint Wilfrid's feast day is celebrated every year on **October 12**, when people remember his life and good works



Let us pray together...

O God, by your grace, St. Wilfrid was a true witness to your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray that you may grant him eternal rest and that his example of faithfulness, love, and determination may continue to inspire us, as we strive to follow in his footsteps.

Amen