

## Landmarks of Newcastle Diocese

North of the Tyne to the Tweed is home to an extinct volcano (Cheviot), 33 miles of the Roman Wall, 80 castles, 8 abbeys and priories, and 20 islands including Holy Island.



Here in this northern most diocese, **St Aidan** established a monastic community on Lindisfarne (Holy Island) and walked the lanes to bring the 'Light of the Gospel of Christ' to the north of England. A statue of Aidan stands in the churchyard of St Mary's Church on the island.

Northern Saints include Edwin, Oswald, Caedmon, Cuthbert, Ebba, Wilfrid... and many more.

Newcastle Diocese was among the first to welcome Mothers' Union

under the leadership of the first bishop of Newcastle, Rt Revd Ernest Wilberforce, in 1882.

Here is also the home of the Lindisfarne Gospels, Farne Isles bird sanctuary, Kielder Forest, moors and hill farms, coastal sand dunes and old fishing villages, shipping ports, Northumbrian pipes and plaid, seven Tyne Bridges, a Cathedral Lantern Tower, Northumbria Community, a National Park, five National Trust sites, the original Marks and Spencer bazaar, two Universities and a medical school.

The territory is famous for battles and border reivers, Vikings, fishing, life-boats, garden landscaping, electric light bulbs, steam engines, ship-building, coal mining, pitmen painters, pigeons, film-sets, science and engineering, football, beer, kippers, fish & chips and stottie cake.