

the soul of his preceptor Aiden, into heavenly bliss, whereupon he forsook his shepherd's life, and entering the monastery of Melrose, he became after a few years a great and eloquent preacher, converting the people around; when he exhorted them, such a brightness appeared in his angelic face, that no man could conceal from him the most hidden secrets of the heart.

Removing from Melrose to Lindisfarne, he dug a well, and sowed barley, and supported himself by the labor of his hands, after some years, Cuthbert was made Bishop of Lindisfarne, and in this office, he was venerated and loved by all men. At the end of two years he returned to his hermitage, where he shortly after died, and was buried in Lindisfarne abbey; and ten years after his body upon examination was found in a state of perfect preservation, after removing some of the robes, and substituting others they enshrined him in a wooden coffin, and thenceforth Cuthbert became the Sainted Prelate of the see.

In 875, the Danes landed in Northumberland and compelled the Monks to flee from Lindisfarne carrying with them the body of Saint Cuthbert and their other reliques. The Bishop of Lindisfarne, with his clergy and their treasure, wandered from place to place, and among others to Chester-le-Street and Ripon. Four months after their arrival at the latter place the Danish war ceased, and they intended to bring the remains of the Saint again to Chester-le-Street, but crossing on the east side of Durham to Wardenlaw, they could not remove his