

St Ethelwald of Winchester (August 1st)

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Æthelwold, St (c.908–84). Winchester-born leader of the 10th-cent. reformation, and major influence on King Edgar. Probably a noble, Æthelwold served King Æthelstan, was ordained priest by Bishop Ælfheah of Winchester, became a monk under Dunstan at Glastonbury, and was made, by King Edred, abbot of Abingdon (c.955) and, by Edgar, bishop of Winchester (963). He replaced the clerks of the Old and New Minsters with monks (964), and developed Winchester as a centre of art and learning. One of its products was Ælfric, later his biographer. Æthelwold's Benedictional (collection of blessings), which combined two liturgical traditions, proved very influential. Besides Abingdon,

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