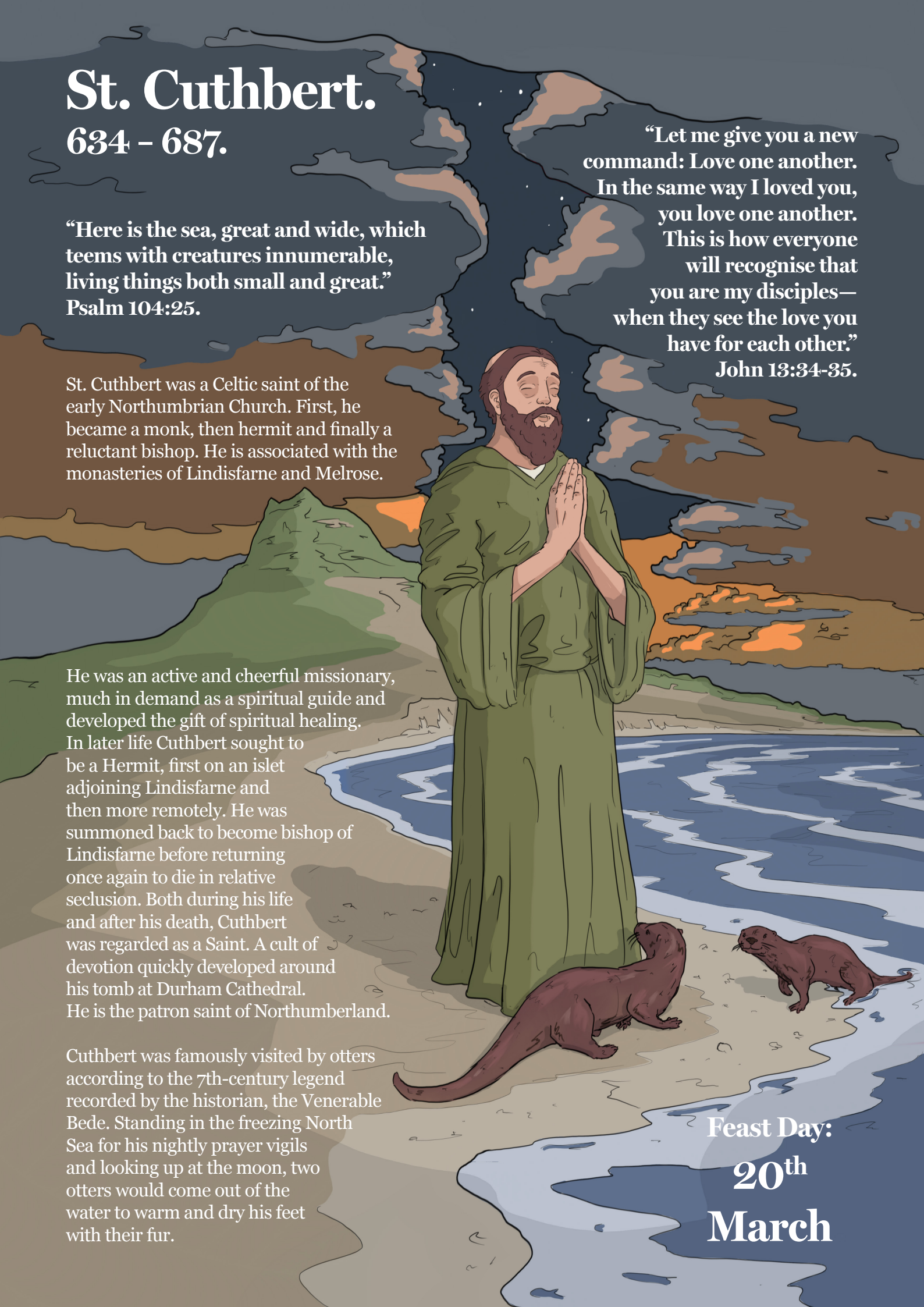
St. Cuthbert.
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"Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great." Psalm 104:25.

"Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognise that you are my disciples— when they see the love you have for each other." John 13:34-35.

St. Cuthbert was a Celtic saint of the early Northumbrian Church. First, he became a monk, then hermit and finally a reluctant bishop. He is associated with the monasteries of Lindisfarne and Melrose.



He was an active and cheerful missionary, much in demand as a spiritual guide and developed the gift of spiritual healing. In later life Cuthbert sought to be a Hermit, first on an islet adjoining Lindisfarne and then more remotely. He was summoned back to become bishop of Lindisfarne before returning once again to die in relative seclusion. Both during his life and after his death, Cuthbert was regarded as a Saint. A cult of devotion quickly developed around his tomb at Durham Cathedral. He is the patron saint of Northumberland.

Cuthbert was famously visited by otters according to the 7th-century legend recorded by the historian, the Venerable Bede. Standing in the freezing North Sea for his nightly prayer vigils and looking up at the moon, two otters would come out of the water to warm and dry his feet with their fur.

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20th March