

# Join in the St Edward the Confessor (Shenley Church End, Milton Keynes) Bi-Annual Visit to the Shrine of St Edward the Confessor in Westminster Abbey, London Saturday, 19th October



*Shrine of St Edward the Confessor, Westminster Abbey*

## Tentative Itinerary...

- **7:30am** – pick up from St Edward the Confessor car park, Milton Keynes
- **9:00am** – approx. time of arrival to Westminster Abbey, London
- **9-4pm** – various programmes put on by the Abbey during their National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Edward the Confessor Edwardtide event to celebrate his feast day
- **4:00pm** – leave from Westminster Abbey
- **6:00pm** – approx. arrival back to St Edward the Confessor, Milton Keynes (just in time for Mass!)

(more information on: <https://www.westminster-abbey.org/worship-music/services-times/edwardtide>)

**Cost: £30 per person** (to cover hire of coach, does not include food and drink)

*Visitors are allowed to bring their own food and picnic on the grounds or visit the dining facilities on and around the premises.*

***Posters and flyers will be posted at the church inviting people to express their interest. Please look for these and announcements in the parish newsletter over the next few weeks. More information will be made available as the date approaches.***

## BACKGROUND...



*St Edward the Confessor, 11th Century*

We are visiting as invited guests of the Abbey who host the National Pilgrimage to observe St Edward the Confessor's Feast Day, known as Edwardtide. During Edwardtide we celebrate the life of St Edward the Confessor, King of England 1042–1066, the re-founder of Westminster Abbey. Devotions attributed to St Edward include prayers for the government; difficult marriages; separated spouses; humility, simplicity, gentleness, charity and healing. People to this day continue to visit the shrine to seek St Edward's help in these devotions.

Canonised in 1161, he was the patron saint of England until 1347. He remains the patron saint for the English Royal Family.

Join us in this Feast to commemorate the life and work of St Edward, king and confessor, in prayer and praise. There are a number of programmes, services and opportunities to tour and visit the Abbey as special guests on this day. Only members of churches named St Edward the Confessor, all over the UK, are invited to attend and the Abbey is closed to the general public. In the past, it has been an interesting and enjoyable trip to London with fellow parishioners and the ecumenical flavour to the day has always been a unique experience. All are welcome to attend.