

Download St Augustines Abbey Canterbury English Heritage Series

This great abbey, marking the rebirth of Christianity in southern England, was founded shortly after AD 597 by St Augustine. Originally created as a burial place for the Anglo-Saxon kings of Kent, it is part of the Canterbury World Heritage Site, along with the cathedral and St Martin's Church. History of St Augustine's Abbey. St Augustine's Abbey was one of the most important monasteries in medieval England. For almost 1,000 years, it was a centre of learning and spirituality. Established as the result of the mission to bring Christianity to England, it was reduced to ruins during Henry VIII's Suppression of the Monasteries. St. Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury 'This great abbey, founded shortly after AD 597, was originally created as a burial place for the Anglo-Saxon kings of Kent and marks the rebirth of Christianity in southern England' (english-heritage.org.uk). Heritage List Entry Summary for St Augustine's Abbey. National Grid Reference: TR 15496 57856 Reasons for Designation. From the time of St Augustine's mission to re-establish Christianity in AD 597 monasticism formed an important facet of both religious and secular life in the British Isles.