

Acquisition of the Cuthbert Gospel

The British Library have acquired the earliest surviving Western book, St Cuthbert's Gospel. The Gospel was written in the late 7th century and originally placed in Cuthbert's coffin. It has claim to be one of the most important books in the world.

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St Cuthbert Gospel

Nation/region

London

Grant awarded

£4,500,000

Award date

22/03/2011

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British Library announces £9m campaign to acquire the St Cuthbert Gospel - the earliest

intact European book

- National Heritage Memorial Fund makes major grant of £4.5m
- Bid to save 7th century masterpiece for the nation
- Substantial grants offered by the Art Fund and other foundations
- £2.75 million still needed to acquire Gospel

Created in the 7th century and intimately associated with one of Britain's foremost saints, the Gospel is the earliest surviving intact European book and one of the world's most significant books.