

# St. Audrey

St. Audrey, a princess, was born circa 640. She married but was widowed three years later. Although St. Audrey took a vow of virginity, she married again for political reasons. Her second husband became impatient with her vow and tried to convince the local bishop, St. Wilfrid of York, to release her from it. Instead, the bishop helped St. Audrey escape. Some consider the lengthy high tide that kept St. Audrey's husband away divine intervention. After an annulment, St. Audrey founded an abbey at Ely. She died in 679. St. Audrey is patron saint of widows.