

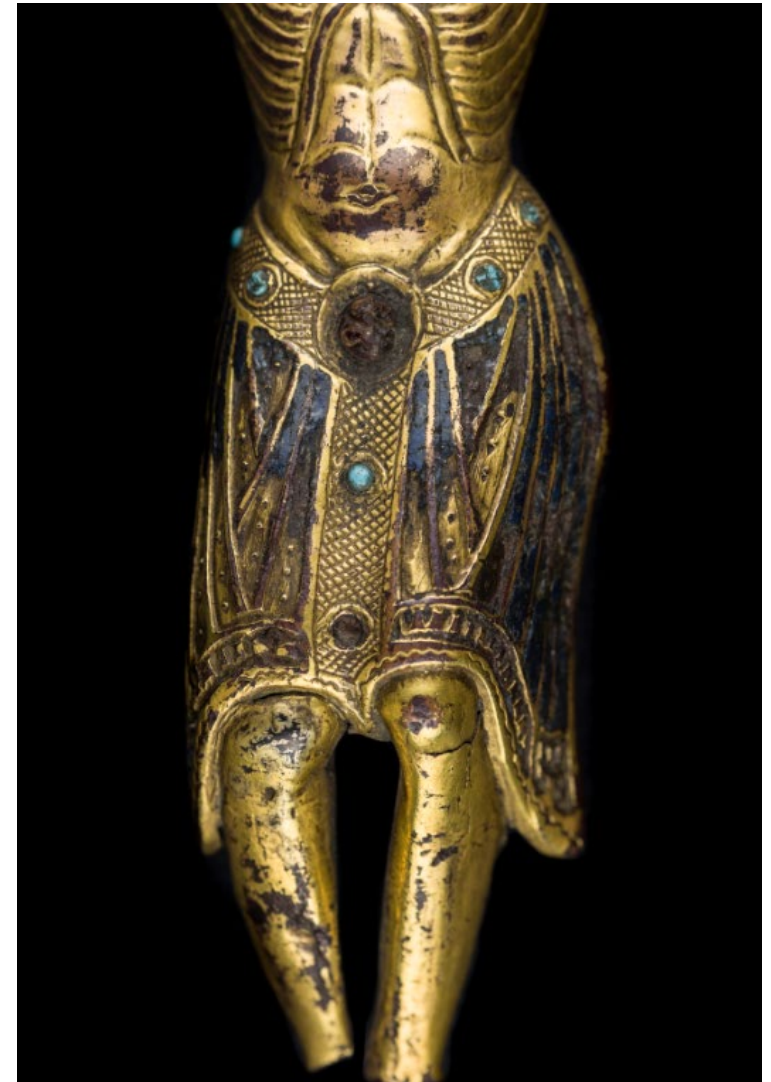
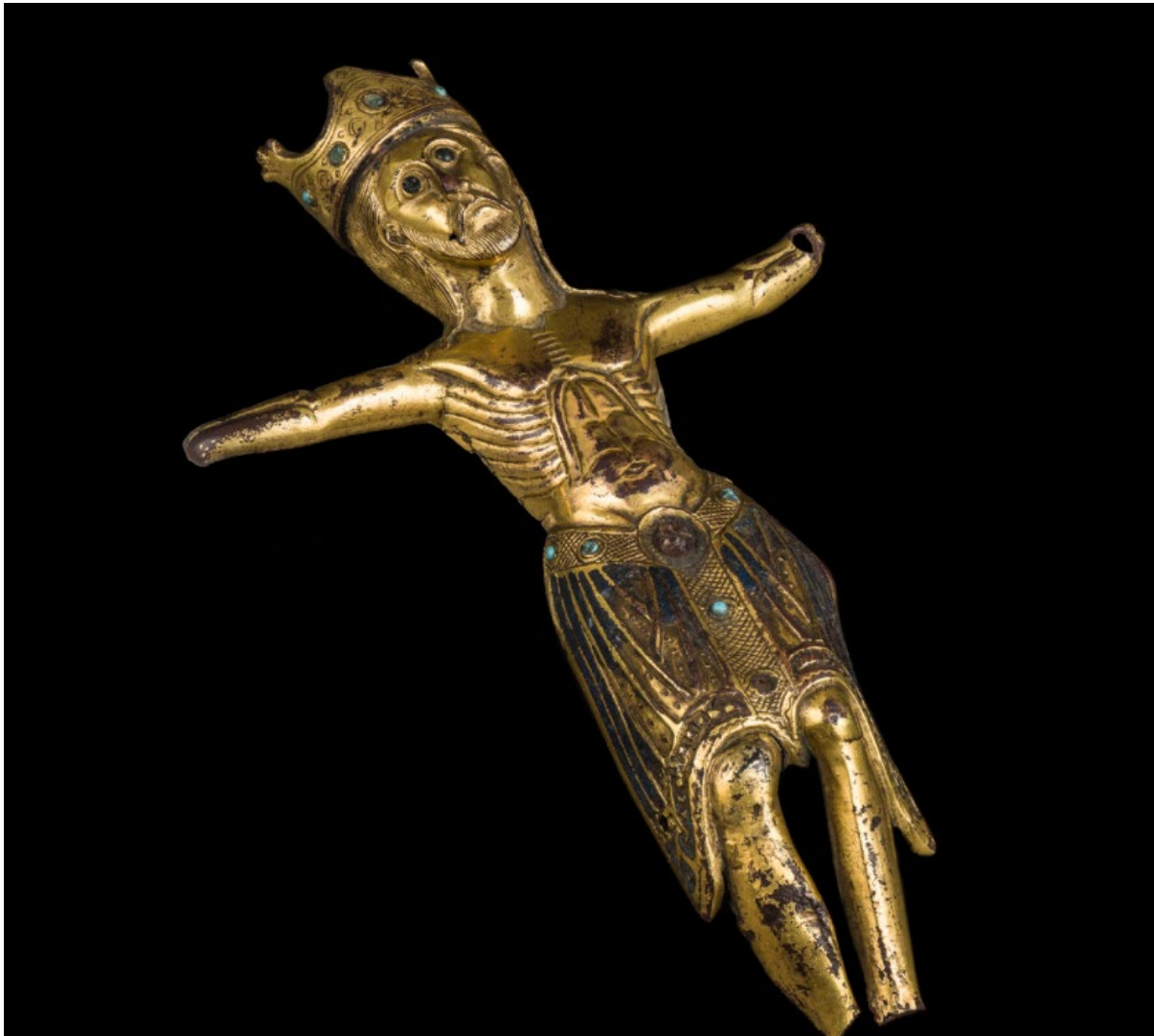


**Source 1:**  
**Photographs of the ruins**  
**of St Mary's Abbey, York**  
**as it looks today**



### Source 3: Gilt copper figurine of Christ from St Mary's Abbey, York

With enamel work, and measuring 16cm in length, it was made in the thirteenth century in Limoges, France, which was the most well-known European centre for champlevé enamel production during this period. The date ties in with a major phase of rebuilding at St Mary's Abbey (1271–1294), during which most of the remains that can still be viewed today were built. The figurine was found during an archaeological dig in 1826.



## **Source 4: A Crown licence, given on 30 September 1483 to Thomas Booth, Abbot of St Mary's, to allow him to retain Richard Cheryholme, bricklayer**

N.B. The king at the time was Richard III. It is customary for a monarch to refer to themselves with the pronoun 'we'.

*Richard Cheyholme Richard etc To alle maneroure  
officers liegemene & subgettes thiseourelettresforto  
see or here greting / Forsomoche as we understande  
that Richard Cheyholme (Brekemaker) Brekeleyere with  
iiij servaunteswith him is Reteigned in the same his  
occupacione withoure righte trusty & welbeloved in god  
Thabbotofoure Monastery of seint Marie besidesoure Citee  
of York / We wolle the said Richard and his said servauntes  
to contynue there as long as it shalle please the said Abbot  
/ Charge you alle thereforethat ye suffre them soo to doo  
without letting interupcioneor takyng tooure werkes or  
others in any wise as ye wolle advoide our displeasure*

### **Modern translation:**

*To Richard Cheyholme, from King Richard III: To all types  
of our officers, leigemen and subjects who see or hear this  
letter, greetings.*

*We understand that Richard Cheyholme (Brickmaker)  
Bricklayer along with 4 servants is employed by the right  
trustworthy and wellbeloved man of God, our Abbot of the  
Monastery of St Mary beside our City of York. We order  
it that the said Richard and his servants shall continue  
[to work] there as long as it shall please the said Abbot.  
[We] charge you all therefore that you allow them to do so  
without any interruption or taking them for our works or any  
other types of job, so that you will avoid our displeasure.*

**Source 7: Statues of saints and prophets from St Mary's Abbey, York (life-size)**

These were excavated in 1829, being discovered buried deep underground to a level that must have meant that their burial was a deliberate act. They probably date from the twelfth century, but may be from later in the medieval period.

