

Statues of saints in Henry VII's chapel, Westminster Abbey.

This is the largest surviving collection of figure sculpture from early Tudor England. There were originally 107 figures but only 96 still remain. This number includes the statue to Henry VI which was added in 1998 to replace a lost figure. The saints, prophets etc. were chosen by King Henry VII himself and were in place before his death in 1509. The lost images were probably destroyed during the Civil War 1643-45.

The list begins from the west end of the main chapel, on the north side.

1st bay:

Five patriarchs or Old Testament prophets

2nd bay:

St Roche (dressed as a pilgrim, plague spot on his thigh)
St Martin (in armour and long cloak holding a mitre)
St Giles (abbot with crozier and a hind leaping by his side)
St Anthony (with book and bell and pig at his feet)
St Germain or St Claudius of Besancon (with a broken crozier)

3rd bay:

St Erasmus (dressed as a bishop, with a windlass)
St Edmund (holds an orb)
St Hugh of Lincoln (dressed as a bishop, a swan at his feet)
St Edward the Confessor (holds a sceptre)
St Dunstan (bishop with crozier, pincers in his hand holding down a demon)

4th bay:

St Vincent (dressed as a deacon, three cruets with a book)
St Laurence (dressed as a deacon with book resting on a gridiron)
St John the Baptist (bearded, with bare arms and legs, book with lamb on it)
St Stephen (carries a book resting on stones)
St Agatha (wears a jewelled turban head dress, carries book or casket and knife)

Centre bay, north:

St Luke (with winged lion on a book)
St John the Evangelist (with winged eagle on a book)
St Augustine (dressed as a bishop, blessing)
(St Gregory – known to have been in this position but now missing)

5th bay:

St Winfred (carrying palm and a book, at her feet a female head on a block)
St Margaret (holding her staff in the mouth of a dragon)
St Anne (teaching her daughter, The Virgin Mary, to read)
St Katherine (trampling on the emperor)
St Matthew (holding book and cross, wearing spectacles)

6th bay:

St James the Less (with long curved club)
St Thomas (with spear and a bag)

St John the Evangelist (blesses a chalice from which a dragon is emerging)
St James the Greater (dressed as a pilgrim with scallop shell hat)
St Andrew (with saltire cross)

7th bay:

St Peter (with book and key)
St Gabriel (the Archangel)
Our Lord (hand raised in benediction with book and foot on an orb)
Blessed Virgin Mary
St Paul (carrying book with a sword in his belt)

8th bay:

St Philip (carries three loaves)
St Bartholomew (carrying a knife and book)
St Jude (carrying the hull of a ship)
St Matthias (carrying a book and large knife or scythe)
St Simon (holding book)

9th bay:

St Martha or St Elizabeth (dressed as a nun or widow)
St Mary Magdalene (holding cylindrical box or jar)
St Dorothy (wearing jewelled turban, holding a book and basket)
St Barbara (holds turreted castle)
St Wilgefort also called Uncumber (bearded lady with book on a T-cross)

Centre bay, south:

St Mark (with winged lion on a book)
St Matthew (wearing spectacles with book supported by an angel with ink pot)
St Jerome (dressed as a cardinal with a book and lion)
St Ambrose (dressed as a bishop holding a scourge and crozier)

10th bay:

St Helen (crowned, with book on a T-cross)
St Zita (Sita or Sytha) (reading a book)
An archer
St Sebastian (the martyr is tied to a tree, about to be shot by archers)
An archer

11th bay:

St Cuthbert (bishop with crozier and a crowned head in his hand)
St Edward King & Martyr, or St Wulstan, or St Kenelm
St Nicholas (a bishop with a boy's head emerging from a basket)
St Oswald (king with sceptre and crowned head in his hands)
St Eloy (bishop with crozier and horseshoe)

12th bay:

St Thomas of Canterbury (archbishop reading a book with a crucifix on his staff)
St George (in armour, with shield and sword and dragon at his feet)
St Richard of Chichester, or St Germain of Auxerre (with beggar holding a bowl)
St Armil (or Armagil) (in armour with cowl, his stole binds a dragon at his feet)

13th bay:

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North aisle chapel:

St Armil

A king

St Laurence

South aisle chapel:

St Katherine (crowned with book and sword piercing the emperor's head and broken wheel below)

St Margaret (crowned with cross-staff in the mouth of a dragon)

Northern apsidal chapel:

St Stephen

St Jerome

St Vincent

North east apsidal chapel:

St Sebastian

Two archers

Eastern chapel (now RAF chapel):

St Thomas of Canterbury

Henry VI (a modern statue)

St Nicholas

St Edward the Confessor

St Peter

St Edmund

South eastern apsidal chapel:

St Mary, mother of James

St Roch (as before but with a dog with a loaf of bread jumping up)

St Mary Salome, or St Martha

St Dorothy (reading with a basket on her arm)

St Christopher (depicted wading through water, carrying an uprooted tree and the young Christ on his shoulder)

St Appolonia (with book and pincers)

Southern apsidal chapel:

St Denis (carrying a mitred head)

St Paul

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