

Here are some facts about Edward the Confessor.

- Edward the Confessor was born between the years 1002 and 1005 in Islip, Oxfordshire. His father was King Ethelred the Unready and his mother was Emma of Normandy.
- Edward spent more than twenty years in exile. It is thought that he spent most of this time in Normandy.
- In 1036, Edward the Confessor and his brother Alfred came out of exile and arrived in England.
- Alfred was captured by Godwin (the Earl of Wessex). He was blinded by Harold Harefoot and eventually died from his wounds. Edward is thought to have fought a minor battle near Southampton, but he soon retreated to Normandy.
- In 1042 Edward became King of England. His claim was supported by Godwin, Earl of Wessex, and he was crowned at Winchester Cathedral.
- Edward the Confessor died on either the 4th January or 5th January 1066. He suffered a series of strokes.
- He was buried on 6th January 1066 in [Westminster Abbey](#). Harold Godwinson was crowned King of England on the same day.
- Edward the Confessor ordered the building of Westminster Abbey. It was constructed in the Norman style and was intended to be a royal burial church. The construction was completed in 1090, years after Edward's death.
- Edward the Confessor appears in the [Bayeux Tapestry](#).
- Edward was a keen hunter.
- Edward is called 'the Confessor' because is said to have lived a saintly life, but wasn't martyred (killed for his beliefs).

Edward the Confessor appears on the Bayeux tapestry

