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Saint Richard of the West Saxons

Feast Day 7 February

Richard of the West Saxons played a pivotal role in the cultural and religious landscape of early medieval England. Born in the late 7th early 8th century, Richard is often remembered for his efforts in fostering cultural exchange and embracing diverse religious influences.

In an era dominated by the influence of the Roman Catholic Church, Richard sought to diversify religious practices within his kingdom, including Greek Orthodoxy, via ties with Byzantium. This cultural exchange contributed to a unique blend of Anglo-Saxon and Byzantine art.

Further reading on St Richard of the West Saxons can be found here:

Holy and Righteous Prince Richard of Wessex

All Night Vigil for Saint Richard

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