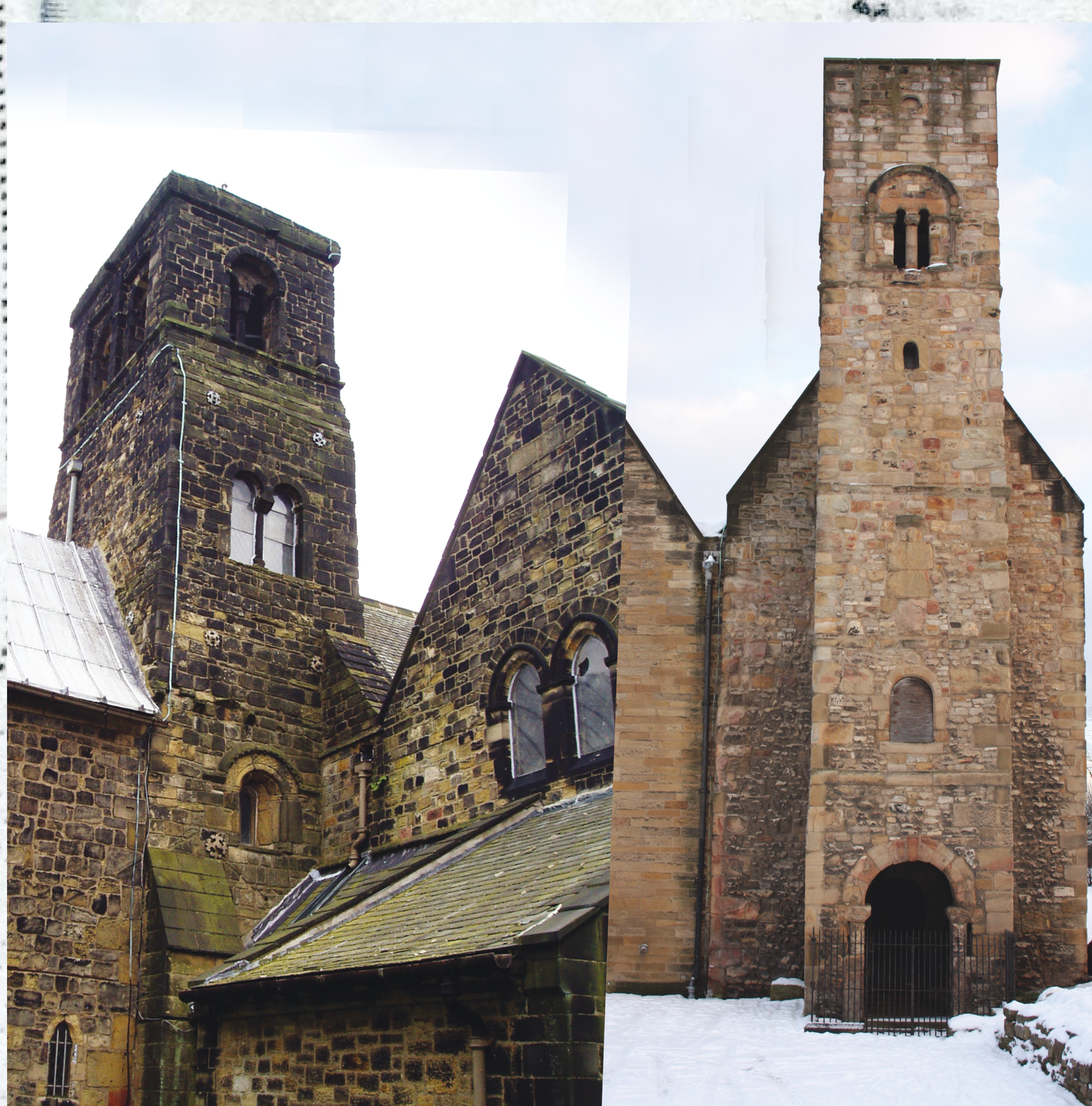
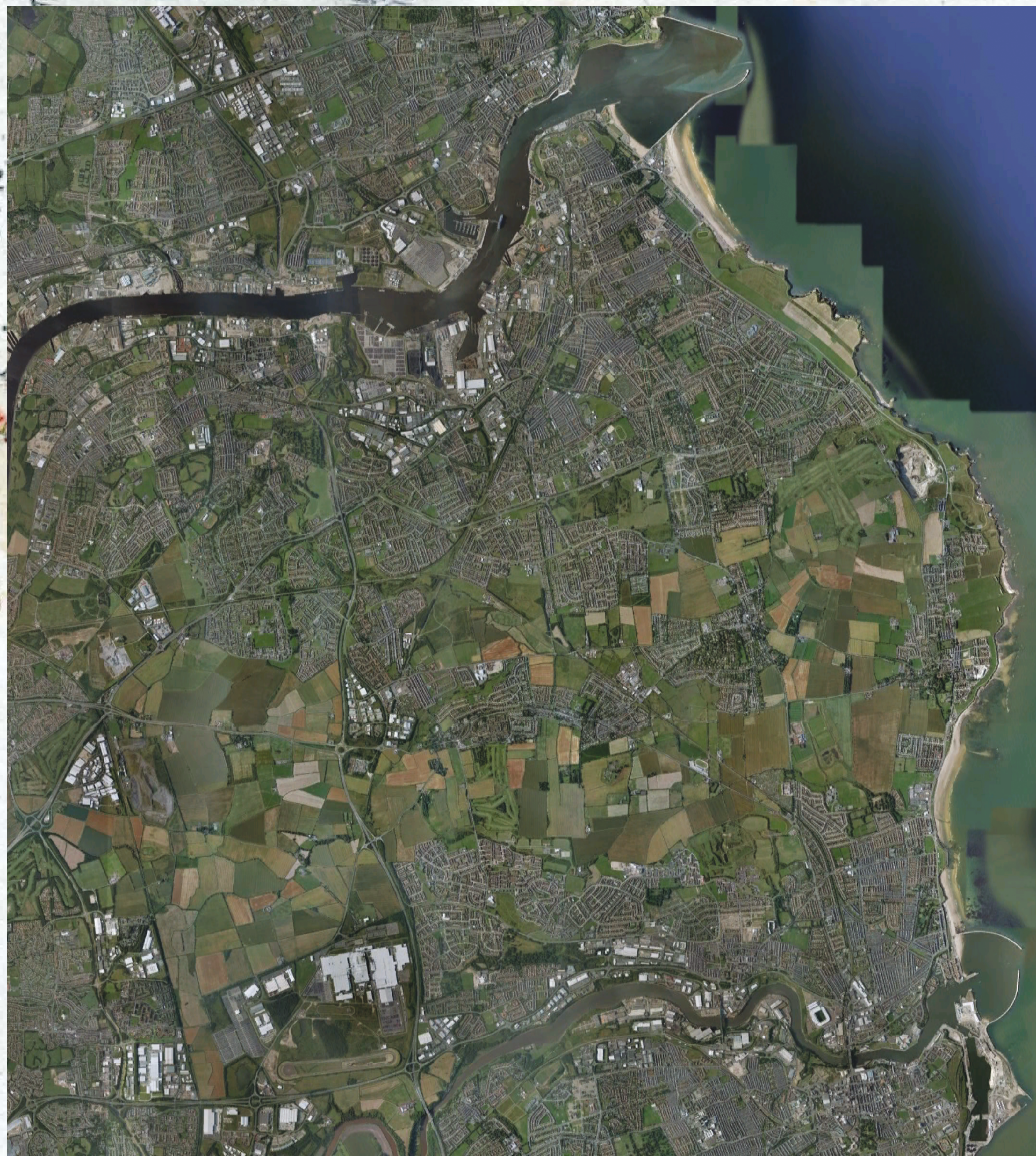
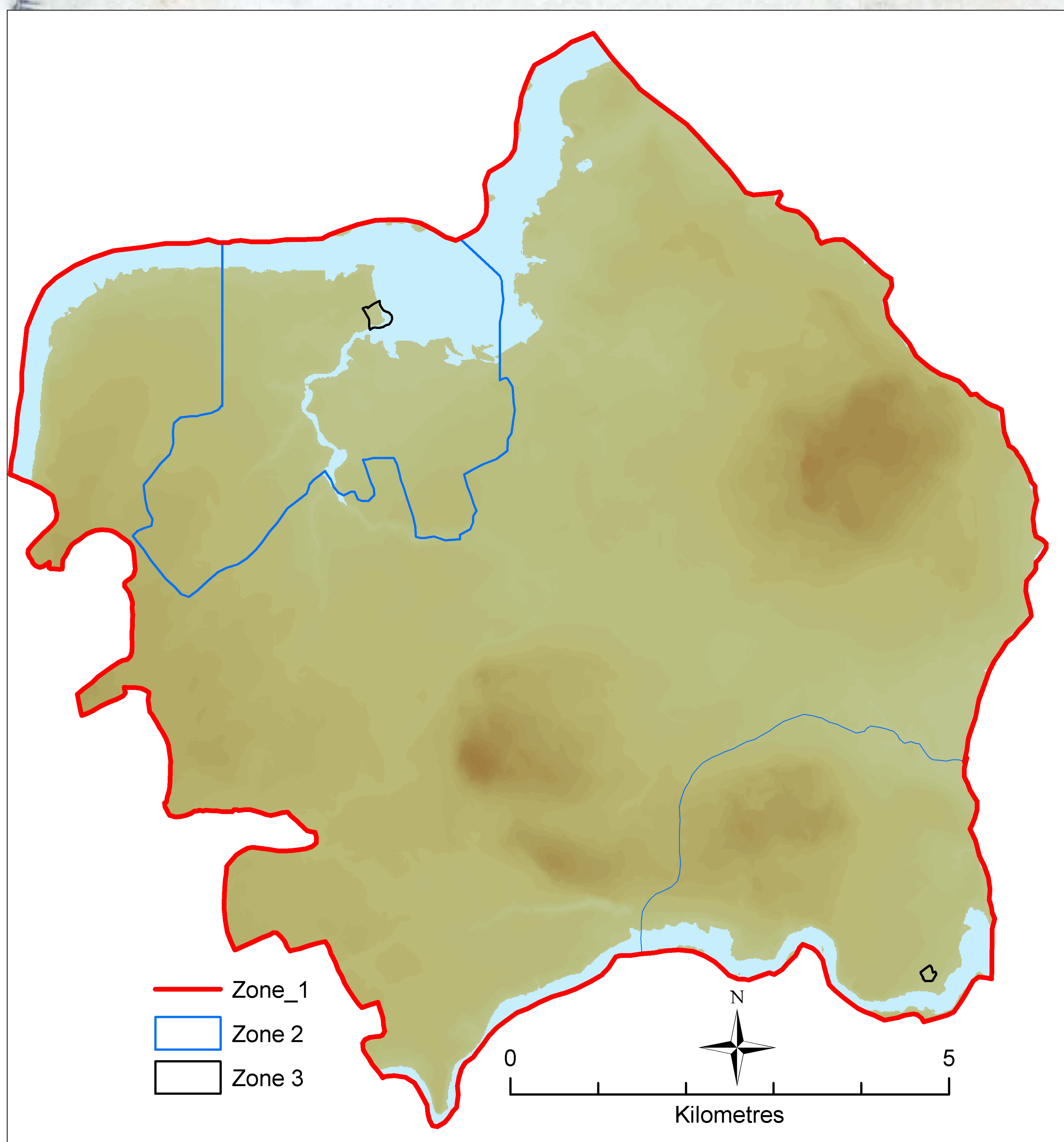


'I was born on the lands of this monastery... From the time of my receiving the priesthood until my fifty-ninth year, I have worked both for my own benefit and that of my brethren'
 AD 731, Bede, Autobiographical Note

In 2009 Newcastle and Durham Universities initiated a project aimed at exploring the landscape setting of the early Christian monastic sites of Monkwearmouth and Jarrow, from their foundation some seven centuries after the birth of Christ, to their place in today's contemporary society. Bringing together a large team of professionals with funding from English Heritage, this project has established new evidence for the form, layout and location of these early monasteries and the extent and preservation of associated archaeology, surviving above and below ground. The project has also revealed insights into the impact of these foundations in the local region, exploring their enduring meaning and value to the past and contemporary communities inhabiting the land between the rivers Tyne and Wear.



St Paul's, Jarrow and St Peter's, Monkwearmouth



aerial view of the land between the rivers Tyne and Wear

