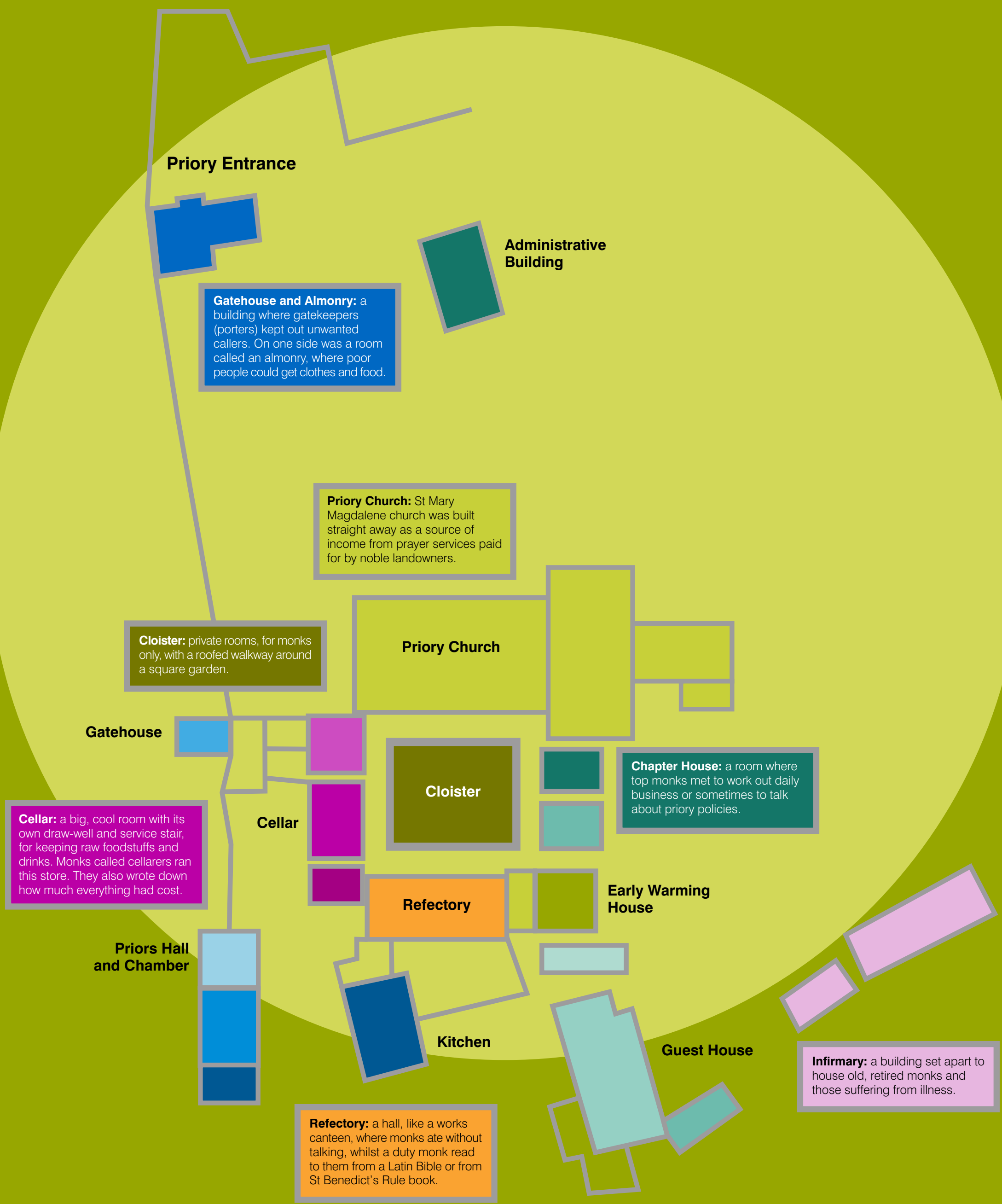
Priory Plan


Priory Entrance
Administrative Building
Gatehouse and Almonry: a building where gatekeepers (porters) kept out unwanted callers. On one side was a room called an almonry, where poor people could get clothes and food.
Priory Church: St Mary Magdalene church was built straight away as a source of income from prayer services paid for by noble landowners.
Cloister: private rooms, for monks only, with a roofed walkway around a square garden.
Priory Church
Gatehouse
Cloister
Chapter House: a room where top monks met to work out daily business or sometimes to talk about priory policies.
Cellar
Cellar: a big, cool room with its own draw-well and service stair, for keeping raw foodstuffs and drinks. Monks called cellarers ran this store. They also wrote down how much everything had cost.
Refectory
Early Warming House
Priors Hall and Chamber
Kitchen
Guest House
Infirmary: a building set apart to house old, retired monks and those suffering from illness.
Refectory: a hall, like a works canteen, where monks ate without talking, whilst a duty monk read to them from a Latin Bible or from St Benedict's Rule book.