

= St Llibio 's Church , Llanllibio =

St Llibio 's Church , Llanllibio is a demolished church in Anglesey , north Wales . Founded by Llibio in the sixth century , the church served a small community of bondmen as a chapel of ease . The population of Llanllibio declined substantially during the Middle Ages as a result of the Black Death and changes in farming practice , amongst other factors , and the community that the church served effectively disappeared . As a result , St Llibio 's closed in the seventeenth century ; the remaining worshippers moved to another local church .

Plans in the nineteenth century to rebuild the church , which was in ruins by 1776 , came to nothing . Except for a memorial stone , nothing more than " tiny traces " of St Llibio 's can now be seen .

= = Early history = =

St Llibio 's was the church for Llanllibio in Anglesey , north Wales . A survey of Anglesey conducted in 1352 records Llanllibio as a *tir cyfrif* township , a Welsh form of land tenure in which the inhabitants , who were generally few in number , were bondmen working for the lord in return for a small arable holding and some grazing rights . It was the only *tir cyfrif* township in Anglesey to have a church . Like many other communities in Anglesey , and elsewhere in medieval Wales , Llanllibio 's population decreased substantially during the Middle Ages , and the settlement effectively disappeared . Communities such as Llanllibio were affected by the Black Death , the destruction resulting from the revolt of Owen Glyndwr , by changes in land tenure , and by new farming practices that reduced the need for tied labour .

The parish was on the old road between London and the Anglesey port town of Holyhead , and about 0 @.@ 8 miles (1 @.@ 3 km) from Bodedern . The church was dedicated to St Llibio , a sixth @-@ century monk , confessor , and disciple of the Anglesey saint Cybi . Llibio himself is recorded as having founded a church on the site , and his feast day was celebrated on 28 February . The area took its name from the church : the Welsh word " *llan* " originally meant " enclosure " and then " church " .

St Llibio 's was used as a chapel of ease to the Church of St Afran , St Ieuan and St Sannan , Llantrisant , about 1 @.@ 5 miles (2 @.@ 4 km) away .

= = Closure = =

St Llibio 's was closed in the seventeenth century , and the church at Llantrisant was enlarged to accommodate worshippers from Llanllibio . By 1776 St Llibio 's was in ruins . According to Angharad Llwyd , a historian of Anglesey writing in 1833 , the inhabitants of the area attended worship at St Edern 's Church , Bodedern . She noted that Wynne Jones , the rector of Llantrisant , hoped to rebuild the church , but that did not happen .

A survey in 1937 by the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales and Monmouthshire stated that " the church has entirely disappeared , but the foundations of the churchyard wall are still visible . " A 2006 guide to the churches of Anglesey says that " only tiny traces " of the church can be seen , adding that a memorial slate marks its location .