

= St Enghenedl 's Church , Llanynghenedl =

St Enghenedl 's Church , Llanynghenedl , is a former parish church in Anglesey , north Wales , dedicated to the son of a 6th @-@ century King of Powys . According to the 19th @-@ century antiquarian Angharad Llwyd , the first church in Llanynghenedl was erected in about 620 . A new church was erected in 1862 , replacing a building that the 19th @-@ century clergyman and antiquarian Harry Longueville Jones noted as dating in part from the late 13th or early 14th century , based on the decorations on the south doorway . The church later fell into disuse as a result of the growth of the nearby village of Valley and the church there . In 1988 , St Enghenedl 's was dismantled and re @-@ erected as an extension to St Mihangel 's , Llanfihangel yn Nhowyn , so that St Mihangel 's could serve as the church for RAF Valley . The former churchyard of St Enghenedl 's is still visible but is now overgrown .

= = History and location = =

The site of the former St Enghenedl 's Church is in the village of Llanynghenedl , in Anglesey , north Wales , in the north @-@ west of the island about 4 miles (6 @.@ 4 km) east of the port town of Holyhead . Little is known about Enghenedl , the saint to whom the church was dedicated . He was one of the sons of Cynan Garwyn , King of Powys in the late 6th century , and a brother of his successor , Selyf ap Cynan or Selyf Sarffgadau . This is the only church recorded as being dedicated to Enghenedl , whose feast day was celebrated on Quinquagesima (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday) . The village takes its name from the church ; the Welsh word llan originally meant " enclosure " and then " church " , and " ? ynghenedl " is a variant of the saint 's name .

According to the 19th @-@ century antiquarian Angharad Llwyd , it is said that the first church was built here in about 620 . By the time she was writing , the church was attached to the parish of St Machraeth 's Church , Llanfachraeth . St Enghenedl 's was rebuilt in 1862 by Henry Kennedy , the architect of the Diocese of Bangor . Another church was subsequently built in the parish , in the village of Valley . As Valley grew , St Enghenedl 's declined in use and it eventually closed . It was dismantled in 1988 and rebuilt as an extension to St Mihangel 's Church , Llanfihangel yn Nhowyn , so that it could serve as the church for RAF Valley . St Enghenedl 's was re @-@ erected with its west end adjoining the west end of St Mihangel 's , which had also been built by Kennedy in 1862 . The old east window of St Enghenedl 's now faces west , and the bellcote is in the middle of the roof . The churchyard , gravestones , and lychgate of St Enghenedl 's remain in their original location , but the churchyard is now overgrown .

= = Architecture and fittings = =

Writing in 1862 (but before Kennedy 's rebuilding) , the clergyman and antiquarian Harry Longueville Jones recorded that the church was 40 by 14 feet (12 @.@ 2 by 4 @.@ 3 m) internally , divided by some woodwork into a nave and chancel . Judging by the decoration he considered that the south doorway dated from the late 13th or early 14th century . He also noted that the 12th @-@ century font had an ornamental design similar to other fonts elsewhere in Anglesey . The east window had two lights (sections of window separated by stone mullions) , and was similar to that of St Ylched 's Church , Llechylched (another Anglesey church that no longer exists) .

A 1937 survey of Kennedy 's rebuilt church by the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales and Monmouthshire said that it was formed from a continuous nave and chancel , measuring in total 431 ? 2 by 151 ? 2 feet (13 @.@ 3 by 4 @.@ 7 m) . The church , which was at that time in good condition , was entered through a porch on the south side , and there was a vestry on the north side . As well as the font , the church contained some 18th @-@ century memorials . The font is now in the south chapel of St Cybi 's Church , Holyhead .

A survey of church plate within the Bangor diocese in 1906 recorded a silver chalice , 7 5 ? 8 inches (just over 19 cm) tall , with the Chester date mark for 1724 ? 25 . It was inscribed with the names of the vicar (Thomas Vincent) and the two churchwardens (Griffith Edward and Owen

Hughes) , and the year 1724 . It was described as resembling " an inverted bell , standing on a stem " . There was also an accompanying plain paten cover , 3 5 ? 8 inches (just over 9 cm) in diameter . Both bore the maker 's mark of William Richardson , the letters " Ri " in a square shield below a crescent . The paten also had the mark of a leopard 's head , indicating that it had been assayed in London .

= = Assessment = =

Angharad Llwyd described the church in 1833 as " a lofty but small edifice " , adding that several parts " display marks of very great antiquity . " Harry Longueville Jones said that its size made it " one of the least considerable " of the churches in Anglesey . The Welsh politician and church historian Sir Stephen Glynne visited the church in July 1873 . He said that it was a small church with " some small rude windows " .