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Nevern

St. Brynach's Church 1804

This church from its situation, its associations and its own character is the most interesting in North Pembs. The building is late Transitional. It is cruciform, with shallow transepts, and on either side of the chancel is a bay lighted by narrow pointed windows. The northern transept, or Glastir Chapel, is used as a vestry and over the southern, or Henllys Chapel, is a low room approached by steps in a projecting turret. The Henllys Chapel has a groined stone arching, and (rarely to be found in this country) flamboyant windows. It was probably built by George Owen, who, and his father William Owen (who wrote in 1521 the first book published by a Welshman) are buried beneath it. A brass has recently been placed in the church to the memory of George Owen by the editor of his works. Although the parish is the largest in the county and contains many pedigree houses, the monuments are as usual scanty, the more important ones are of the families of Llwyngwair and Trewern. In the churchyard are the Brynach's cross and the inscribed stone recently removed from Cwmgloyne. The approach is through a venerable avenue of yew trees. The tower, which is massive, contains a peal of bells and has a projecting turret on then north.

Graveyard Survey mentioned in Arch. in Wales, Vol. 25, p. 8.

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