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Rudbaxton

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This church, now dedicated to St. Michael, and formerly to St. Madoc, is described in Arch. Camb. V, xv, 280. The Howard tomb is there ascribed in error to Mary Tasker. St. Madoc's well is outside the churchyard on the south side. The church was granted to the Preceptory of Slebech by Wiz the Fleming, and in the confiscation of the property of the Knights Hospitaller it came to the Crown. Alexander of the Rhyd Bach improved the grant and founded the parish. The church contains many monuments to the family of Picton of Poyston. Close outside the church and recently taken in to the farmyard is a tumulus, upon which tradition states that two of the Haward brothers fought a duel to the death. The Petty Sessions for the Hundred were formerly held here.