

## COMMENT

## AUTHORITY

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Llanfihangel Penbedw

St. Michael's Church 4331

"The Church of St. Michael the Archangel of the Top of the Birch Grove." St. Michael was a popular saint among the later Welsh and had no less than 30 churches dedicated to him in this and in the neighbouring counties of Carmarthen and Cardigan, not to speak of many others in various parts of Wales. So it was necessary to give them distinguishing names. This churchyard is entered by a lychgate, not a very remarkable specimen, but these are rare in West Wales. There is a memorial in the church to Margaret, daughter of Richard Owen of Rhiwsaeson, whose first husband was James Stedman of Strata Florida; her second Hector Philipps of the Priory, Cardigan. The church is not at all remarkable.