

Eglwys Wen (White church) place name in Llanon, Llansantffraid, Ceredigion

A field listed in the tithe schedule of 1841 is named Ddole Eglwys Wen (White church meadow), on the edge of Afon Peris (SN 52934 67033). There are no identified remains of a building in this field.

<https://historicplacenames.rcahmw.gov.uk/placenames/recordedname/eff555d6-5c10-4d8e-b369-57ee457a439f>

Diary of visit to Llanon, Llansantffraid, Ceredigion, by George Eyre Evans [GEE], 1907
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I went to Llanon to stay with my friend W.J. Evans, (of St David's College, student) at his mother's old fashioned farmstead at Treodyrhiw.

On the following morning we walked up the Peris Glen to see the site of Eglwys Wen – about 20 ft of south wall – with door space ? – can be traced in foundation stones. Burials were made here. The grandfather of farmer at Wigod [?Pant Wilog, SN 52037 66753] remembered such, and the shoemaker, Evan Evans, in village told us that his grandmother's grandmother (Circa 1660) attended services there, walking from Alltgoch. A mound with a holly-tree growing on it is known as Bedd y pab – Pope's grave. Near by is a well of good drinking water. {Brief description of Troedyrhiw kitchen.}

Letter from W.J. Evans of Troedyrhiw, dated 8th Jan. 1907, thanking GEE for his book, and stating that *The History of the Neuadd and Eglwys Wen is pouring in, and I shall let you know all the additional details by and by.* [If this information was passed on to GEE, it has not been found in his extensive archive.]

George Eyre Evans album, NLW ms 13488, pp. 61-67

In one of the articles in the Welsh Gazette, (18 Jan. 1912), the anonymous author suggested that one of the reasons that Capel Non went out of use was because it was one of three Anglican places of worship which the parishioners of Llansantffraid had: Llansantffraid church, Eglwys Wen and Capel Non but the same may well apply to Eglwys Wen.