

St. Tydecho's Church, Mallwyd



Tradition states that St. Tydecho's Church was founded in the sixth century. The present church dates to the fourteenth century is an unusual building, of a long and narrow in shape with a balcony at each end.

Many of its fixtures are of seventeenth century origin. Above the carved oak beams on the church door are the remains of two very large bones, which are reputed to be whale bones or tusks which are said to have been

unearthed locally. The churchyard contains some very fine yew trees.

The scholar John Davies (c.1567-1644), a native of the village, was the rector of Mallwyd for 30 years. A memorial to him stands in the church which was erected to commemorate the 200th anniversary of his death.

John Davies was one of Wales' leading scholars of the late Renaissance, a master of Welsh, English, Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. A graduate of Jesus College, Oxford, he was the author of a Welsh grammar and dictionary and was believed to have been the main editor of the 1620 edition of the Welsh translation of the Bible.