

## ELFODD, bishop (died 809),

**Name:** Elfodd  
**Date of death:** 809  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** bishop  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

whose name appears in the forms ' Elbodugus ' and ' Elbodg ' (Harleian MS. 3859), and ' Elvodugus ' ([Nennius](#)), representing Old Welsh ' Elbodug,' is famous for his adoption (in 768, according to Harleian MS. 3859) of the Roman Easter, which the Welsh Church had rejected in 602-3. The traditions concerning his origins vary, but a connection with the monastery of Cybi at Holyhead is asserted in most of them (see *The Lives of the British Saints*, iii, 431). He is said (*The Lives of the British Saints*) to have become bishop of Bangor in 755, but this statement rests on late and extremely dubious authority - the manuscripts of [Iolo Morganwg](#). The chronicler [Nennius](#), who styles himself Elfodd's pupil ('Elvodugi discipulus'), refers to him as 'episcopus sanctissimus' with no local designation; and the record of his death in 809 (Harleian MS. 3859) calls him 'archiepiscopus Guenedote regione' (chief bishop in the land of Gwynedd), a phrase which at that date in Wales had no connotation of metropolitan authority.

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### Sources

J. E. Lloyd, [A History of Wales from the Earliest Times to the Edwardian Conquest \(London 1911\)](#), 203-4

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