

PETROC (PEDROG), saint, fl. 6th century

Name: Petroc
Parent: Clement
Parent: Glywys
Gender: Male
Occupation: saint
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Hywel David Emanuel

The most complete 'Life of S. Petroc' was recently found at Gotha, Germany. Though he accomplished his main work in Dumnonia and Brittany, Petroc was born in Gwent. According to the 'Life of S. Cadoc' (Preface) and the genealogy at the end of his own 'Life,' Petroc was one of the sons of Glywys. But 'Bonedd y Saint' ([Wade-Evans](#), below) makes him son of Clement, a Cornish prince. According to the 'Life of S. Cadoc,' Petroc renounced his hereditary right to a portion of his father's kingdom, and withdrew to Bodmin, Cornwall. The Gotha 'Life' states that he was chosen as sole king to succeed his father, and adopted the monastic life after repelling a foreign invasion. Petroc is said to have visited Ireland before settling in Cornwall. He is one of the chief saints of Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall, and his cult is widespread too in Brittany. In Wales, he is the patron saint of Llanbedrog in Caernarfonshire, St Petrox in Pembrokeshire, and Verwick in Cardiganshire. 4 June is his feast-day.

Author

Hywel David Emanuel, (1921 - 1970)

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