

LLAWDDOG, or LLEUDDAD, saint (fl. 600?),

Name: Llawddog
Gender: Male
Occupation: saint
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is said to have been the son of Dingad ab Nudd Hael, king of Bryn Buga (i.e. Usk), and Tefrian or Tonwy, daughter of Lleuddyn Lwyddog. Few details are known about his life, but tradition maintains that he worked many miracles. He appears to have forsaken his father's kingdom in order to live the life of a religious recluse with his brother BAGLAN in Caernarvonshire. His later years are linked with the isle of Bardsey. He was chosen abbot of the island's religious community, and is said to have ended his days there. A Welsh 'Life of S. Llawddog' is preserved in [Llanstephan MS 34](#), of the late 16th century, and an early 18th century copy is to be found in [Llanstephan MS 104](#). The churches of Cenarth, Penboyr, and Llanllawddog in Carmarthenshire, and Cilgerran in Pembrokeshire were all originally dedicated to Llawddog. His memory is also perpetuated in the local topography of the places so named, in the form Lleuddad, in parts of the Llŷn peninsula. His feast-day is variously given as 15 January, 21 January, or 10 August

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