

# Historic Wales Report

<b>Dataset</b>	<b>Cadw Listed Buildings</b>
Title	Church of St Tyfrydog
Type	Listed Building
Dataset UID	5360
Community	Rhosybol

## Location

Located within a circular churchyard to W side of Lon Leidr in the centre of the small hamlet of Llandyfrydog.

Date Listed	5/12/1970
Last Amendment	2/21/2001
Grade	II*

## History

A church is mentioned in the Norwich Taxation of 1254, but the earliest datable fabric here is the nave, built c1400; the chancel appears to have been rebuilt in the late C15 or early C16 and the N vestry and SW porch are mid-late C19, probably built when the church was restored in 1862 by Kennedy and Rogers.

## Reason for Listing

Listed as a good Medieval rural church which retains much of its Medieval fabric and a rich vernacular character.

## History

Clarke M L, Anglesey Churches in the Nineteenth Century, Transactions of the Anglesey Antiquarian Society, 1961, p 60;

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust, Welsh Historic Churches Project, 1997;

Salter M, The Old Parish Churches of North Wales, p 16;

RCAHMW Inventory, 1937, p 51.

## Interior

The interior could not be inspected at the time of the survey. Said, by referenced sources, to retain the original chancel arch, built c1400, a pointed arch of 2 chamfered orders. The nave and chancel have exposed roof timbers of arched braced collared trusses with wall posts down to shaped corbels and the nave is furnished with box pews.

## Exterior

Small rural church in Decorated style comprising 2-bay nave with W bellcote and SW gabled porch; single bay chancel with lean-to N vestry. Built of roughly coursed small squared masonry with larger angle stones, and with limestone dressings. Roof of thin slates with stone copings and shaped kneelers; the nave has a weathered cross base at the E gable, the chancel has a broken stone cross finial and the porch has a fleur-de-lys finial. The nave has angled buttresses at the E end, similar buttresses flank the entrance in the SW porch. The doorway is in a chamfered pointed arch of 2 orders, the base of the jambs with bar stops and stepped run out chamfers. To the R (E) of the porch is an original window of c1400, 2 trefoil headed lights in a rectangular frame; a similarly detailed C19 window to R is set at a

higher level to light the pulpit. There is another similar window set in the W gable apex. The N wall of the nave has a paired W window of cinquefoil headed lights in a rectangular frame; a single trefoil headed light in rectangular frame to E. The chancel has rectangular windows of uncertain date with crude moulded frames stopping on weathered blocks. The E window is late C15, and has 3 pointed lights in a 4-centred head with moulded jambs and a moulded label with beast stops; the cusping has been removed from the exterior.

The church is set within a circular churchyard which includes a series of slate chest tombs, many of which are in railed enclosures.