

## CYNIDR, saint (fl. 6th century)

Name: Cynidr Parent: Geingar ferch Brychan Parent: Gwladys ferch Brychan Parent: Gwynllyw Gender: Male Occupation: saint Area of activity: Religion Author: Hywel David Emanuel

Few biographical details are known concerning this saint. In both the 'De Situ Brecheniauc' (Wade-Evans, Vitae Sanctorum Britanniae et Genealogiae, 313-5) and the ' Cognacio Brychan' (op. cit., 315-8), Cynidr is described as the son of Ceingair, daughter of Brychan; but his father's name is not mentioned. The 'Generatio Sancti Egweni' (op. cit., 319), however, makes Cynidr the son of Gwynllyw and Gwladys, and therefore a brother to Saint Cadoc. Cynidr is perhaps the Keneder mentioned in the composite 'Life' of S. Cadoc as one of the saints accompanying S. Cadoc in his altercation with king Arthur. Cynidr seems to have been most active in Brecknock, where the churches of Llangynidr, Aberyskir, Llan-y-wern, Cantref, and Glasbury were all originally named after him. His legend is known too at Kenderchurch and Winforton in the county of Hereford. The festival of S. Cynidr is celebrated usually on 8 December

### Author

Hywel David Emanuel, (1921 - 1970)

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### **Further Reading**

Wikipedia Article: Cynidr

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