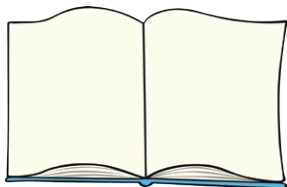


Saint Dwynwen's Story

Key:



a long time ago



beautiful



Dwynwen



King Brychan
Brycheiniog



Maelon Dafodrill



marry/
marriage



angry



heartbroken



forest



God



night



dream



drink



ice



three wishes



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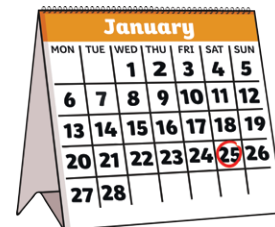
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25th January



A long time ago there was a beautiful princess called Dwynwen. Her father



was King Brychan Brycheiniog and he had arranged for her to marry an



important prince. However, Dwynwen was in love with another prince called



Maelon Dafodrill. She went to see her father to say she did not want to



marry the prince he had chosen for her.



"You have to marry a prince I've chosen for you!" said the King. Dwynwen



ran to Maelon to tell him what her father had told her.



When Maelon heard this, he was angry and said he never wanted to see her



again. Dwynwen's heart broke completely. She was so sad that she went



to live alone in a forest. Dwynwen felt lonely and upset in the forest. She



prayed to God to help her stop loving Maelon.



Then, one **night** while she was sleeping, an angel came to **Dwynwen**



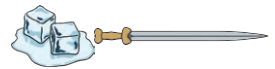
and gave her a special **drink** to make her feel better. **Dwynwen** began to



dream. In the **dream**, she saw the angel giving a **drink** to **Maelon** and he



turned into a **block of ice**.



Afterwards, **Dwynwen** had **three wishes** from the angel: to **thaw Maelon**,



to make Welsh **lovers** happy and to make sure she would never get **married**.



The **three wishes** came true and she decided to dedicate her life to serve **God**



and look after Welsh **lovers**.



Dwynwen established a **church** on Llanddwyn **Island**, Anglesey and became



the patron saint of **lovers**.



Today, **lovers** in Wales celebrate St **Dwynwen's** day on **25th January** and

send cards to loved ones.