

St Dwynwen's Story

A long time ago, there was a beautiful princess called Dwynwen. Her father was King Brychan Brycheiniog, and he had arranged her to marry an important prince. But, 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 that 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; Maelon to be thawed, to make Welsh lovers happy and to never get married. The three wishes came true and she decided to dedicate her life to serve God and to 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.



Questions

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Gelert

Maelon

Dwynwen

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to never marry

Maelon to be thawed

king to change his mind

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