

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE EARLY MEDIEVAL CELTIC CHURCHES

Joint Society for Church Archaeology/Society for Medieval Archaeology Conference

Hosted by the Department of History and Welsh History
and the Welsh Institute of Social and Cultural Affairs

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University of Wales, Bangor, September 9th – 12th 2004

DRAFT PROGRAMME**Thursday September 9th**

2.00pm Conference Welcome

2.15pm **Session 1 The Early Medieval Church in Wales: Regional Studies****Andrew Davidson** (Gwynedd Archaeological Trust) 'The Development of the Early Church in north-west Wales'**Neil Ludlow** (Cambria Archaeology) 'Identifying the Early Medieval Church in south-west Wales'

3.30pm Tea

4.00pm **Session 2 Burial and Cemeteries****Elizabeth O'Brien** 'Pagan or Christian? Burial in fifth- to seventh-century Ireland'**Derek Alexander** (National Trust for Scotland) 'Death and Burial in the Pictish Heartland'**David Longley** (Gwynedd Archaeological Trust) 'Early Medieval Burial in Wales – a Reassessment'6.15pm **Tour of Bangor Cathedral**

7.30pm Dinner followed by reception

Friday 10th September9.00am **Session 3 Identifying the Early Medieval Church in south-west Britain and Brittany****David Petts** (Durham County Council) **and Sam Turner** (Devon County Council) 'Multiple Church Groups in Wales and Western England'**Teresa Hall** 'Identifying British Sites in Western Wessex'**Philippe Guigon** 'The so-called Celtic Church in Brittany'

11.00am Coffee

11.30am **Session 4 The Early Medieval Church in Scotland: Regional Studies****Rachel Butter** (Glasgow University) 'Saints and ecclesiastical place-names in Argyll'**Ian Fisher** (RCAHMS) 'Cross-clusters and black holes: problems in the distribution of early sculpture in western and northern Scotland'

12.50pm Lunch

2pm **Session 5 Early Church Architecture****Peter Yeoman** (Historic Scotland) 'The Archaeology of the Early Christian Church in Alba and Pictland'**Andrew Johnson** (Manx National Heritage) 'Early Medieval Chapels on the Isle of Man: Structural Evidence and Date?'**Aimee Pritchard** (University of Wales, Bangor) 'The Origins of Ecclesiastical Stone Architecture in Wales'

4.10pm Tea

4.45pm **Trip to Penmon Romanesque Church, Crosses and Holy Well (Anglesey)**

7.30pm Dinner followed by reception

Saturday 11th September

9.00am **AGM Society for Church Archaeology**

9.30am Session 6 **Recent Work in Ireland**

Conleth Manning (National Monuments Service) 'Aspects of Pre-Romanesque Masonry Churches in Ireland'

John Sheehan (University College Cork) 'A Peacock's Tale: Excavation at Caherlehillan, Co. Kerry'

Tomás Ó Carragáin (University College Cork) 'Regional Variation in Irish Ecclesiastical Architecture'

11.30am Coffee

12.00pm Session 7 **Identifying the Early Medieval Church in S Wales and the Borders**

Bob Silvester (Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust) 'Church Enclosures and *Clas* Boundaries: the Archaeological Evidence from Wales'

Edith Evans (Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust) 'Continuity and Renewal of Monastic Landholding in Wales before and after the Anglo-Norman Conquest'

1.20pm Lunch

2.30pm **Fieldtrip to Llanfaglan and Clynnog Churches**

Conference Dinner

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Sunday September 12th

9.00am Session 8 **Relics and Reliquaries**

Cormac Bourke (Ulster Museum) 'Picturing the Relics of the Saints'

Mark Redknap (National Museums and Galleries of Wales) 'A New Look at Early Medieval Ecclesiastical Metalwork from Wales'

Virginia Glenn (National Museums of Scotland) 'St Fillan's Crozier – its Cult and its Reliquaries'

11.00am Coffee

11.30am **Monastic Craftworking**

Heather King (National Monuments Service) 'Economy and Industry at a Major Monastic Site – the Case of Clonmacnoise'

Cecily Spall (York University Field Archaeology) 'Reflections on the Monastic Arts: Recent Discoveries at Portmahomack, Tarbat, Easter Ross'

12.50pm **Closing Remarks**

1pm **Lunch and disperse**

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