A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PILGRIMAGE CHURCH OF ST. GARMON Llanarmon Mynydd Mawr

Donations towards the on-going upkeep of this Church will be gratefully received. Please use the Wall Box, and if you are an UK Taxpayer please use the Gift Aid Envelope as the Diocese can claim a further 25% from HMRC without any cost to you.

Compiled by Arthur Tyerman Revised March 2014

Six special services will be held here each year details of which will be displayed on the porch Notice Board, the parish web site at www.garmon-pilgrimage-church.blogspot.co.uk/ and emailed to pilgrim supporters.

If you wish to receive news of services and events please complete the address card at the back of the Church and leave it in the Wall Box or send the card to the Vicar of Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant.

An Historic Sketch of Llanarmon Mynydd Mawr (undated)

The Preaching Stone at St. Garmon's Llanarmon Mynydd Mawr

said to have been used by St. Germanus of Auxerre to preach to the gathered crowd during his Crusade in the area circa 5th Century A.D.
THE CHURCH OF ST. GARMON, LLANARMON MYNYDD MAWR

The Church of St. Garmon is in the Diocese of St. Asaph of the Church in Wales, and was one of the Grouped Parishes of Llanrhaiadr ym Mochnant. It was closed for worship on 2nd February 2014 but continues to remain open as a place of prayer for all to visit, having been designated as a Pilgrimage Church by the Diocese of St. Asaph and the Representative Body of Church in Wales.

It is not recorded when the present Church was built, or by whom, but Llanarmon Mynydd Mawr is considered to be one of the "ancient parishes" of Denbighshire, and in early times, was a chapel of ease to the mother church of 'Llanrhaiadr', its original dedication being St. Germanus, and until 1720 the baptisms, marriages and burials were recorded in the registers of that church. They have since been kept separately.

The church was mentioned in the Lincoln Taxation of 1291, was restored in 1886, was in the County of Denbighshire until 1974, in Clwyd from 1974, and is now in Powys, following boundary revisions in 1996.

When Civil Registration was introduced (on 1 July 1837), the parish of Llanarmon Mynydd Mawr was assigned to the No. 3 "(Llanrhaeadr") sub-district of the Llanfyllin Registration District, which was co-extensive with the Llanfyllin poor law Union. Records show that the population was 164 in 1831 and 112 in 1901, and the area of the parish was given as 2,218 acres.

For those interested in tracing family history it may be helpful to know that the Parish Registers for Baptisms (1695 - 1897), Marriages (1699 - 1923) and Burials (1695 - 1999) have been deposited at the Denbighshire Record Office, Ruthin, and may be viewed on microfilm at the Denbighshire, Flintshire and Powys Record Offices, and at the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth. These microfilms are not available elsewhere.

Clwyd Family History Society has published full transcriptions of the registers (complete with indexes) for Baptisms (1681 - 1812), Marriages (1683 - 1812) and Burials (1681 - 1812), and this publication is on display at the back of the church.

Around the year 1951, most of the Bishop's Transcripts which had been deposited at that time were microfilmed, and those for the years 1672 - 1850 have been deposited in the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, and may also be viewed at the Denbighshire and Flintshire Record Offices, and are available on request at Family History Centres. In general, the Bishop's Transcripts are less complete than the parish registers.

The burial ground which surrounds the church is owned by Powys County Council, is in the care of the Llanrhaeadr Community Council, and information about burials can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, Mrs Pat Jones at 01691 656578

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LLANARMON MYNYDD MAWR, also called "Llanarmon Fach."

The notes which follow are extracted from a History of Denbighshire

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18... Hughes, Isaac.
1682 Bray, John.
18... Williams, William Edmund.
1745 Lloyd, David.
1850 Jones, Edward, B. A.
1748 Edwards, Thomas, B.A.
1867 Jones, Thomas.
1758 Jones, Hugh.
1868 Jones, John.
1811 Jones, William Allen.
1881 James, Thomas.

*1 Royal Commission on the Welsh Church - October 1907