



Geiriau tyner *Welsh terms of endearment*

Annwyl means "dear, darling, beloved, loved, cherished, favourite; precious, choice, chosen, pleasant, lovely; loved one, friend", and *anwylyd* means dearest. *Fy anwylyd* or *f'anwylyd* means "my dearest" and *fy annwyl un* means "my dear one".

Bach means "small, little, short, humble; dear, beloved, poor" and is added to names as a term of endearment, e.g. Rhiannon bach. Also used as *fy mach i* (my little (one)).

Bachgen means "boy, lad, youngster, servant, young man, son, child", and is used as a term of endearment for boys in the forms *fy machgen (i)* (my boy) and *machgen (i)*

Blodyn tatws literally means "potato flowers", and is used as a term of affection.

Bwlyn means "little ball/globe, door knob", and is also used as a term of endearment for a plump little boy.

Calon means "heart; bosom, breast; seat of feeling, affection, will and intellect; the soul, the spirit; mind, thought", and is used as a term of endearment in the phrases *fy ngalon bapur i* (my paper heart), and *calon bach* (little heart).

Cariad word means "love, charity, affection; beloved one, lover, sweetheart, darling". Variations include *cariad aur* (precious darling), *cariad bach* (little darling), *fy nghariad* (my darling), *fy nghariad aur* (my golden darling), and *fy nghariad bach* (my little darling). *Cariad* comes from *caru* (to love, woo, court)

Corn means "swaddling-clothes; roll; shell", and is also used as a term of endearment for a baby. A variation of this is *cornyn*, a diminutive of *corn*.

Creadur means "creature substance; living thing; animal; one who owes his fortune and living to another; poor fellow", and is sometimes used as a term of endearment, or of pity or contempt.

Cyw means "young bird, chick; young animal; child; baby", and is used as a term of endearment.

Dynan means "little man, manikin, insignificant person, wretch; little woman", and is used as a term of endearment.

Enaid means "friend; dear one, sweet one, beloved maiden or woman; soul, human being, person; spirit; life", and it's used as a term of endearment.

Geneth means "girl, lass, main, damsel, maiden; virgin", and is used as a term of endearment for girls in the form *fy ngeneth i* (my girl), which is also written *'y ngeneth i*.

Gwas means "boy, lad, striping, youngster, servant", and is used as a term of endearment for boys in the form *fy ngwas i* (my boy), which is also written/pronounced *fy ngwash i*, *ngwas i*, *gwasi*, *gwashi* or *washi*. It can also be combined with *bach* (small) as *washi bach*.

Hen ddwylo means "old hands", and is used as a term of endearment for old people.

Sidan means "silk, satin", and is used as a term of endearment.

Sosej is a Welsh version of sausage and is used as a term of endearment.