

## ALLEN, JAMES (1802 - 1897), dean of S. Davids and antiquary

**Name:** James Allen  
**Date of birth:** 1802  
**Date of death:** 1897  
**Spouse:** Isabella Dorothea Allen (née Hoare)  
**Parent:** David Bord Allen  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** dean of S. Davids and antiquary  
**Area of activity:** History and Culture; Religion; Scholarship and Languages  
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Born 15 July 1802, son of David Bord Allen, rector of Burton, Pembrokeshire; educated at Westminster and Charterhouse Schools and Trinity College, Cambridge; B.A. 1825, M.A. 1829. He was ordained deacon, 1834, and priest, 1835; he was curate of Miserden, Gloucestershire, 1834-9, vicar of Castlemartin, Pembrokeshire, 1839-72, rural dean of Castlemartin, 1840-75, prebend of St. Davids cathedral, 1847-70, chancellor and residentiary canon of S. Davids, 1870-8, rural dean of Dewisland, 1875, and dean of S. Davids cathedral, 1878-95.

He married Isabella Dorothea, daughter of Peter Rickard Hoare of Kilsay Hall, Kent.

He was a good antiquary and a keen member of the Cambrian Archaeological Association; he devoted much time and money to the restoration of S. Davids cathedral, especially the west front of the nave, the north transept, S. Thomas's Chapel library, and the treasury, and the roofs of bishop Vaughan's chapel and the ante-chapels. He died 25 June 1897.

### Author

Chancellor **John Williams James**

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