

## ANWYL, LEWIS (1705? - 1776), cleric and author

**Name:** Lewis Anwyl  
**Date of birth:** 1705?  
**Date of death:** 1776  
**Spouse:** Gwen Anwyl (née Griffith)  
**Parent:** William Anwyl  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric and author  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** William Llewelyn Davies

Born at Llandecwyn, Meirionnydd, son of William Anwyl, rector of Llanfrothen (1709-13) and of Ffestiniog and Maentwrog (1713-29). In 1723 he became a member of All Souls College, Oxford, and graduated in 1726. He was appointed curate-in-charge of Ysbyty Ifan in 1740, moving to the living of Abergele in 1742. He published at least four works: (a) *Y Nefawll Ganllaw, Neu'r Union Ffordd i Fynwes Abraham ... Argraphwyd yn y Mwythig, gan R. Lathrop, Tros Dafydd Jones, 1740*; (b) *Myfyrdodau Wythnosawl ...*; (c) *Cyngor yr Athraw i Rienl ...*; (b) and (c) are bound with (a); (d) *Cristianowgrwydd Catholig, neu Draethawd byrr tuagat Leihau gwrth ddadlau Ymhlith Cristianogion ... yn enwedig ymhlith y plwyfolion hynny, lle y mae'r Methodistiaid neu Hoffwyr Crefydd y Goleuni newydd yn cael cynhwysiad ... Wedi ei gyfieithu o'r ail Argraphiad.*

The National Library of Wales has the MSS. of three other translations by Lewis Anwyl : (e) ' Addysg y Cristion ... Gwedi eu cyfieithu or Saesoneg gan Lewis Anwyl, Vicar Abergele ' ; it has a preface dated 26 August 1766 and includes proposals for printing and publishing this work by subscription; (f) ' Traethawd Ystoriawl o'r Holl Fibl ... ' The preface is dated Abergele, 15 April 1767; it is a translation of J. Hammond's *Historical Narrative of the Whole Bible*; and (g) a translation of John Mabletoft's preface to his book entitled *The Principles and the Duties of the Christian Religion* (1710). He died at Abergele and was buried in the parish church 27 February 1776.

### Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

### Sources

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### Further Reading

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Wikipedia Article: [Lewis Anwyl](#)

### Additional Links

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