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# DAVIES, JOHN DAVID (1831 - 1911), cleric and antiquary

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Name: John David Davies Date of birth: 1831 Date of death: 1911 Parent: Louisa Davies Parent: John Davies Gender: Male Occupation: cleric and antiquary Area of activity: History and Culture; Religion; Scholarship and Languages Author: Evan David Jones

Born at Oxwich parsonage, Gower, 14 January 1831; son of John Davies, rector of Reynoldston (1834-1873) and Louisa his wife. He entered Trinity College, Dublin, as a ' Rossall scholar,' 28 October 1850; graduated B.A. 20 February, taking the Divinity Testimonium, 24 March 1855, and M.A., 1859; was ordained deacon 23 September 1855, and licensed assistant curate of Nicholaston, and priest 21 September 1856. He was for a time chaplain to the earl of Milltown. He was instituted to the rectory of Llanmadoc, Gower, 28 June 1860, and to that of Cheriton, 2 August 1867, both of which he held until his death. He carried out the restoration of both churches. His hobbies were wood-carving and antiquarian research. He was responsible for most of the carving in the churches of Llanmadoc, Llangennith, and Cheriton. He died, unmarried, 30 September, and was buried at Cheriton 4 October 1911. His researches into the history of Gower were published in four volumes - A History of West Gower (Swansea, 1877-94). He was also the author of A few words on Non-communicating attendance (Swansea, 1879).

#### Author

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