

## EDWARDS, JOHN (fl. second half of 17th century), preacher and 'strict' Baptist of Abergavenny, and by trade a shoemaker

**Name:** John Edwards

**Gender:** Male

**Occupation:** preacher and 'strict' Baptist of Abergavenny, and by trade a shoemaker

**Area of activity:** Business and Industry; Religion

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He was baptized at Abergavenny 16 June 1653, elected deacon on probation on the following 29 December, and a preacher during the same month. He took a prominent part at Abergavenny in a controversy on the question of baptism in the same year, and signed the humble representation and address to Oliver Cromwell from the South Wales churches in 1656. He was appointed by authority of the Triers to preach at Llan-gors, Brecknock (Cathedine according to Calamy), but was superseded by the Anglican incumbent Thomas Morgan, 9 December 1660. He withstood the hardship of the period of religious persecution which followed, and on 10 August 1672, under the Declaration of Indulgence, his home at Abergavenny was licensed as a meeting house. The date of his death is not known, but there is a reference to him as late as 1689-90 as a deacon at Llangwm, Monmouth, 'faithful in office though in low circumstances.'

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