

## EDWARDS, JONATHAN (1629 - 1712), cleric and controversialist

**Name:** Jonathan Edwards  
**Date of birth:** 1629  
**Date of death:** 1712  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric and controversialist  
**Area of activity:** Education; Religion  
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Born at Wrexham. He entered Christ Church, Oxford, in 1655, graduated in 1659, and became Fellow of Jesus College in 1662 and vice-principal in 1668. Livings and appointments held by him included: rector of Kiddington, rector of Hinton Ampner, rector of Llandysul, Cardiganshire, and vicar of Clynnog-fawr, Caernarfonshire; in 1686 he was elected principal of Jesus, and was vice-chancellor of the university 1689-91; treasurer of Llandaff cathedral. He had spirited controversies with the Socinians and with the Antinomians.

He published *A Preservative against Socinianism* in four parts, 1693-1703, and *A Vindication of the Doctrine of Original Sin from the exceptions of Dr. Daniel Whitby* (Oxford, 1711). He died 20 July 1712, at the age of 83, bequeathed his library to Jesus College, and left money towards the repair of the college chapel where he was buried.

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