

## GRUFFYDD, ROBERT (1753 - 1820), musician

**Name:** Robert Gruffydd  
**Date of birth:** 1753  
**Date of death:** 1820  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** musician  
**Area of activity:** Music; Religion  
**Author:** Robert David Griffith

Born at Pen-cefn, Llanbeblig, Caernarfonshire. He came to be known as 'Cantwr Salmaw' because he visited churches to teach the congregations to sing. **Owen Williams** o Fôn in his *Gamut*, testifies to Robert Gruffydd's musical skill and believed that he had composed several hymntunes for *Brenhinol Ganiadau Seion* (**Owen Williams**). He wrote 'Difyrwch gwŷr Caernarfon' and 'Difyrwch gwŷr y Gogledd' - the latter is found in hymn-tune books under the name of 'Trefdeyrn.' There are anthems by him to the words 'Mor hawddgar yw dy bebyll,' 'Arglwydd, clyw fy ngweddi,' and 'Ein Tad, yr hwn sydd yn y nefoedd.' He died 17 August 1820. On his gravestone he is called 'Robert Griffith, late singing-master of Llanbeblig.'

### Author

**Robert David Griffith**, (1877 - 1958)

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