

## JONES, EDWARD (1641 - 1703), bishop of St Asaph

**Name:** Edward Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1641  
**Date of death:** 1703  
**Parent:** Sarah Jones  
**Parent:** Richard Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** bishop of St Asaph  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
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Born in July 1641 at Llwyn Rhirid, Forden, Montgomeryshire, to Richard and Sarah Jones. From Westminster School he went in 1661 to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1664 and was elected Fellow in 1667. He kept school at Kilkenny, where Jonathan Swift was one of his pupils; became canon of Ossory, dean of Lismore (1678), and bishop of Cloyne (1683); and in 1692 was translated to S. Asaph to succeed **William Lloyd** (1627 - 1717). His administration of his Welsh diocese has been tersely described as corrupt, slack, and oppressive. His conduct became intolerable, and in 1697 his clergy delated him to the archbishop of Canterbury; he was summoned before the archbishop's court in 1698, but his friends managed to postpone the trial till 1700. In 1701 he was deprived of his office and income 'for six months - and more, if he did not make restitution,' on the charges of simony and maladministration. Only in 1702 was he reinstated. He died 10 May 1703.

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