

## JONES, JOHN (1802 - 1863), Unitarian minister and schoolmaster

**Name:** John Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1802  
**Date of death:** 1863  
**Spouse:** Anne Jones (née Rees)  
**Child:** Rees Jenkin Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Unitarian minister and schoolmaster  
**Area of activity:** Education; Religion  
**Author:** Thomas Oswald Williams

Born 20 July 1802 at Pantlluest, Llanarth, Cardiganshire. He was educated at [David Davis](#) of Castellhywel's school and at Carmarthen Academy (1825-1827). In 1831 he opened, in conjunction with the Rev. Rees Davies, a school at Cribin, and meantime preached occasionally at Pantydefaid. In February 1833 he was appointed minister of the Old Meeting House, Aberdare, and opened a grammar school in Heol-y-felin. He was a good linguist, had a sound knowledge of Greek, Latin, and Welsh, and his school was celebrated for two generations. He married Anne Rees of Gilgellisaf; [Rees Jenkin Jones](#) was their son. He was probably the first person to conceive of a Welsh Unitarian denominational magazine, and that as early as 1835. He was a disciple of Priestley's and entirely opposed to war. He published *Llythyr ar y Drindod*, 1834; *Llyfr Ysgol Sul*, 1839; *Edifeirwch Gwely Angeu*, 1836; *Galwad ar Ieuenctyd i droi at Dduw*, 1840; *Pechod yn erbyn yr Ysbryd Glan*, 1846; (ed.) *Crwth Dyffryn Clettwr (Amnon)*, 1848; *Traethawd y Sabbathau*, 1859; *Chwech o Bregethau*, 1865; and *Casgliad o Salmau a Hymnau*, 1857. He died 19 December 1863.

[Rees Jones](#), (1797 - 1844) was his brother.

### Author

[Reverend Thomas Oswald Williams](#), (1888 - 1965)

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