

## LEWIS (or LEWES), DAVID (1520? - 1584), first principal of Jesus College, Oxford

**Name:** David Lewis  
**Date of birth:** 1520?  
**Date of death:** 1584  
**Parent:** Lucy Wallis (née Lloyd)  
**Parent:** Lewis Wallis  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** first principal of Jesus College, Oxford  
**Area of activity:** Education  
**Author:** Thomas Iorwerth Ellis

Born at Abergavenny, eldest son of Lewis Wallis, vicar of Abergavenny and Llandeilo Bertholau, and Lucy his wife, daughter of Llewelyn Thomas Lloyd of Bedwelty. He was educated at All Souls' College, Oxford, graduating B.C.L. in 1540 and D.C.L. in 1548, and becoming a Fellow of his College. He was principal of New Inn Hall, a master in Chancery, a member of Parliament for Steyning and then for Monmouthshire; subsequently (1571-2), he was principal of Jesus College. From 1558 he was judge of the High Court of the Admiralty, and was active in connection with the various maritime cases that arose during Elizabeth I's reign. He also suggested means to improve the troubled state of parts of Wales. He died unmarried in London, 27 April 1584, and was buried (24 May) at Abergavenny, at the north end of the church, since known as the Lewis chapel.

### Author

Thomas Iorwerth Ellis, (1899 - 1970)

### Sources

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