

## LEWIS, THOMAS (1671? - 1735), Baptist minister

**Name:** Thomas Lewis  
**Date of birth:** 1671?  
**Date of death:** 1735  
**Parent:** John Lewis  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Baptist minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
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Born c. 1671, son and heir of John Lewis, landed gentleman and Baptist of Glascwm, Radnorshire, who had experienced persecution under the Restoration. The son, like his father, became a member of the Baptist church at Leominster c. 1692 or at least before 1694, and he is believed to have started to preach soon afterwards. He had left Leominster before 1707 and had incorporated the Baptists of east Radnorshire into a church at Glascwm and New Radnor. He was very active among them and is said in [Dr. John Evans's 'Return'](#) (1715) to have had a congregation of 400. In 1728, in company with Thomas Evans, brother of [Caleb Evans](#), minister at Pentre, Radnorshire, he was appointed distributor for Wales of the Baptist Fund. He died in 1735, and was buried in a burial-ground at Glascwm which his father had given to the church.

### Author

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