

## MORGAN ELFAEL (fl. c. 1528-1541), poet

**Name:** Morgan Elfael  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Ray Looker

A number of his poems remain in manuscript including some written to members of South Wales landed families, **Sir John Mathew** of Radur (Radyr), Sioned, the daughter of **Sir Thomas Philipps** of Picton castle, and Lewys Gwynn of Tref Esgob. A number of his poems to **Gruffudd Dwn** (of Ystrad Merthyr) and his family are also found, two of them being in holograph (**Llanstephan MS 40** (73, 74)).

He was buried at Presteigne, 25 August 1563. See **F.G. Payne**, *Crwydro Sir Faesyfed*, II, 17.

### Author

**Ray Looker**

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