

## PARRY, GEORGE (1613? - 1678), cleric, and author of a Welsh metrical version of the Psalms

**Name:** George Parry  
**Date of birth:** 1613?  
**Date of death:** 1678  
**Parent:** James Rhys Parry  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric, and author of a Welsh metrical version of the Psalms  
**Area of activity:** Poetry; Religion; Scholarship and Languages  
**Author:** William Llewelyn Davies

Born c. 1613, the son of [James Rhys Parry](#). Some details concerning the connection of the family with Herefordshire and Brecknock are given in the article on the translator's father, and, more fully, in *Journal of the Welsh Bibliographical Society*, ii, 276-301, and iii, 13-6-many of the details being taken from the prefaces to George Parry's version of the Psalms (in [NLW MS 641C](#)). George, the son of [James Rhys Parry](#), was almost certainly the same as 'George Parry, son of James Parry of Michael Church (Michael-church Esclé), co. Hereford, pleb., S. John's College, matric. 17 January, 1633-4, aged 21; B.A. 4 February 1633-4; perhaps M.A. Hart Hall 23 June 1635, and vicar of Dingestow, co. Monmouth, 1640, perhaps canon of Llandaff 1663' (Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses*). George Parry himself (in [NLW MS 641C](#)) gives further information. He was usher at Dr. Willes's School in Thistleworth (Isleworth), master of the Queen Elizabeth grammar school, Carmarthen (probably before 1640). He speaks also of a connection with the diocese of Llandaff; it is therefore believed that the translator is also the George Parry who was given the living of Dingestow, Monmouth, 1640, and made canon of Llandaff (7 January 1662/3). He became vicar of Cheriton and Llanmadoc, Gower, c. 1649. [Browne Willis](#) (*Survey of Llandaff*, 1719) says that he died at the beginning of 1678, and was buried at Cheriton.

George Parry's metrical version of the Psalms ([NLW MS 641C](#)) is partly in free and partly in strict metre. But unlike that of the other translators, his version has a parallel version in Latin also.

### Author

**Sir William Llewelyn Davies**, (1887 - 1952)

### Sources

W. Ll. Davies, 'Welsh Metrical Versions of the Psalms' in *Journal of the Welsh Bibliographical Society*, ii, 276-301, and the sources cited therein

Bradney, 'George Parry,' *ibid.*, iii, 13-16

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