

PETER, DAVID (1765 - 1837), Congregational minister and academy principal

Name: David Peter
Date of birth: 1765
Date of death: 1837
Spouse: Sarah Peter (née Lewis)
Gender: Male
Occupation: Congregational minister and academy principal
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: John Dyfnallt Owen

Born 5 August 1765 at Aberystwyth. He was educated at Troed-y-rhiw and Castellhywel schools, Cardiganshire. Under the influence of [Benjamin Evans](#), Tre-wen, he leaned towards Congregationalism. He became a member at Penrhiwgaled, was at Carmarthen Academy (at Rhyd-y-gors) in 1783, and kept school in S. Ismael's, Pembrokeshire - in 1783. He decided to join the Congregational ministry and began to preach at Penrhiwgaled. He became an assistant tutor at Swansea Academy under [William Howell](#) in 1789, received a call from Lammas Street (Carmarthen) church, 9 December 1791, and was ordained there 8 June 1792; among those who signed the call were Sarah Lewis, who afterwards became his wife, and [John Ross](#), the well-known Carmarthen printer and publisher. He was senior tutor of the Presbyterian Academy from 1795 to 1835. His first task at Lammas Street was to institute the Congregational system there; the church soon became one of the largest Congregational churches and the chapel was enlarged twice - in 1802 and 1806. Although he did not possess the eloquence of the popular preacher he was esteemed a substantial, practical, and evangelical preacher, and he stood in the first rank of the leaders of various movements in his time. His *Hanes Crefydd yng Nghymru* remained for a long time the main source-book for the history of religion in Wales. He died 4 May 1837.

Author

Reverend [John Dyfnallt Owen](#), (1873 - 1956)

Sources

Hanes Eglwys Heol Awst, Caerfyrddin (1926)

W. H. Lewis, *Memoirs of the Life and Labours of the Reverend David Peter forty-three years Professor of Theology and Hebrew in the Presbyterian College, Carmarthen and forty-five years minister of the church at Lammas Street* (London 1846)

Further Reading

James Davies, *Galar gan, er coffa y diweddar Barch David Peter, gweinidog yr Efengyl, ac Athraw yr Athrofa yn Nghaerfyrddin, yr hwn a fu farw Mai 4ydd 1837, yn 72 oed*(Caerfyrddin 1837)

Additional Links

VIAF: [59017744](#)

Wikidata: [Q18756644](#)

Published date: 1959

Article Copyright: <http://rightsstatements.org/page/InC/1.0/>

The Dictionary of Welsh Biography is provided by The National Library of Wales and the University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies. It is free to use and does not receive grant support. A donation would help us maintain and improve the site so that we can continue to acknowledge Welsh men and women who have made notable contributions to life in Wales and beyond.

Find out more on our [sponsorship page](#).



APA Citation



Owen, J. D., (1959). PETER, DAVID (1765 - 1837), Congregational minister and academy principal. *Dictionary of Welsh Biography*. Retrieved 9 Nov 2024, from <https://biography.wales/article/s-PETE-DAV-1765>

[Copy to Clipboard](#)

[Privacy & Cookies](#)
[Copyright](#)
[The Project](#)
[Help](#)
[Contact](#)

LGC
NLW

LLYFRGEL
THE NATION



Nodi'r gan
Llywodraeth Cymru
Sponsored by
Welsh Government