

## THOMAS, WILLIAM (1723 - 1811), Calvinistic Methodist exhorter

**Name:** William Thomas  
**Date of birth:** 1723  
**Date of death:** 1811  
**Spouse:** Catherine Thomas  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Calvinistic Methodist exhorter  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born at Dyffryn Uchaf, Margam, Glamorganshire. He became a convert in 1739 through the ministry of **Howel Harris**, and in 1743 joined the society at Hafod. After his marriage he went to live in a cottage near the old Dyffryn chapel and his home became a place where wayfarers could stay. He regularly communicated at Llangeitho, and began to exhort. In 1760 he moved to Tŷ-draw, Pyle, and bought a number of houses for use as a chapel. It was at this, Cornelly, chapel that the Glamorgan Methodists convened the Pyle monthly meeting for many years as a mark of their respect for him. He was a great friend of **David Jones** of Llangan (1736 - 1810). He toured a great deal in Wales but, although he was an effective preacher, he is better remembered for his prayers than for his sermons. He was a saintly man who possessed great influence with his contemporaries. He died 22 August 1811, and was buried in Margam churchyard with Catherine, his wife.

### Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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