

## WILLIAMS, WILLIAM (1747 - 1812), Evangelical cleric

**Name:** William Williams  
**Date of birth:** 1747  
**Date of death:** 1812  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Evangelical cleric  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Daniel Williams

Generally known as 'William Williams, Waterbeach,' Cambs. He was ordained and appointed chaplain to an English foundry in Rotterdam; afterwards he was vicar of Waterbeach, 1794-1812. **William Owen Pughe**, the official editor of the 1807 (Cambridge) edition of *Y Bibl Cyssegr-Lan*, is said to have been so negligent that nearly 3,000 copies were issued in a defective form, chapter viii of the Book of Judges being omitted altogether. This caused much concern to **Thomas Charles** (of Bala) and the other sponsors of this issue of the Welsh *Bible*, but the situation was saved by the energy and scholarship of William Williams. He died 13 October 1812; there is a mural commemorative tablet in Waterbeach church.

### Author

**Reverend Daniel Williams**, (1878 - 1968)

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