

## ELLIS, ROBERT MORTON STANLEY (1898 - 1966) minister (Presb.), and author

**Name:** Robert Morton Stanley Ellis  
**Date of birth:** 1898  
**Date of death:** 1966  
**Spouse:** Martha Maud Ellis (née Davies)  
**Parent:** Emma Ellis  
**Parent:** John Edward Ellis  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** minister (Presb.), and author  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born 11 April 1898 in a small cottage near the sea between Gronant and Prestatyn, Flintshire, son of John Edward and Emma Ellis. His parents moved to Birmingham, then to Mold, and Denbigh, finally settling in Glanamau, Carmarthenshire in 1905. He left Garnant school when he was 12 years old, and started working in a shop, and later in a coalmine and tin works. He was brought up as a Congregationalist, but he joined the Presbyterians in Bethania, Glanamau, and began preaching there. He was educated for the ministry in Newcastle Emlyn grammar school and in the Presbyterian colleges at Aberystwyth and Bala. In 1925 he was ordained, and the same year he married Martha Maud Davies of Brynmyrnach, Llanfyrnach, Pembrokeshire. He was minister of Abermeurig and Bwlchyllan churches, Cardiganshire. (1925-27), Saron, Llanbadarn Fawr in the same county (1927-30), and Caersalem, Tŷ-croes near Ammanford, Carmarthenshire (1930-66), together with church church, Llanedi, for a period. During his period at Tŷ-croes he attended a course of study in the University College, Swansea, graduating B.A. He was elected moderator of the Association in the South in 1965.

He was well known throughout Wales as a preacher and especially as a lecturer. He lectured on such topics as ' Utgyrn Seion ', ' Joseph Jenkins ' and ' Philip Jones ', and had a special talent of mimicking his heroes. His books, too, are about preachers: *Living Echoes* (1951), *Doniau a daniwyd* (1957), *Lleisiau doe a heddiw* (1961). In 1963 he published an entertaining biography, *Wrth gofio'r daith*. He died 2 November 1966, and was buried in Caersalem cemetery, Tŷ-croes.

### Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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