

## BEVAN, WILLIAM LATHAM (1821-1908), archdeacon.

**Name:** William Latham Bevan  
**Date of birth:** 1821  
**Date of death:** 1908  
**Spouse:** Louisa Bevan (née Dew)  
**Child:** Edward Latham Bevan  
**Parent:** William Hibbs Bevan  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** archdeacon  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Thomas Iorwerth Ellis

Born at Beaufort, Brecknock, 1 May 1821, son of William Hibbs Bevan, sometime high sheriff of Brecknock. He was educated at Rugby School and Balliol College, Oxford, migrating to Hertford College on his election to a scholarship. He graduated in 1842 in the Final School of Litterae Humaniores (Class II), and was ordained deacon by the bishop of London in 1844. After a year as curate of S. Philip's East, Stepney, he was ordained priest in 1845 and presented to the living of Hay, which he held for fifty-six years. He held the prebend of Llanddewi Aberarth in S. Davids cathedral, 1876-9, and a canonry of the same cathedral 1879-1903. In 1895 he was appointed archdeacon of Brecon and from 1881 to 1897, he was examining chaplain to the bishop of S. Davids. He married Louisa, daughter of T. Dew, of Whitney Court, near Hay, and died 24 August 1908. He was buried at Hay. Among his writings were the *Diocesan History of S. David's*, 1888, and various pamphlets on Church defence, besides contributions to Smith's *Dictionary of the Bible*, geographical manuals, and a joint account (with Canon H. W. Phillott) of the Hereford 'Mappa Mundi.'

### EDWARD LATHAM BEVAN (1861 - 1934), bishop

Fourth son of William Latham Bevan, and first bishop of Swansea and Brecon. Born at Weymouth, 27 October 1861, was educated privately and at Hertford College, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1884. Ordained deacon in 1886 and priest in 1887, he served as curate at Weymouth before becoming chaplain to the Gordon Boys' Home at Woking in 1891. In 1897 he became vicar of Brecon, succeeding his father as archdeacon in 1907. This office, together with the prebend of Llanfaes in S. Davids cathedral, he held till 1923; consecrated suffragan bishop of Swansea in 1915, he was elected eight years later the first bishop of the new diocese. He devoted much time and money to the enrichment and beautifying of the cathedral church at Brecon (of which he was also dean) and is remembered particularly for his work amongst men and boys. He died at Weymouth 2 February 1934, and was buried at Brecon in the cathedral precincts.

### Author

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