

## DAVIES, JOHN DAVID (1831 - 1911), cleric and antiquary

**Name:** John David Davies  
**Date of birth:** 1831  
**Date of death:** 1911  
**Parent:** Louisa Davies  
**Parent:** John Davies  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric and antiquary  
**Area of activity:** History and Culture; Religion; Scholarship and Languages  
**Author:** Evan David Jones

Born at Oxwich parsonage, Gower, 14 January 1831; son of John Davies, rector of Reynoldston (1834-1873) and Louisa his wife. He entered Trinity College, Dublin, as a 'Rossall scholar,' 28 October 1850; graduated B.A. 20 February, taking the Divinity Testimonium, 24 March 1855, and M.A., 1859; was ordained deacon 23 September 1855, and licensed assistant curate of Nicholaston, and priest 21 September 1856. He was for a time chaplain to the earl of Milltown. He was instituted to the rectory of Llanmadoc, Gower, 28 June 1860, and to that of Cheriton, 2 August 1867, both of which he held until his death. He carried out the restoration of both churches. His hobbies were wood-carving and antiquarian research. He was responsible for most of the carving in the churches of Llanrhidian, Llanmadoc, Llangennith, and Cheriton. He died, unmarried, 30 September, and was buried at Cheriton 4 October 1911. His researches into the history of Gower were published in four volumes - *A History of West Gower* (Swansea, 1877-94). He was also the author of *A few words on Non-communicating attendance* (Swansea, 1879).

### Author

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