

## EVANS, DAVID (1705 - 1788), cleric, author, and musician

**Name:** David Evans  
**Date of birth:** 1705  
**Date of death:** 1788  
**Parent:** David Evans  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric, author, and musician  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Music; Religion  
**Author:** Robert David Griffith

Born at Llangynyw, Montgomeryshire, the son of David Evans, cleric, Llangynyw. He was educated at Jesus College, Oxford (B.A. 1728, M.A. 1731). He received the choral vicariate of Llanddwyn in 1734, and in 1737 became rector of Llanerfyl; he exchanged the latter in 1767 for Llanymynech, where he spent the remainder of his days. In 1772 he was made a canon of S. Asaph. He was regarded as a good scholar, and he assisted Charles Burney with material for his *History of Music*; he also helped [Edward Jones](#) (Bardd y Brenin) with folk songs and airs for *Musical and Poetical Relicks of the Welsh Bards*, 1784. Among his papers was found a letter from a friend asking him to supply Samuel Johnson with a list of English words deriving from Welsh for inclusion in the dictionary which the lexicographer was preparing. He died in 1788 and was buried at Llanymynech, where there is a marble monument in his memory.

### Author

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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