

## HOPKINS, WILLIAM (1706 - 1786) cleric and author

**Name:** William Hopkins  
**Date of birth:** 1706  
**Date of death:** 1786  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric and author  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Nansi Ceridwen Jones

Born in 1706 at Monmouth. He was educated at Monmouth grammar school and All Souls College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1728. After serving several curacies in Sussex, he was appointed assistant master of Cuckfield grammar school in 1731, vicar of the neighbouring village of Bolney soon afterwards, master of Cuckfield school in 1756, and, in 1766, curate of Slaugham, all in the same county. He published several anonymous works, written in English, in which he attacked the liturgy and propounded Arian arguments. He supported the petition to Parliament against compulsory subscription to the Thirty-nine articles, and in 1772 published anonymously two pamphlets on the subject. Both as vicar of Bolney and curate of Slaugham he made what alterations he pleased in the service, with the connivance of the churchwardens. He died in 1786 at the age of eighty.

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