

HUGHES, EVAN ('Hughes Fawr'; died 1800), cleric and author

Name: Evan Hughes
Pseudonym: Hughes Fawr
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Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric and author
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Details of his early life are not available but he is said to have been a native of Llangeitho, Cardiganshire. He was curate of Llaniestyn, Llandegwning, Penllech (1762-4), and Llanfihangel-y-Pennant (1772-9) — all in Caernarfonshire. His fame as a preacher was such that he had to preach in the churchyards as all his hearers could not be accommodated inside the churches. He was a strong supporter of the circulating schools begun by [Griffith Jones](#), Llandowror, and wrote to [Madam Bevan](#) in 1773 to bear testimony to their success and to ask that the school at Llanfihangel-y-Pennant be continued for a further period. His replies to the queries at a bishop's visitation in 1776 were very satisfactory — he normally had seventy communicants each month at Llanfihangel and nearly 200 at Easter. He was on friendly terms with the Methodist [Robert Jones](#) (1745 - 1829), Rhos-lan. In 1779 he left Llanfihangel to become curate of Ysbyty Ifan, Denbighshire, and whilst there he often preached in the homes of Methodists. Some time about 1783 he became curate at Trawsfynydd which he left on 23 June 1792 to become curate of Llanuwchllyn, where he died about the middle of May 1800.

He published *Duwdod Crist*, 1777, and *Rhai Hymnau Newyddion o Fawl i'r Oen*, 1783. Other hymns by him are preserved in manuscripts, e.g. in some of the manuscripts of [Dafydd Siôn Siâms](#) (David Jones, 1743 - 1831).

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