

## HUGHES, GRIFFITH (1775 - 1839), Congregational minister

**Name:** Griffith Hughes  
**Date of birth:** 1775  
**Date of death:** 1839  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Congregational minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
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Born at Pen-y-waun, Cwmifor, parish of Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire. He was apprenticed as a cooper with Evan Rhydderch, Llansadwrn, father of Nani Jones, Crug-y-bar, a well-known religious character in that neighbourhood. His master and mother were members at Crug-y-bar where also he was received into church membership. He soon became very prominent because of his gift of prayer which was displayed in week-night meetings held in private houses. On the advice of [Isaac Price](#), Llanwrtyd, who had the oversight of the cause at Crug-y-bar, he began to preach; his reputation as a preacher spread rapidly. He received a call to Groes-wen, near Caerphilly, was ordained 22 February 1797, and spent the whole of his ministerial life there; he died 20 July 1839. He possessed all the attributes of the gifted preacher — a cheerful temper, a clear voice, ease of speech, fire, thunder, and a popular style. In his time Groes-wen became the mother-church of many new causes and a spiritual centre. He travelled much to succour young churches in a district extending from Merthyr Tydfil to Cardiff and from Bedwas to Efail Isaf.

### Author

Reverend John Dyfnallt Owen, (1873 - 1956)

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