

## JAMES, EDWARD (1839 - 1904), Congregational minister

**Name:** Edward James  
**Date of birth:** 1839  
**Date of death:** 1904  
**Parent:** Margaret James  
**Parent:** John James  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Congregational minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Benjamin George Owens

Born at Llanfachraeth, Anglesey, 12 June 1839, the eldest child of John and Margaret James, and brother of [O. Waldo James](#). He became a member at Bodedern in 1853, and started to preach at Tabernacle, Holyhead, in 1858, under the ministry of [William Griffith](#). In 1859, at the request of his intimate friend [William Ambrose](#) (Emrys), Portmadoc, he moved to Gorseddau, near Penmorfa, to conduct religious services and keep a school for the quarrymen. He was ordained at Llanaelhaearn and Sardis (Llangybi), 31 July to 1 August 1861, and moved in 1872 to Nevin and Morfa Nevin, where he remained until his retirement on account of ill-health in 1897. He died 21 December 1904, after a long illness. 'James Nefyn' was one of the best-known Congregationalists of his day. He received a denominational testimonial in 1893, and was elected chairman of the Welsh Congregational Union in 1894. He published two volumes of Welsh sermons, in 1866 and 1900.

### Author

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