

JAMES (from 1910, HOPKIN-JAMES), LEMUEL JOHN HOPKIN (Hopcyn; 1874 - 1937), cleric and antiquary

Name: Lemuel John Hopkin James
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Date of death: 1937
Parent: Margaret James
Parent: John James
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric and antiquary
Area of activity: History and Culture; Religion; Scholarship and Languages
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Born 2 September 1874 at Treorchy, son of John and Margaret James, and descendant (in the fifth generation) of the poet [Lewis Hopkin](#). From Cowbridge school he went in 1893 to Queens' College, Cambridge, graduating in 1896 - much later, he incorporated at Trinity College, Dublin (LL.B. 1920, LL.D. 1921); he was also F.S.A. Ordained in 1897 and 1898, he became curate at Usk (1897), Llangynwyd (1898), Maindee (Newport, Monmouth, 1901), and Llangattock, Barry (1906). Subsequently, he was vicar of Ystrad Mynach (1906-17), rector of Cowbridge and its associated churches (1917-24), vicar of S. Martins, Cardiff (1924-34), and vicar of Llanynys with Llanychan in the Vale of Clwyd (1934-5). He was canon of Llandaff in 1926, and chancellor from 1930 till his death, 11 April 1937. He was a most diligent writer, but of his numerous books (mostly concerned with church matters) four only concern us here: *Hopkiniaid Morgannwg* (1909), *Hen Gwndidau* (1910 - a collection edited in collaboration with [Cadrawd](#)), *Old Cowbridge* (1922), and *The Celtic Gospels* (1934).

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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