

## JENKINS, JOHN (1656? - 1733), Baptist minister

**Name:** John Jenkins  
**Date of birth:** 1656?  
**Date of death:** 1733  
**Child:** Jennett Richards (née Jenkins)  
**Child:** Evan Jenkins  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Baptist minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
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He is said to have been born in the parish of Cilymaenllwyd in 1656, and is described as a wayward youth. He is also said to have been baptized in 1677, but the only person of this name whose baptism is recorded in the Rhydwylym register for this year (12 May) hailed from Spittal. His name appears among the eleven ministers attached to Rhydwylym in 1689, and with the turn of the century he became the acknowledged leader of the church. He acquired much prominence as the result of his disputation on the question of baptism with [John Thomas](#) (fl. 1689-1710), Congregational minister, of Llwyn-y-grawys, Llangoedmor, in 1691, and became involved in a serious split in his church around 1724-6. It is said that he, in 1718, was the first to receive assistance from the Baptist Fund. He died 3 July 1733, at the age of 77, and was buried at Rhydwylym. His brother David was elder at Rhydwylym, and it is believed that the Evan who is entered with them under Cilymaenllwyd in the Rhydwylym register in 1689 was another brother. There is a reference also to his daughter Jennett Richards, and much is known of his son Evan Jenkins and of his grandson [Joseph Jenkins](#), who were both ministers of the Old Meeting, Wrexham.

A volume of sermons in his hand was formerly in the possession of William Herbert, minister of Maesyberllan, and of [Joshua Thomas](#), Leominster.

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