JONES, JOHN (1700 - 1770), cleric and controversialist

Name: John Jones
Date of birth: 1700
Date of death: 1770
Parent: John Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric and controversialist
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Daniel Williams

son of John Jones, Llanilar, Cardiganshire - not from Carmarthenshire, as said in *D.N.B.* He went to Worcester College, Oxford, in 1721. He was ordained priest in 1726 and became curate of King's Walden, Hertfordshire, and afterwards of Abbot's Ripton, Huntingdonshire, becoming vicar of Alconbury, in the same county, in 1741. Although he became rector of Bolnhurst, 1750-7, and curate to Dr. Young (author of *Night Thoughts*) at Welwyn, 1757-65, and, last of all, vicar of Sheephall, Hertfordshire, it is as 'The Vicar of Alconbury' that he is better known. He made an attempt to change and improve the *Book of Common Prayer* in his *Free and Candid Disquisitions* (1749), a work which caused much controversy amongst clergymen; similar concern was caused in 1765 when he published *Catholic Faith and Practice*. He died 8 August 1770.

Author

Reverend Daniel Williams, (1878 - 1968)

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