

## 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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