

## JONES, ROBERT (1769 - 1835), cleric

**Name:** Robert Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1769  
**Date of death:** 1835  
**Parent:** Edward Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Trevor Hugh Bowen

and friend of William Wordsworth; born at Plas-yn-Ilan, Llangynhafal, near Ruthin, in November 1769, the son of Edward Jones, attorney. He was educated at Ruthin Grammar School and S. John's College, Cambridge, where he was a fellow-student of Wordsworth's. He accompanied the poet on one walking tour on the Continent in 1790, and on another through North Wales in 1791. Ordained at S. Asaph in 1792, Jones was a Fellow of his college until 1806, when he became rector of Souldern, Oxfordshire. Wordsworth visited him at Souldern in 1820, and again in 1824 at the parsonage, Llanfihangel-glyn-myfyr, near Corwen. Jones remained rector of Souldern for the rest of his life, but spent various periods in North Wales. He died, unmarried, at Plas-yn-Ilan on 5 April 1835.

He was a descendant of [Richard Jones](#) (1603? - 1673).

### Author

Reverend Trevor Hugh Bowen

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