

MICHAEL, DAVID (Dewi Afan; 1842 - 1913); poet

Name: David Michael
Pseudonym: Dewi Afan
Date of birth: 1842
Date of death: 1913
Parent: Margaret Michael
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Benjamin George Owens

Born at Llanelly 7 July 1842. He was baptized at Penuel Baptist church, Cwmafan, later joining the new branch at Tabor, where he was elected a deacon. His poetry is generally of a Biblical and ethical character. His early works were published in a volume entitled *Fy Ngwanwyn* (Aberdare, 1873), which was dedicated to his mother, Margaret Michael, and there subsequently appeared the Welsh words of *Ruth a Naomi ... A Cantata* (Cwmafan, 1876) and *Gwardigaeth Pedr o'r Carchar* (3rd ed., Cwmafan, 1885; 1st ed., 1879; 2nd ed., 1880). He also published, with Llewelyn Griffiths (Glan Afan), two anthologies of contemporary poetry under the titles of *Blodeu'r Beirdd* (Cwmafan, 1871), and *Oriel y Beirdd* (Cwmafan, 1882). He died 11 August 1913, leaving one daughter and four sons. [Thomas Morgan](#) (Afanwyson) was his nephew. He should not be confused with DAVID MICHAEL (1785 - 1860?), harpist, of Merthyr Tydfil.

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