


MORGAN ELFAEL (fl. c. 1528-1541), poet

Name: Morgan Elfael
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Ray Looker

A number of his poems remain in manuscript including some written to members of South Wales landed families, [Sir John Mathew](#) of Radur (Radyr), Sioned, the daughter of [Sir Thomas Philipps](#) of Picton castle, and Lewys Gwynn of Tref Esgob. A number of his poems to [Gruffudd Dwn](#) (of Ystrad Merthyr) and his family are also found, two of them being in holograph ([Llanstephan MS 40](#)  (73, 74)).

He was buried at Presteigne, 25 August 1563. See [F.G. Payne](#), *Crwydro Sir Faesyfed*, II, 17.

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