

## PHILLIPS, EVAN (1829 - 1912), Calvinistic Methodist minister

**Name:** Evan Phillips  
**Date of birth:** 1829  
**Date of death:** 1912  
**Spouse:** Anne Phillips (née Jones)  
**Child:** John Phillips  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Calvinistic Methodist minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Robert Beynon

Born 22 October 1829 in a cottage called Milestone in the Capel y Drindod neighbourhood; his mother was a second cousin of [Christmas Evans](#)'s. When he was a little over 20 years of age he began to preach at Capel y Drindod chapel. He then spent two years at Atpar school, Newcastle Emlyn, and in 1853 was admitted to Trevecka College. Early in October 1859 he married Anne Jones of Cwrcoed, near Penrhiw-Ilan. After spending some months as superintendent of the societies at Llanon he went to live at Newcastle Emlyn. In August 1860 he was ordained at Neath and later in the year received a call to Bethel chapel, Newcastle Emlyn, of which he was minister for the rest of his life. He was elected moderator of his Association in 1889 and of the General Assembly in 1899. He was one of the great preachers of his age. His ideas were so fresh and sparkling, his pictures so natural, and his eloquence so persuasive that 'the twenty-minute preacher' won a very special place for himself. His sermons were characterized by a combination of the poet's imagination, the teacher's acumen, and the evangelical's ardour. He died 29 September 1912.

### Author

Reverend Robert Beynon, (1881 - 1953)

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