

## ROBERTS, ROBERT (1840 - 1871), musician

**Name:** Robert Roberts  
**Date of birth:** 1840  
**Date of death:** 1871  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** musician  
**Area of activity:** Music  
**Author:** Robert David Griffith

Born 24 May 1840 at Tanysgafell, Bethesda, Caernarfonshire. He was 12 when his father died and he began to work in a quarry. He was taught the rudiments of music by [Owen Humphrey Davies](#) (Eos Llechid). [Henry Samuel Hayden](#) then gave him some instruction and the boy was admitted, when he was 14, to the training college at Caernarvon where [Hayden](#) taught; he afterwards followed [Hayden](#) in his post. In 1866 he was appointed sub-organist at Bangor cathedral, subsequently following [Hayden](#) as organist, a post which he held for the remainder of his life. He was also a competent player on the piano, the violin, and the 'cello. He composed several pieces of music, among them being 'Y Gwlithyn,' 'Tynnnwn ein rhwyfau yn gryf,' and a cantata entitled 'Gwarchae Harlech,' besides several hymn-tunes which were published in *Llyfr y Psalmau* ([Alawydd](#)) and *Llyfr Tonau ac Emynau* ([E. Stephen](#)). He died in February 1871, and was buried in Glanadda cemetery, Bangor.

### Author

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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