THOMAS, JOSHUA (died 1759?), cleric and translator

Name: Joshua Thomas Date of death: 1759? Gender: Male Occupation: cleric and translator Area of activity: Religion; Scholarship and Languages Author: William Llewelyn Davies

Born at Penpes in the parish of Llanlleonfel, Brecknock. He was curate at Tir yr Abad, Brecknock, in 1739, became vicar of Merthyr Cynog in 1741 and from 1746 held the living of Llanbister, Radnorshire, in addition; in 1758 he became vicar of Kerry, Montgomeryshire. He published *Undeb mewn Gwlad, neu Bregeth Ynghylch y Newidiad Diweddar a wnaed yn y Flwyddyn* (Shrewsbury, 1753?) - a sermon explaining the significance of the change of reckoning time (in 1752) from 'Old Style' to 'New Style.' He had previously published *Y Fuchedd Gris'nogol, o'i Dechreu, i'w Diwedd mewn Gogoniant ... gan Joan Scott, D.D., Person S. Giles yn y Meusydd yn Llundain. A Chyfieithad Josua Thomas, Ficer Llanbister yn Sir Faesyfed, a Merthyr Cynog ym Mrycheiniog, a Chaplain i'r Gwir Anrhydeddus Iarll Powis* (London, John Oliver, 1752). (The list of subscribers to this volume is very interesting.)

Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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