

## THOMAS, MESAC (1816 - 1892) colonial bishop

**Name:** Mesac Thomas  
**Date of birth:** 1816  
**Date of death:** 1892  
**Parent:** Elizabeth Thomas  
**Parent:** John Thomas  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** colonial bishop  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Thomas Iorwerth Ellis

Born at Ty-poeth, Rheidol Valley, parish of Llanbadarn-fawr, Cardiganshire, the son of John Thomas, schoolmaster, and Elizabeth his wife, and christened 21 May 1816. He was educated at Oswestry and Shrewsbury schools, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. in 1840, M.A. in 1843, and D.D. in 1863. Ordained deacon in 1840 and priest in 1841 in the diocese of Worcester, he served two curacies in Birmingham before becoming successively vicar of Tuddenham, Suffolk (1843), and Atterbury, Warwickshire (1845). In 1851 he was appointed secretary of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, and in 1863 he was consecrated first bishop of Goulburn, New South Wales, Australia. He laboured there till his death on 16 March 1892.

### Author

Thomas Iorwerth Ellis, (1899 - 1970)

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