

# WILLIAMS, WILLIAM (1748 - 1820), cleric, a pioneer of the Sunday school movement in Wales

**Name:** William Williams  
**Date of birth:** 1748  
**Date of death:** 1820  
**Parent:** Ann Williams  
**Parent:** Rhys Williams  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric, a pioneer of the Sunday school movement in Wales  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Daniel Williams

son of Rhys and Ann Williams, Glanwenlais, Cil-y-cwm, Carmarthenshire. Ordained deacon by the bishop of S. Davids, 1 September 1771, and priest, 14 August 1774, he was curate at Carmarthen; he is, however, better known as curate of S. Gennys, Cornwall. He corresponded with [Thomas Charles](#) (of Bala) on the subject of education in Wales. He is given credit for establishing a Sunday school in the house of Dafydd Elias, Bryn-teg, Cil-y-cwm, and it is known that he made an attempt, c. 1781, to start Sunday schools at Aberystwyth, Aberdovey, and Machynlleth. He had in mind the formation in Wales of a society modelled upon the S.P.C.K. He died 12 May 1820, and was buried at Cil-y-cwm.

## Author

Reverend Daniel Williams, (1878 - 1968)

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