

## ITHEL ap RHOTPERT or ROBERT (fl. 1357-1382), archdeacon

**Name:** Ithel ap Rhotpert Or Robert  
**Parent:** Adles wraig Rhotpert ap lorwerth ap Rhirid  
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**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** archdeacon  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
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A friend and patron of [Iolo Goch](#), who addressed two *cywyddau* of petition to him (printed in *I.G.E.*, 1st ed. 55-61, 2nd ed. 49-55), and commemorated him in an elegy, printed in [Ashton's](#) edition of [Iolo](#), 344-53. Ithel's family seat was Coed-y-mynydd in Ysgeifiog parish, Flintshire; he was well-born - [Ashton](#) (op. cit. 267, 325-6) prints, from [Dwnn](#) and *Powys Fadog*, relevant details of his pedigree. On both sides, he was of the family which, in more modern times, has borne the surname [Mostyn](#); his father, Rhotpert ap lorwerth ap Rhirid, had a brother, Madog, otherwise known as 'Matthew de Englefield,' who was bishop of Bangor 1327-57 ([Browne Willis](#), *Bangor*, 74-5; Le Neve, *Fasti*, i, 99); his mother, Adles, was cousin to [Dafydd ap Bleddyn](#), bishop of St Asaph. Ithel is styled B.C.L. in one record; but nothing is known of him before 1357, when the chapter of Bangor elected him bishop in succession to his uncle - the pope, however, quashed the election, and 'provided' otherwise. Ithel was canon of Bangor and a 'portioner' of Llanynys in the vale of Clwyd. In 1375 he petitioned the pope for a canonry at S. Asaph, to be held along with his Bangor preferments, and succeeded ([Thomas](#), *A History of the Diocese of St. Asaph*, i, 247); in the same year we find him archdeacon in that diocese (Le Neve, i, 84). As a successor to him appears in 1382, it may be that he died in that year, though [Pennant](#) (*Whiteford and Holywell*, 119, 308), says that he lived till 1393. He is said to have been buried at Basingwerk. [Iolo Goch](#), who refers to him as *archddiagon deugor* (an archdeacon belonging to two cathedral chapters), records that patron and poet had been pupils of the same master in their youth. [Iolo's](#) dependence upon Ithel seems indeed to have become something of a byword among the bards - [Tudur Aled](#) has three references to it (*G.T.A.*, i, 115 and 182, ii, 469).

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