

THOMAS, JOHN LUTHER (1881 - 1970), minister (Congl.)

Name: John Luther Thomas
Date of birth: 1881
Date of death: 1970
Spouse: Anne Grace Thomas (née Williams)
Parent: Ann Thomas
Parent: Thomas Thomas
Gender: Male
Occupation: minister (Congl.)
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Mary Auronwy James

Born 23 April 1881 in Bigyn Road, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, son of Thomas and Ann Thomas. The family moved to Pontarddulais where he attended the local school before beginning to work in the tin industry. In 1894 he was received as a member of Hope church, where he was encouraged to enter the ministry. He attended the school of [Walcyn Wyn](#) (Williams, Watkin Hezekiah) at Ammanford and Bala-Bangor College (1900-1903) before becoming minister of Seion, Conwy and Llandudno Junction (1903-21); Carmel, Tanygrisiau, Blaenau Ffestiniog (1921-30); Seion, Cwmafan (1930-45). He resigned because of his wife's illness and returned to Pontarddulais to his sisters at Gwynllys, Clayton Road, but he resumed his ministry, taking charge of the churches of Libanus, Cwmgwili and Llwyn-teg, Llan-non (1945-50) and Hendy, Capel Newydd, Pontarddulais (1950-58). Besides being noted for his clear preaching and his great pastoral labours, he worked diligently for the missionary society and edited the Welsh section of *The London Missionary Society Chronicle* (1927-40), and was author of the pamphlet *Y bwllch lle bu'r Sul* (1942) for the Council of the Lord's Day Observance Society. He was also the author of a number of books, including: *Y byd a ddaw* (1918 and 1920); *Yr ynys aur*; *Hanes Iesu Grist* (1930); *Dyn rhyfedd y groes* (1947); and *Iesu penwyn* (1962). He wrote articles for *Y Geiriadur Beiblaidd*, *Y Dysgedydd*, *Y Tyst*, and other denominational periodicals. In 1921 he married Anne Grace Williams, Conwy. Although his health was never robust, he had a long life. He died 4 February 1970 at his home, Lansdowne, Groves Ave., Langland, Swansea and his body was cremated at Morriston.

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