

MORGAN, JOHN (1743 - 1801), cleric

Name: John Morgan
Date of birth: 1743
Date of death: 1801
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric
Area of activity: Religion
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Born in Cardiganshire. A list of priests in the Bangor diocese (1778) notes Morgan, curate of Llanberis, as being aged 38. He may, therefore, have been born in 1740. NLW **Cwrtmawr MS. 56iiB** has the name 'John Morgan, Gorsvawr, Lledrod', perhaps indicating his birthplace.

He was educated at Ystrad Meurig, was curate of Gwnnws and Lledrod, Cardiganshire, for a period which ended in December 1771. In 1772 he succeeded **Evan Evans** (1731 - 1789) as curate of Llanberis (the rector of Llan-rug and Llanberis, **Peter Bailey Williams** resided at Llan-rug); his stipend was £24; he lived at Tŷ-isa, and kept a school at which **David Thomas**, Dafydd Ddu Eryri (1759 - 1822) was a pupil in 1774.

Morgan became so celebrated as a preacher that people flocked to hear him from remote parts. When **David Mathias**, the Moravian missionary, came to Nantlle, a friendship sprang up between him and Morgan, who was greatly influenced by his teachings; correspondence between the two men continued after **Mathias**'s departure, and Morgan welcomed **Mathias**'s return to Caernarvon in 1788. It is clear that Morgan (though perhaps not in a strictly official sense) was now a Moravian, for the monthly Moravian society met at his house once in every three months. In 1793, however, the two men fell out, and **Mathias** left North Wales for good. When the Moravian, Christian Ignatius La Trobe, visited Wales in 1795 he called on John Morgan, noted his dire poverty, and obtained an annuity of £16 for him from London.

Morgan died in 1801 - he was buried on 30 March, 'aged 58.' He was twice married.

He printed two of his sermons: **Udgorn dydd grâs** , etc., published at Shrewsbury, 1773 (a sermon upon the earthquake of 22 April 1773), and **Y Testamentwr** , published by **David Jones** at Trefriw, 1783.

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Sources

Henry Hughes, in *Cymru (O.M.E.)*, xii, 297-301
for Morgan's connections with Moravianism, see *Y Cymmrodor*, xlv
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