

# HUGHES, JOHN (1873 - 1932), composer of the hymn-tune 'Cwm Rhondda'

**Name:** John Hughes  
**Date of birth:** 1873  
**Date of death:** 1932  
**Spouse:** Hannah Maria Hughes (née David)  
**Parent:** Evan Hughes  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** composer of the hymn-tune 'Cwm Rhondda'  
**Area of activity:** Music; Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 22 November 1873 at Dowlais, the eldest son of Evan Hughes. His parents removed to Holly Bush, Llantwit Fardre (Llanilltud Faerdref) in 1874; the father was deacon and precentor at Salem Baptist church there. John Hughes started work in a mine at 12 years of age, later became clerk, and finally was an official of the Great Western colliery at Pontypridd. He married (1905) Hannah Maria David, and had a son and a daughter. Like his father, he became deacon and precentor at Salem church; it was for the 1907 anniversary services at Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, that he composed his very wellknown hymn-tune which, however, was only one of his many hymn-tunes, anthems, and songs. He died at Ton-teg, Llantwit Fardre, 14 May 1932.

## Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

## Sources

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## Further Reading

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