

## MORGAN, EDWARD (1783 - 1869), Evangelical cleric and author

**Name:** Edward Morgan  
**Date of birth:** 1783  
**Date of death:** 1869  
**Parent:** David Morgan  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Evangelical cleric and author  
**Area of activity:** History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Daniel Williams

Born at Tŷ Tanglwst, Pyle, Glamorganshire, and christened there 7 November 1783, son of David Morgan. He graduated from Jesus College, Oxford, in 1806 (M.A. 1811), and in 1814 became vicar of Syston, Leicestershire, adding to this in 1814 the living of Ratcliffe.

He was a great admirer (and correspondent) of **Thomas Charles** of Bala, and also of **David Jones** of Llangan. His *Memoir of Charles* was in large measure based on that by **Thomas Jones** of Denbigh; in 1836 he published *Charles's Essays and Letters*. In 1841 he published *Ministerial Record ... of the Rev. David Jones*. The title 'Ministerial Record' had already been used by him for a biography of **Daniel Rowland** (1840; 2nd ed., 1866), and he used it again for a biography (1847) of **Williams** of Pantycelyn. In 1859 he published *Hosannah to the Son of David*, a translation of some of **Williams's** verse. He also published *Village Sermons* (1828), *Letters of the Rev. Griffith Jones* (1832); a *Life of Henry Philips of Coychurch* (n.d., but before 1833); *Letters, Essays [etc.] of ... John Elias* (1847); *Life and Times of Howel Harris* (1852); *Brief Memoir of the late Rev. W. Howels* (1854); a biography of **Richard Bassett** (1860); and a biography of his own mother. It will be seen that his books, taken together, narrated for English readers the whole story of Welsh Methodism from its beginnings down to their author's own day.

He died in June 1869; his tombstone erroneously states that he was then aged 93. See further the article on **Morris Davies** (1796-1876).

### Author

**Reverend Daniel Williams**, (1878 - 1968)

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