

## JENKINS, JOSEPH (1886 - 1962), minister (Meth.) and author

**Name:** Joseph Jenkins  
**Date of birth:** 1886  
**Date of death:** 1962  
**Spouse:** Mary Catherine Jenkins (née Williams)  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** minister (Meth.) and author  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Gwilym Richard Tilsley

Born 4 November 1886, in Tynewydd, Pontrhydygroes, Cardiganshire, his father being a cousin of **Joseph Jenkins** (1859 - 1929) who was also a minister. He was educated in Ysbyty Ystwyth school and started work at the age of 13 in one of the local lead mines. He had a further period of education in Gwynfryn School, Ammanford, before going as a lay agent on the Llandeilo circuit. After being accepted as a candidate for the ministry, spending a year at Aberaeron, and going to Handsworth College, Birmingham, he served on the following circuits: Lampeter, Llandeilo, Machynlleth (twice), Tredegar, Aberystwyth, Beaumaris, Caernarfon, Pwllheli, Blaenau Ffestiniog. He became a supernumerary in 1959. Between 1926 and 1952 he published 14 story books for children, e.g. *Robin y pysgotwr*, *Straeon athro*, which were very popular, and also five plays, some of which were in great demand, such as *Dal y lleidr*. He published a textbook *Hanes yr Efengylau* in 1931 and edited *Y Winllan*, 1948-53. He was Moderator of the Welsh Assembly 1951 and an honorary member of the Gorsedd of Bards. He received the Sir O.M. Edwards Memorial Prize in 1947 for his contribution to literature; much of his work appeared in periodicals. He married Mary Catherine Williams, Dafen, and they had a son and daughter. He died 21 April 1962.

### Author

**Gwilym Richard Tilsley**, (1911 - 1997)

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