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Major New Release:

Parish Records for all of Wales Launched

[TheGenealogist](#) are launching the complete set of all Anglican records for Wales held by the consortium of Welsh archives on 23rd October. This release contains 8 million Parish Records, listing over **14.5 million individuals**, with images of the original registers.

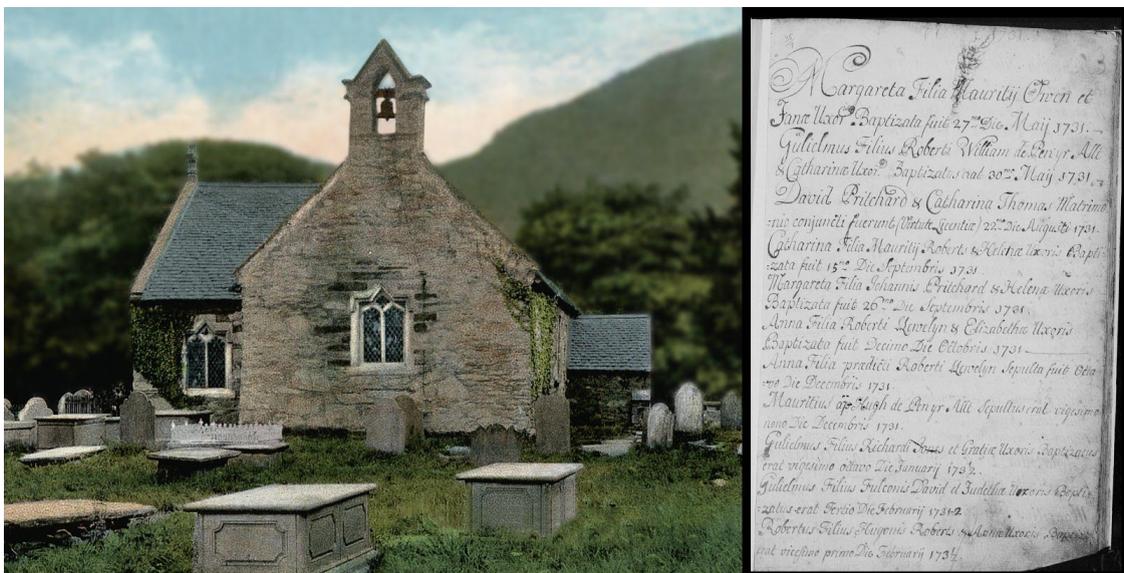
Mark Bayley, Head of Online Content at TheGenealogist said:

“We are very excited to be releasing parish records for all 13 historic Welsh counties.” He went on to say:

“We’re thankful for the input of Welsh records experts from the archives, to make sure that we have accurate parish and place names. This will make it much easier for researchers to find records that they may have experienced difficulties with trying to find elsewhere.

“TheGenealogist’s keyword search makes it surprisingly easy to find the record you’re after and SmartSearch allows you to find families in the registers.

“These records compliment our nonconformist records for Wales which include Methodists, Quakers and more, giving researchers the ultimate resource for finding their Welsh ancestors’ vital events.”



St Michael's Church, Betws-Y-Coed as featured in the records

This release includes all historic Welsh counties:-

Anglesey, Brecknockshire, Caernarfonshire, Cardiganshire, Carmarthenshire, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Glamorgan, Merionethshire, Monmouthshire, Montgomeryshire, Pembrokeshire and Radnorshire.

Kim Collis, West Glamorgan County Archivist, says on behalf of all the Welsh archives contributing their parish records:

“We are delighted that TheGenealogist is releasing these records to a wider audience. Being able to access them from the comfort of your own home, especially during the current situation, is of great benefit.

“For this release, we’ve painstakingly gone through the metadata, improving all the place names in this record set, recording chapels of ease, parent parishes of modern parishes, and variant spellings in the English and Welsh languages. This will mean that searches for your ancestor in the parish records, which previously might have turned up no results, will have a much greater chance of finding them for you.

“If you’ve previously struggled to find your ancestors’ Welsh Parish Records, I’d really encourage you to search these records.”

To find out more about Welsh Parish Records and this release, visit

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/welsh-parish-records/>

This release has been made possible by the participation of the following archives:-

Anglesey Archives, Carmarthenshire Archive Service, Ceredigion Archives, Conwy Archive Services, Denbighshire Archives, Flintshire Record Office, Glamorgan Archives, Gwent Archives, Gwynedd Archives Service, Pembrokeshire Archives and Local Studies, Powys Archives and West Glamorgan Archive Service.

Ruth Jones will be searching for her Welsh roots in *Who Do You Think You Are?* airing on Monday 26th October on BBC One. TheGenealogist has found her ancestors in this new collection. Read about it here (WARNING: Contains spoilers)



<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2020/who-do-you-think-you-are/ruth-jones-1338/>

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