

Reverend Thomas Bayes (ca. 1702–1761)

Presbyterian minister in Tunbridge Wells (Kent) from 1731, son of Joshua Bayes, nonconformist minister. Election to the *Royal Society* based on a tract of 1736 where he defended the views and philosophy of Newton.

Sole probability paper, “*Essay Towards Solving a Problem in the Doctrine of Chances*”, published posthumously in 1763 by Pierce and containing the seeds of *Bayes’ Theorem*.

