



# **St Michael's Myland, (a Church with gentleness and respect at its heart), Trinity Newsletter & Prayer Diary 30.**

**Edition 1 of this newsletter went out in April 2020! Who would have thought, that in July 2021 we are still not back to some sort of normality, but that is how it is.** I, like you, am expecting some significant changes from the Government on Monday, the Church nationally will respond a week after that, so the next edition of this newsletter, after a discussion with the assistant clergy and the warden and her assistants we will set out a future pattern for Sunday and mid-week services for the next few months. So, to be fair to everyone, I think we should aim for Sunday 1st August as our start date, which if everything goes well, will be an all singing, all dancing service of healing & Communion.

**"Zoom" is still being used for Bible Study on Wednesday (7.30 pm) and Thursday (2.30 pm), and any PCC meeting. Why not join in the Bible Study? It is actually good humoured informative and easy to follow.**

**As now, the Church is open: Monday and Wednesday at 10.15 for Morning Prayer and at 10.15 on Friday morning for Holy Communion. Our seated capacity for the congregation has risen to a possible 70+, (but this may change as early as Sunday 25th July, we will see).**

For most of this year the 2nd and 4th Sunday's are going to be 'Baptism Sundays', we have a large backlog to clear, which is a wonderful position to be in. Do try to support the newest members of God's church and their families. This is a joy, and not a chore, a time to rejoice!

**The Churchyard.** You will know how bad it has been, and if people ask you, it is the responsibility of Colchester Borough Council to maintain a 'closed' churchyard, which Myland's is. There should be 10 "cuts" a year, 2020 saw only 4, and 2021 thus far, just 2, that is why it is in the state it is in. The only bit the church maintains is the Ashes area inside the wooden Arris rail, which is still being used, and has been well maintained throughout.

**The "Foodbank" will begin to use the hall foyer from September on Tuesday and Friday mornings, volunteers are still welcome?**

Some of the '**Marcus Rashford money**' that was embarrassed out of the Government for providing at least one hot meal and an activity programme every weekday of the summer school holidays for vulnerable young people is coming to Myland and will operate out of the Church hall. The YMCA are doing the hard work, we are providing the facility for it to happen.

Talking of the **Church Hall**, it is to have a new floor.

**The newsletter / prayer diary will continue past Covid, if you want it to continue, that is.**

**(Zoom: A/c 250 589 2419 p/w 2820) Don't forget the Bible Study & Book Club opportunities!**

Sarah will be in the **Church Office** on the mornings of: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, usually from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm, and is still furloughed for Tuesdays until the scheme ends.

**The next Newsletter / Prayer Diary** will be out by Saturday 24th July, ready to begin on Monday the 26th July, hopefully with news of our full-time return to church. Please pray for your church and the world.

Revd Ray Gibbs, Priest in Charge, Myland

## Morning / Evening Prayer Outline

(All prayers and sentences are taken from the beginning of the Common Worship Daily Prayer Book)

I am giving you worship with all my life, I am giving you obedience with all my power. I am giving you praise with all my strength, I am giving you honour with all my speech. I am giving you love with all my heart, I am giving you affection with all my sense, I am giving you my being with all my mind, I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.

### A moment of quiet.

Praise to the Father, Praise to the Son, Praise to the Spirit, The Three in One.

### The Psalm(s) of the Day.

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (St. Benedict)

### Bible Reading of the day.

Teach me, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to seek for any reward save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.

May the Lord make us ready for his coming in glory.

### A moment of quiet.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us. We glory in your cross, O lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection: for by the virtue of the cross joy has come to the whole world.

### Our Prayers, (we pray for)

*The people of God, that we may all proclaim the risen Lord*

*The Peace of the world & the healing of the nations.*

*That all of your creation matters, and our own responsibilities to that creation.*

*All those who are hungry or thirst for clean water.*

*For our Church's financial problems.*

*For the sick, the lonely and hurting, and all who grieve for, or wait with the dying.*

*For the broken, that they may find God's healing, and all those seeking forgiveness and peace.*

## Silence followed by The Lord's Prayer

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in the quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Amen.

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, I worship you, I give you thanks, I praise you for your glory. Alleluia. Amen.

May the light of Christ my Lord shine in all my heart

## Readings / Psalms for the Day

**Monday 12th** Psalms 123 to 126;  
2 Corinth. 6: 1 to 7: 1;

**Tuesday 13th** Psalms 132 & 133;  
2 Corinth. 7: 2 - 16;

**Wednesday 14th** Psalm 119: 153 - 176;  
2 Corinth. 8: 1 - 15;

**Thursday 15th:** Psalms 143 & 146;  
(St Swithun's Day) 2 Corinth. 8: 16 to 9: 5;

**Friday 16th:** Psalms 142 & 144;  
2 Corinth. 9: 6 - 15;

**Saturday 17th:** Psalm 147;  
2 Corinth 10;

**Sunday 18th:** Psalms 67 & 70;  
(Trinity 7) 1 Peter 3: 8 - 18;

**Monday 19th:** Psalms 1, 2, & 3;  
2 Corinth. 11: 1 - 15;

**Tuesday 20th:** Psalms 5, 6, & 8;  
2 Corinth. 11: 16 - 34;

**Wednesday 21st** Psalm 119: 1 - 32;  
2 Corinth. 12;

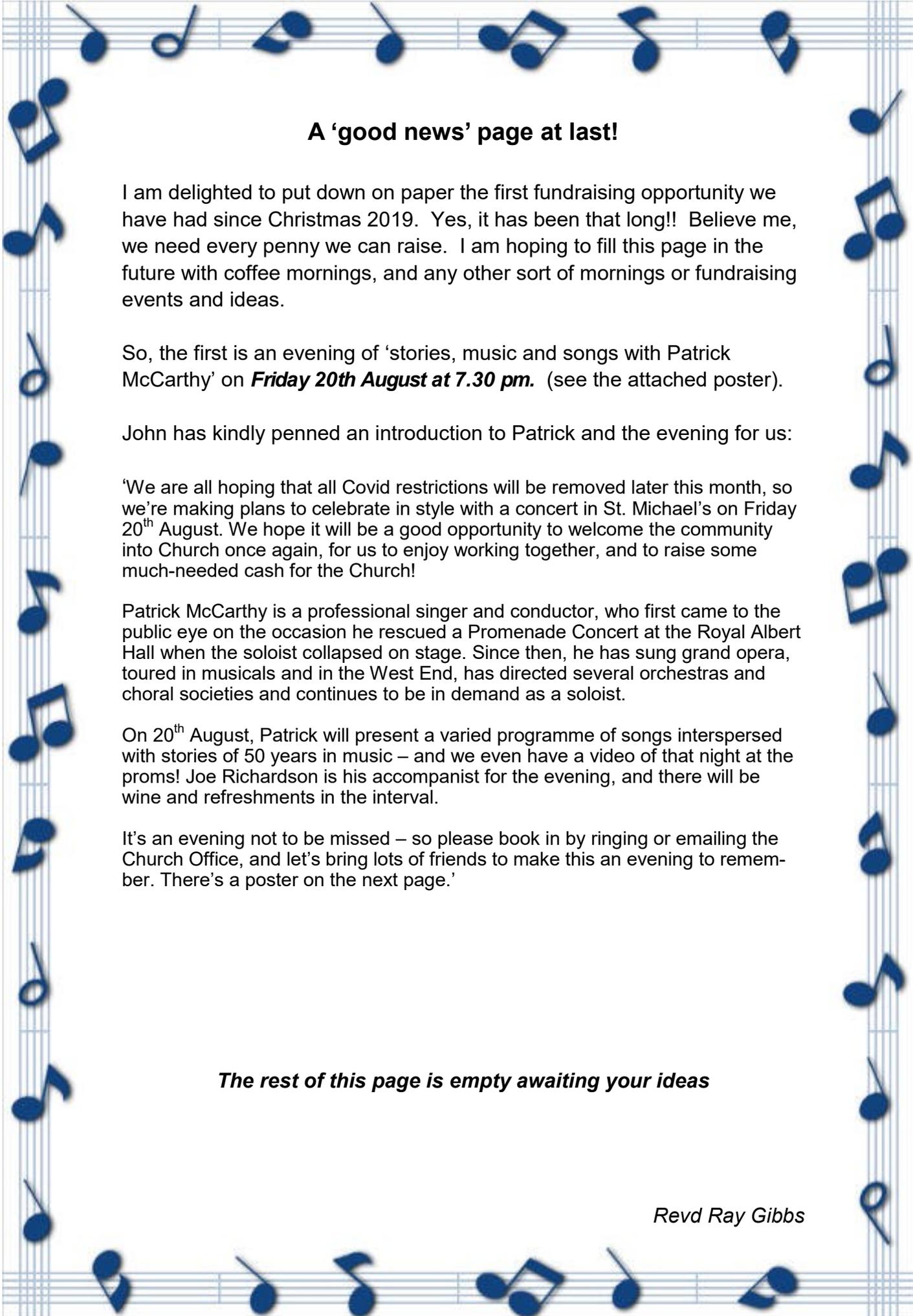
**Thursday 22nd:** Psalms 30, 32 & 150;  
(Mary Magdalene) Luke 8: 1 - 3;

**Friday 23rd:** Psalms 17 & 19;  
James 1: 1 - 11;

**Saturday 24th:** Psalms 20, 21 & 23;  
James 1: 12 - 27;

**Sunday 25th:** Psalms 7, 29 & 117;  
(Trinity 8 - James the Apostle)

Acts 11: 27 - Acts 12: 2;



## A 'good news' page at last!

I am delighted to put down on paper the first fundraising opportunity we have had since Christmas 2019. Yes, it has been that long!! Believe me, we need every penny we can raise. I am hoping to fill this page in the future with coffee mornings, and any other sort of mornings or fundraising events and ideas.

So, the first is an evening of 'stories, music and songs with Patrick McCarthy' on **Friday 20th August at 7.30 pm.** (see the attached poster).

John has kindly penned an introduction to Patrick and the evening for us:

'We are all hoping that all Covid restrictions will be removed later this month, so we're making plans to celebrate in style with a concert in St. Michael's on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August. We hope it will be a good opportunity to welcome the community into Church once again, for us to enjoy working together, and to raise some much-needed cash for the Church!

Patrick McCarthy is a professional singer and conductor, who first came to the public eye on the occasion he rescued a Promenade Concert at the Royal Albert Hall when the soloist collapsed on stage. Since then, he has sung grand opera, toured in musicals and in the West End, has directed several orchestras and choral societies and continues to be in demand as a soloist.

On 20<sup>th</sup> August, Patrick will present a varied programme of songs interspersed with stories of 50 years in music – and we even have a video of that night at the proms! Joe Richardson is his accompanist for the evening, and there will be wine and refreshments in the interval.

It's an evening not to be missed – so please book in by ringing or emailing the Church Office, and let's bring lots of friends to make this an evening to remember. There's a poster on the next page.'

***The rest of this page is empty awaiting your ideas***

*Revd Ray Gibbs*