

## PRITCHARD, MICHAEL (c. 1709 - 1733), poet

**Name:** Michael Pritchard  
**Date of birth:** c. 1709  
**Date of death:** 1733  
**Parent:** Richard William Pritchard  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Moelwyn Idwal Williams

Born c. 1709, son of Richard William Pritchard, weaver and sexton, Llanllyfni, Caernarfonshire. He left Llanllyfni at an early age and went to Llan-fechell in Anglesey, where he worked for many years as gardener in the employ of [William Bulkeley](#), Brynddu. He was a poet of considerable ability and many of his works have been preserved. The more notable of his compositions were ' Cywydd i'r Wyddfa '; ' Cywydd Marwnad Owen Gruffudd, Llanystumdwy ' ([Owen Gruffydd](#) (1643 - 1730)), Englynion Duwiol ' (written about 1727); ' Englynion i'r Dderwen y dihangodd Charles II iddi am ei hoedl rhag y Rowndiaid.' Pritchard's death has been variously dated, but his friend [Hugh Hughes](#) (Bardd Coch, 1693 - 1776), in his elegy upon him states that he died in 1733, aged 24, at Llanfechell, and was buried there 3 July 1733.

### Author

Dr Moelwyn Idwal Williams

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