

**Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Little Paxton**  
**Autumn Flower and Vegetable Show**  
**And Beer Festival.**  
**Village Hall and Playing Field**  
**2.00pm to 5.00pm.**  
**Free Admission**



**Dick Saw and Mary Parnham in training for Ride and Stride.**  
**To sponsor Graham, you can ring him on:**  
**01480 212637**  
**To Sponsor Dick and Mary ring Annette on**  
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**Celtic Blessing: "The Path"**

God bless the path on which you go  
God bless the earth beneath your feet  
God bless your destination.

God be a smooth way before you  
A guiding star above you: a keen eye behind you  
This day, this night, and forever.

God be with you whatever you pass  
Jesus be with you whatever you climb  
Spirit be with you wherever you stay.

God be with you at each stop and each sea  
At each lying down and each rising up  
In the trough of the waves, on the crest of the billows.  
Each step of the journey you take.

*Celtic Blessings, Prayers for Everyday Life, by Ray Simpson (Loyola Press 1999).*

**Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020: The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**The Benefice of the Paxtons with Diddington and Southoe**  
**"Keeping in Touch" Edition 24**  
**"For where two or three come together in my name,**  
**there am I with them."**



Annette writes: Greetings to you all!

I hope Graham from Great Paxton won't mind me putting him on the front of this edition of Keeping in Touch. As you can see, he is posing with his bike outside his Great Paxton home, ready for me to interview him about his sponsored cycle ride, on September 12<sup>th</sup>, in aid of Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CHCT) and Great Paxton Church.

Ride and Stride is now an annual event and it's a great way to support both a church or chapel of your choice, and CHCT, who give grants and loans to places of worship to help with the costs of repairs or re-ordering projects. We hope that this year the weather will be kind and a good number of walkers and striders take up the challenge to visit as many churches as possible and get sponsored.

Not be left out, Dick Saw from Southoe and Mary Parnham from Little Paxton will be cycling for CHCT and Southoe Church and you can see a picture of them on page 4. You will also find details of how to contact them if you would like to sponsor their endeavours. They'd love to hear from you!

I'm currently managing the CHCT Facebook page and have put articles about all our cyclists on their page as well as our @thepaxtonsbeneifice page. Check them out if you can! Take care and God Bless.

With love and prayers, Annette

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## A Reading from Romans Chapter 13 v 8-12

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

## The Gospel Reading for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity. Matthew Chapter 18 Verses 15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

## The Collect for the Day.

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Pause for Thought.

There were 613 commandments  
in the Jewish Law book called the Torah.  
Jesus said when we love our neighbour,  
we fulfil the entire law!

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Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Little Paxton Church:

Sunday 9.15 - 9.45am: Morning Service with readings and prayers.

## Great Paxton Church:

Sunday 10.30 - 11.00am: Morning Service with readings and prayers, then open 11.00 - 4.00pm for quiet time/private prayer

## Southoe Church:

Sunday 4.00pm – 4.30pm: afternoon music and readings with quiet reflections.

## Southoe and Diddington Churches are now open daily

Please observe social distancing and use hand sanitizer if visiting.

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## Reflections on the Passage from Romans

It states it in black and white in our words from St Paul today!

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

If there was enough consideration for others and selfless love about, then there would be no need for many of the complex laws of the land. But we need laws to protect us from the darker side of human nature, from things like greed which can lead to theft, or anger which can injure others. If we were all more loving and sensitive to the needs of others, then surely, we would be more law abiding without even having to think about it.

Love has an amazing power to transform and change us.

Love enables us to forgive and be forgiven and be people who look for the good in others, rather than seeing their faults.

What a place this world would be if it were ruled by love, no more wars between nations, no need for costly security and no more computer viruses, no poverty and discrimination. Could it be possible to live a life ruled by love? We have our example in the life of Jesus. He lived a life of love so transforming and challenging and upset the vested interests of the ruling authorities so much that they killed him for it.

Now it is up to us to use the life of Jesus as our model of a different way of doing things.

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