

## Doing Good to All

### Galatians 6 1-6

“<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, <sup>5</sup>for each one should carry their own load. <sup>6</sup>Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.”

How many times have we heard people saying, the church has not been there for me? How often have the congregations been blamed for some members being let down at some difficult time in their lives. Sometimes unfairly. Possibly when a hospital visit was missed, but the minister or visiting team did not know that person was in the hospital. I remember an old minister once saying from the pulpit, he was sorry not to have visited one of the members in the hospital. He went on to remind the congregation that if he wasn’t told then it was impossible to visit. It certainly made the others aware that it was not just the Minister who was responsible for looking after one another. There have been many kind actions done over the years by people going out of their way to help someone, especially when doing it quietly. It is a great gift to be able to see what needs doing without having to wait to be told.

This year 2020 has been a very difficult year for everyone, very worrying both for health reasons but also the financial side for many has been truly hard to deal with. But there have been lots of unsung heroes who have gone out of their way to help others whether they know them or not, they just wanted to help. This gives people hope and a feeling of good inside themselves, just knowing that someone has taken the time to assist them in their need. There have been many prayers being said not just for local needs but for the world and all suffering due to this pandemic. We in our prayers help to carry the burdens of the people around us and further afield, in doing this we are keeping God’s law and loving each other as he has loved us.

### Prayer

Heavenly Father help us to see the needs of the people around us and let us be as one with you as we work through this pandemic. Help us Father to pray more faithfully for the people searching for the vaccine. Be with them give them the insight they need we bring our petitions before you in your precious name our Lord and Saviour. Amen