

We love because God first loved us.

The difficult thing about having ones mobility failing is the mind can be slow to accept the new limitations. Some of us in this situation will still attempt things which we used to manage with ease. Occasionally to the point of causing concern to those around us! Accepting our limitations, whilst still striving to do what we can, is probably a better balanced attitude.

As we draw towards the end of the Easter season we are reminded of one of Jesus' more important charges given to his earliest disciples. They are to love one another in the same way that he has loved them. To love as Christ himself did is indeed a tall order. Perhaps even a challenge too far? After all it was he who said that 'greater love has no one than that they would lay down their life for their friends'. The Apostle Paul on pondering these things famously wrote:

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13.13)

Jesus surely knew that his new commandment to love as he did, was indeed a tall order. Herein lies the very truth of the Gospel itself. When we fall short we are forgiven and can start afresh each day. We have also inherited the gift of the Holy Spirit to support us when we seek God's help in this. That takes me back to where I began. Knowing our limitations should never stop us from seeking to emulate our saviour. We love as best and as often as we can. The rest is up to God.

