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Where's the Holy Spirit?



..... the Holy Spirit helps us when we are weak. We don't know what we should pray for. But the Spirit himself prays for us. He prays through groans too deep for words. Romans 8:26 NIV



Dear Friends,

A true story: a few weeks ago, Count Everyone In had an exhibition stand at the Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park. It was an encouraging and potentially fruitful couple of days, judging by the conversations that Janneke, Pete and I had about the charity, our training and our resources. There were samples of teaching plans and Bible notes for people to look at, and copies to buy too. When it came to the second morning, we were busy preparing for the day when I noticed that one of the samples, entitled "The Holy Spirit", wasn't where it should have been. That's strange, I thought. I searched through all the other resources and even on the floor, assuming that it had simply been misplaced. "Where's the Holy Spirit?", I asked Pete and Janneke – but it was nowhere to be found!

Thankfully, we had a spare copy which became our new sample, but the episode set me thinking about our reliance on the Holy Spirit.

It can be difficult to discern God's will for our lives. When Pete and I founded Count Everyone In in May 2017, the Holy Spirit had already been at work in our hearts and minds for several months. God's plan was confirmed to us in ways that we could not deny, and we knew it was not our own idea. He also confirmed that He would supply all our needs if we asked strategically and specifically. God's provision is not to be abused or taken for granted but we needed assurance that this was His work and not ours.

That was then and this is now. Guidance such as we received 8½ years ago is not an everyday experience, but we still have decisions to make. We can't stand still. What should we do? How should we do it? Where do we go? Who should go? We may feel weak and uncertain but, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can move forwards. The appointment of Janneke as our first paid employee was a huge decision for us, for our trustees and, not least, for Janneke herself; lots of prayer and seeking of wise counsel was involved. We rely on the continued leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit, and on God's provision of generous supporters who pray, give and volunteer. We often feel weak and uncertain but there is Someone who knows our needs. The Holy Spirit interprets our wavering prayers. How good it is to look back and see that God was working out His purposes through us. We look forward in faith to what lies ahead.

Thank you for praying and supporting CEI in whatever way you can. Oh, and please pray that whoever may have 'borrowed' the Holy Spirit booklet finds it helpful!

God bless,
Christine

To hear Gareth Cottrell of Konnect Radio interviewing Janneke and Pete at the Christian Resources Exhibition, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-LRXtRy7Vo>



Welcome to any new readers who have joined us recently, especially those who signed up at the Christian Resources Exhibition and recent Know & Grow workshops. We are so glad to know of your interest and support. If at any time you wish to unsubscribe from our mailing list, please drop us a line – no hard feelings because we know how quickly our email Inboxes fill up!

Christmas Celebration – Sunday 7th December 6:00 – 7:00pm

Come and join the celebration! You may not be ready to think about Christmas just yet, but the CEI plans are underway. If you can, please join us at St Nicolas Church, West Mills, Newbury RG14 5HG. We'd love you to tell us if you're coming.

If you can't be with us in person, please log in to St Nic's, Newbury YouTube channel – link to follow in December newsletter and on CEI's social media.



Carers Toolkit

Thank you to those who completed our questionnaire. Based on those findings, work is now underway to develop a toolkit for individuals and small groups to use within church settings. Our prayer is that these will help to build resilience, encourage spiritual reflection, and help parents and carers to recognise the expertise they have in caring for their loved ones. Watch this space!

Janneke's Challenge – We're into the 11th month of Janneke's challenge for herself and for us all to memorise some verses from the Bible throughout the year. Here are the latest ones:

Esther 4:14 - What if you don't say anything at this time? Then help for the Jews will come from another place. But you and your family will die. Who knows? It's possible that you became queen for a time just like this."

James 1:2-3 - My brothers and sisters, you will face all kinds of trouble. When you do, think of it as pure joy. Your faith will be tested. You know that when this happens it will produce in you the strength to continue.

Being Friends

Count Everyone In – so that no one misses out on Jesus

* Email pete@counteveryonein.org.uk if you, your group and/or church are interested in becoming Friends with Count Everyone In. Pete will send you an information and application form telling you about the scheme.

Open to individuals,
churches/groups.
Further info from

pete@counteveryonein.org.uk
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Thank you

Without you, your prayers, interest, time and financial support it would be hard for us to do what God has called us to do. Thank you for whatever part you play in supporting Count Everyone In. No contribution is too small. Thank you.

If you are thinking of supporting financially, thank you.

Donate to Count Everyone In at www.give.net/20280624 or directly into Metro Bank (business) account (Gift Aid form available on request)
Sort code: 23 05 80 - Account no: 33248



Prayer

Our next monthly **Friends with Count Everyone In** Zoom prayer meetings are on **Thursday 27th November** for just 30 minutes at 12.30pm and/or 6.30pm. If you are on our list, you will receive the link automatically. Here are some suggestions for prayer:

1. Thank God for the conversations we had at the CRE.
2. Thank God for Pete and Janneke's interview with Konnect Radio, praying that many will listen and be inspired.
3. Thank God for the reprint of the NlrV accessible New Testament and the printing of Psalms, in partnership Biblica. We hope to have them at the end of November.
4. Pray for wisdom for churches/groups at risk of closure due to lack of leaders.
5. Thank God for Prayer and Encouragement meetings supporting those involved in local churches and groups, especially the new online one, praying that these will grow and multiply to reach more people.
6. Pray that we all (not just Janneke, Pete and Christine) look for opportunities to share the good news so that 'no one misses out on Jesus'.



Workshops

Know & Grow Longing to Belong – an introduction to learning disability, theology, communication and how the church can respond

Know & Grow Life Matters – supporting adults with learning disabilities as they face issues such as relationships, healing, mental health and bereavement

Know & Grow Makaton – learn to sign everyday and Christian vocabulary at the only workshop for Christian language that is accredited by The Makaton Charity (TMC). It was developed by Janneke Klos in partnership with TMC.

Would you and your church be interested in hosting a workshop.

email: bookings@counteveryonein.org.uk

Resources

Bible Update (NirV - accessible edition) We are excited to tell you that the reprint of the New Testament has been done, and we are expecting copies (soft back only) to reach the CEI office at the end of November. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that the Book of Psalms will also be available. The prices are as follows:

New Testament - **£7.99 +p&p**

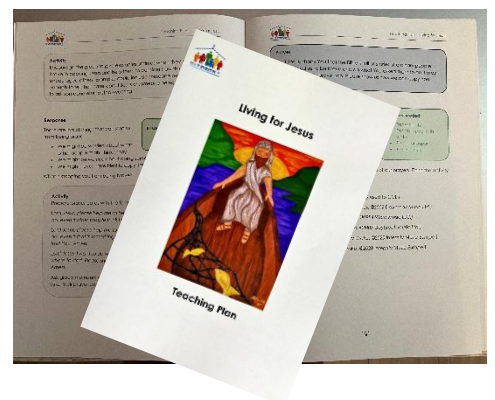
Psalms - **£4.00 +p&p**



Trevor, our friend from Biblica, holding copies of the New Testament and Psalms

New resource! We have published a new teaching plan. It is called 'Living for Jesus' and consists of five teaching sessions that explore what it's like to be a friend of Jesus, based on the life and experiences of Peter. Price: **£7.00 +p&p**

Other resources: If you are interested in purchasing CEI branded t-shirts or full-zip hoodies, accessible Bible notes, our other teaching plans based on Joseph or Ruth, CEI badges, notebooks, pens, keyrings, ceramic mugs or travel mugs, please email info@counteveryonein.org.uk for a full list.



Diary dates – please note that Janneke, Pete, Christine and Bronwen meet on Thursdays

Thurs 13 Nov	Ely Diocese 'Belonging' online taster session for chaplaincy in church and community – with Chrissy Cole, Pete & Christine. Contact christine@counteveryonein.org.uk if interested and live in the East of England
Fri 14 Nov	K&G Makaton for the Chester Diocese
Sat 15 Nov	K&G Longing to Belong, Eastpoint Vineyard Church, Lowestoft – postponed – new date to be arranged
Wed 19 Nov	Spring Harvest Planning Day
Thurs 27 Nov	CEI Friends Zoom Prayer 12:30-1:00pm & 6:30-7:00pm
Sun 7 Dec	CEI Christmas Celebration at St Nic's Church, Newbury and livestreamed to you wherever you are!

GDPR We hold your contact details for the purpose of sending you this newsletter at your own request. We also hold details of people who serve on CEI teams or attend training days. If you have any questions about this, or you wish to be removed from mailing lists etc, please let us know.

- **Give as You Live** is one way to donate to CEI at no extra cost to you
– <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/>
- **CCLI** Don't forget to include 'Prospects' songs in your Church Copyright Licence (CCLI) reporting

Social media - See www.counteveryonein.org.uk and you can also keep up with us on Facebook, X & Instagram. Please follow, like and share so that more people find out what is happening.

Every blessing,

Pete, Christine & Janneke

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