

In all our prayers June 2019



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We call this our “silly” season, the time of year when it’s often hard to differentiate between the urgent and the important.

Last week we sent a list of all the events in our calendar to our trustees and support group. The idea was not to impress them with our busyness and receive a pat on the back; instead we were inviting them to join us at one or more of these events over the next few months.

The same opportunity is open to you and we encourage you to check the calendar dates below and plan to join us if you are able. This applies particularly to the Know and Grow training days. We have several in the south of England between now and the end of October and they are all open for bookings. Perhaps you or your church are exploring new areas of ministry and outreach; this could be just what God is directing you towards and we would love to support you on the journey. Maybe you’ve been involved in this area of Christian ministry for a number of years and you feel tired and lacking in inspiration. If that’s the case, why not come along to either the basic or advanced day?

A graphic with the handwritten text 'You are invited' in a black, cursive font. The text is surrounded by several small, light blue decorative swirls.

On the other hand, you could be someone who reads our newsletters and are curious to find out what it is that we do. If for no other reason than that, we would love you to sign up for one of the Know and Grow days and we believe that you will find it helpful for increasing your understanding and communication with people with learning disabilities.

Do we cover Wales, Northern Ireland or the north of England? The answer is an emphatic yes, but only if we are invited! We have dates available from November onwards both for training and for speaking, whether to ministry groups, teams, churches, conferences or other events. Please get in touch to discuss possibilities.



May was a productive month with a number of key meetings. One of the highlights was the 15th anniversary of Shine in Worthing. There was a lot of joy in the place as we led a drama based on the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids (Matthew 25); the bridegroom was played by a wheelchair user who was thrilled to join in.



We then challenged everyone to let their lives shine like lights for Jesus while we wait for him to return. Cue the song by Nick and Becky Drake, City on a Hill. This went down so well that there is talk of it replacing the group's usual anthem of Shine, Jesus, Shine!

Last month

The month ended with two days that have been in the planning stages for more than a year. Daisy Harrison and the Oasis group at Cranham Baptist Church, Upminster invited us to run a 2-day event entitled 'Friends of Jesus'. Janneke Klos and a number of CEI friends joined the local team and it has been so encouraging to see God doing what he does, changing people to be more like Jesus.

We then had just one day at home before setting off to France on 1 June for the annual holiday week at Le Pas Opton, with Spring Harvest Holidays, again with Janneke on team, as well as Keith and Gill Barnard. Looking at the life of Joseph will help us learn how God wants us to live our lives today. Here's a sneak preview of the 'amazing technicolour dream-coat' that Gill has laboriously stitched together.



We are continually thankful to God that so many people hold us in their prayers.

Greetings cards

Here's your monthly reminder about the wide range of well-priced greetings cards available from <https://www.flamingopaperie.co.uk/web/tuaphelps-jones>. Go to the Customer Club tab where you will find more details and can sign up. There are special offers from time to time and you will receive a small gift with your first order. Delivery is £3.50 but **free** for orders of £30 or over. Thank you Tua for supporting CEI from your sales!

GDPR We need to keep on top of the legal requirements of GDPR and our understanding is that we are holding your contact details for the purpose of sending you this newsletter at your own request. We also hold details relating to those who volunteer at events or attend training days. Such data is destroyed once its purpose has finished. If you have any questions about this, or you wish to be removed from mailing lists etc, please let us know.

Some useful links:

- The New International Readers Version (NIrV) – accessible edition (New Testament only) available from <https://www.biblicaeurope.com/bible-resources/category/new-testaments>

If you order a New Testament you can support Count Everyone In by entering PW in the discount box!

- Through the Roof produce a useful range of reasonably priced resources for churches looking to be more accessible for disabled people, including a new

publication by Ros Bayes entitled A Church that

Cares <https://www.throughtheroof.org/supportingyou/churchresources/>

- In case you missed it, the BBC News website recently had an interesting article written from the perspective of a non-Christian and yet we found it interesting and thought-provoking <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-48054113>
- Are you looking for images to illustrate talks and sermons? Take a look at www.freebibleimages.org
- Finally for this month, Count Everyone In is a member organisation of the Additional Needs Alliance, which helps churches to include, support, create places of belonging for, and spiritually grow children, young people and young adults with additional needs or disabilities.

See www.additionalneedsalliance.org.uk or ask to join the 'closed' Facebook group Additional Needs Alliance.

Prayer points

- Thank God for Janneke who is working increasingly with us, using her gifts and abilities to expand and enhance the impact of Count Everyone In
- Thank God that the majority of the writing of teaching for the summer festivals is done or is well underway; pray for inspiration and creativity whilst remaining true to God's word
- The ability to focus on present demands whilst planning for the future
- For the CEI team to expand so that we can make an inroad into the needs across the country for this ministry
- Give thanks for a recent meeting of the core team for Meet Monday (the group formerly led by Andrew and Christine Mackie in Bucklebury) which is to be relaunched in the autumn at our church, St Nic's in Newbury; people from the church have responded well to the prospect of a training day in July

June dates - correct at time of publication *:

Saturday 1st

Travel on overnight ferry to St Malo, France

Sunday 2nd

Arrive at

LPO <https://www.springharvestholidays.com/feature-weeks/everyone/>

Monday 3rd

Team set up venue and guests arrive

Tuesday 4th to Sunday 9th

Daily celebrations and other activities with our guest, their families and/or support staff

Thursday 13th

We travel home after a few extra days for rest and refreshment

Saturday 15th

Women's breakfast at St Nic's (Christine)

Sunday 16th

Fathers' Day – church and the rest of the day with Rob, Cathy and our grandsons in Hampton

Thursday 20th

Training session on DBS checks at thirtyone:eight

Saturday 22nd

Celebration Day at St Martin's Church, 127 Suez Rd Cambridge CB1 3QD with groups from Herts, Beds and Cambs

Saturday 29th

Know & Grow basic training day at Crownhill Methodist Church, Plymouth PL6 5AG

Sunday 30th

Speak in one of the Methodist churches in Plymouth before travelling home

*Please note that we try to take Mondays off, especially following weekends when we have been working.

Future events to October 2019

Sat 6 July

Know & Grow 1, St Peter's Church, Oaklands, Yateley GU46 7LR

Sat 13 July

Know & Grow 1, St Nicolas, West Mills, Newbury RG14 5HG counteveryonein@gmail.com

Keswick Convention, St Herbert's School, Keswick counteveryonein@gmail.com

Sat 3 – Fri 9 August

Creation Fest, Wadebridge,
Cornwall <http://www.creationfest.org.uk/>

Thurs 22 – Sun 25 August

Westpoint (Newfrontiers), Westpoint, Exeter
<https://www.commission-together.org/westpoint/>

Sat 5 October

Area celebration day, Waltham Chase Methodist
Church, 28 Hillcrest Gardens, Waltham Chase,
Southampton SO32 2NF Janneke@thekings.church

Sat 12 October

Know & Grow 2 Farnham Baptist Church, The Hart,
Farnham GU9 7HA mbennett@evoraglobal.com

Tues 15-Thurs 17 October

Christian Resources Exhibition, Sandown Park,
Portsmouth Rd, Esher KT10 9AJ

Sat 19 October

Alive Together Celebration, Kings Centre, Chessington
KT9 2GZ

Sun 20 October

10:30am Parkside Evangelical Church, St Flora's Rd,
Littlehampton BN17 6BD

Sun 24 November

10:00am Littlehampton Baptist Church, 29 Fitzalan Rd,
Littlehampton BN17 5ET



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We end this newsletter as we began with the words of the apostle Paul,

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Thank you and God bless you.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Pete & Christine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

