

The Lord has shown you

January 2020



The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you.

**You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy.
And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God.**

Micah 6:8

A new year, a new decade and a world that is changing in so many ways, socially, environmentally and politically. What the future holds none of us knows but we do know and trust the One who holds the future. The Bible verse quoted above is one of Pete's favourites and we do well to follow it in coming days.

We feel so blessed to know that you read our newsletters and support us in other ways too. If you would like us to pray for you, please feel free to ask as we would consider it an honour.

It's been good to spend time with our family at Christmas and to visit several National Trust houses over the New Year period. We needed a rest but very soon we shall be back into the busyness of Count Everyone In. Please pray that we remember CEI does not belong to us but to God.

Introducing our new team member

Hi! Many of you will have seen my name appear in Pete and Christine's newsletters and so we thought it was about time for me introduce myself. So, hi! I'm Janneke and as you will have noticed, over the last year or so, I have been working more and more closely with Pete and Christine, and Count Everyone In. I'm based in Portsmouth where I head up a group for people with learning disabilities in my own church. I'm also a social worker working with people with learning disabilities and a Regional Makaton tutor.



This last year, we have spent time praying about my role with CEI and really seeking God in how He wants us to move forward. As always, He has been incredibly faithful and opened exciting doors with the Makaton Charity and He has led me to the point where I am resigning from my social work job in order to dedicate more time to CEI and Makaton. I will be available to offer Makaton training to churches from March onwards so please contact me at counteveryonein@gmail.com if you are interested.

I know that many of you have already been praying for me and the journey that God is leading me and CEI on – thank you so much. Your prayer support is invaluable as we take the next steps.

Janneke

Training opportunities

There's still time (just) to book for **Know & Grow 2** in East Sussex on 18 January and **Know & Grow 1** in Plymouth on 1 February. See Diary Dates for details and be sure to get in touch very soon.

Know and Grow 1 helps churches be more accessible and effective for people with learning disabilities which, in some cases, may include starting a small group. **Know and Grow 2** is for those already involved in this ministry, providing a refresher of basic principles and going on to explore learning disability in relation to topics such as mental health, relationships, healing, death and bereavement. Interested? Can't get to one of these? Do get in touch to talk about us running a training day at your church.

Opportunities Why not take friends with learning disabilities to join us at one of this year's Christian festivals, such as Word Alive, the Keswick Convention, Creation Fest, Connect? or

.... how about an amazing holiday in France? Le Pas Opton (affectionately known as LPO) is Spring Harvest's 4-star self-catering holiday park, just a few miles from the pretty port of Saint Gilles-Croix-de-Vie and the sandy west coast. 2020 will be the 15th year we've run a holiday at LPO specifically for adults with learning

disabilities and their families/groups. Last year we received this feedback: *“ X has had a fantastic week, in a great part due to the involvement with Count Everyone In. As a family, it has been wonderful to see X having such a great time, which has therefore made the holiday more enjoyable for us all. It has been great to meet other families, and to get to know the CEI team. Your ministry this week has meant such a lot to us all.”* Be sure to mention Count Everyone In if you are booking in with someone with a learning disability. This will enable you to obtain maximum discounts. Take a look at <https://www.springharvestholidays.com/feature-weeks/everyone/>

Resources – good news

It has long been our aim to produce resources for use by churches and groups. Until now, we have only offered resources produced by others, such as Through the Roof's excellent range of publications about accessibility and Sue Sutton's 'Living Fulfilled Lives'. Now, however, we have the first of what we hope will be a long list of titles of teaching that we have written and presented at festivals. It's a 7-session series based on the Old Testament character Joseph and it addresses subjects such as boasting, jealousy, temptation, disappointment and forgiveness. At this stage we are only making it available in printed form, at the price of £10, although in due course we may be able to offer it electronically. Again, please get in touch if you would like to purchase a copy as this can only be obtained from us.

Cards for Count Everyone In

Take a look at <https://www.flamingopaperie.co.uk/web/tuaphelps-jones>

Please pray for:

- **Guidance** as we invite potential team members for 2020 festivals
- **Interest and availability** of worship leaders and musicians for festival teams
- **Inspiration** as we plan teaching programmes for festivals
- **Health and safety** as we work and travel
- **Wisdom** for our support group and trustees
- **Commitment** from more people joining the core team
- **Faith** for Janneke as she resigns from paid employment and takes a leap of faith
- **Openness** in local churches wishing to be more accessible to all people
- **Co-operation** from families and support staff in enabling people with learning disabilities to attend church, groups and CEI events

January dates - correct at time of publication *

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Sat 4 Jan - Thanksgiving service for an old friend, Soul Survivor Church, Watford
Mon 6 Jan - Meet Monday 7:30pm at St Nics, Newbury
Thurs 9 Jan - Janneke working with us in Newbury
Tues 14 Jan - Wiltshire Area Prayer & Encouragement meeting
Thurs 16 Jan - Churches for All meeting, London
Fri 17 Jan - Travel to Crowborough, East Sussex
Sat 18 Jan - Know & Grow 2, All Saints Church, Crowborough TN6 1ED 9:30 – 4:00pm (with Janneke)
Sun 19 Jan - Ability Sunday service, Christ Church, Guildford GU1 2AZ 10:00am (with Janneke)
Mon 20 Jan - Meet Monday planning meeting
Tues 21 Jan - Morning: meeting with CEI treasurer, Brentwood; evening: Herts, Beds & Cambs prayer & encouragement meeting, Stevenage
Thurs 23 Jan - Janneke working with us in Newbury, Paula joining us later
Sat 25 Jan - Christine attending Women's breakfast at St Nics
Mon 27 Jan - Day off
Wed 29 Jan - Meeting with Makaton charity
Fri 31 Jan - Travel to Plymouth

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

Future dates

Please get in touch SOON if you would like us to visit your church this year, for speaking/ preaching or training. The calendar is filling up!

Sat 1 Feb - Know & Grow 1 training, Crownhill Methodist Church, Plymouth PL6 5AG
Sat 4-Thur 9 Apr - Word Alive, Prestatyn – full CEI programme details on request
Mon 13-17 Apr - Spring Harvest week 2, Minehead (Pete as Disability Consultant, Janneke & Christine supporting young adults with learning disabilities, also all manning CEI exhibition stand)
Mon 1-8 June - Spring Harvest Holidays (France) full CEI programme, details on request
Sat 18-Fri 24 July - Keswick Convention week 2 - full CEI programme, details on request
Sat 1-Fri 7 Aug - Creation Fest, Wadebridge, Cornwall - full CEI programme, details on request
Thurs 27-Mon 31 Aug - Connect Festival, Shepton Mallet, Somerset - full CEI programme, details on request

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.



If you are thinking of supporting us financially, there are options:

To donate Count Everyone In, please go to www.give.net/20280624 or pay directly into our Metro Bank account (Gift Aid form available on request):

- Count Everyone In - Sort code: 23 05 80 - Account no: 33248601

To support Pete and Christine personally, please go to www.give.net/20043120 or pay directly into our TSB account (Gift Aid not possible by this method):

- Mr P & Mrs C Winmill - Sort code: 77 70 64 - Account no: 01822668

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

Every blessing

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