

Whatever you do

February 2020



Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.....

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...

Colossians 3:17 & 24 (NirV)

At St Nic's in Newbury, we are following the 'Frontline Sundays' series, from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. True to form, we have already missed one Sunday but we nevertheless are finding the series to be relevant, challenging, inspirational and helpful in 'normalising' personal evangelism. The verses above speak of everyday life being testimony to our Christian values and calling. Many of our friends with learning disabilities are far less reticent about speaking up for Jesus than we are. This year, let's make speaking about Jesus as normal as speaking of any other dear friend or relative. Let's live for Him, whether working, volunteering, driving, chatting, cleaning, baking, exercising or preparing sermons. If Jesus wasn't ashamed to die for me, how can I be too embarrassed or shy to live and speak for Him?



Know and Grow Makaton – soon to be launched

Thank you for the many messages of support for Janneke as she prepares to leave the relative security of employment as a social worker. Please pray for her as she takes this huge step of faith and, if you are interested in hosting or attending a 'Know and Grow Makaton' training day, please contact her at makatontutor@counteveryonein.org.uk Know and Grow Makaton is a training day that CEI and Makaton are developing together and will be delivered from the spring.

Prayers answered

Thank you for praying for us in January. We know that Count Everyone In is God's work but it is all too easy to step out and carry on as usual without asking God for His direction and anointing.

- We had a great day at All Saints Church, Crowborough, last month. This was **Know & Grow 2**, which provides a refresher of Know & Grow 1 and goes on to explore learning disability in relation to topics such as mental health, relationships, healing, death and bereavement.
 - **Ability Sunday** at Christ Church, Guildford started badly! Pete had left his laptop and briefcase in the bedroom where we had stayed the previous night. Having already checked out, it was essential that he return without delay to retrieve them, hoping that they hadn't disappeared. That left Christine and Janneke, along with our friend Paula, hastily to rearrange the order of service and thankfully, 25 minutes into the service, Pete reappeared and was able to carry on as if nothing had happened. Yes, the laptop was found. Isn't God good?!!
 - **Co-workers** are what we have been asking God to provide and we are beginning to see answers. Ever since Count Everyone In started, in May 2017 we, Pete and Christine, have seen ourselves as baton holders. As in a relay race, we have been entrusted with carrying the baton – this ministry amongst people with learning disabilities. At some point, others will come along and take hold of the baton. For as yet an undefined period, we shall continue running but will eventually peel off and leave our successors to take over responsibility of carrying the baton. Imagine our delight when Janneke started working with us, leading to her resigning her professional job to develop something new alongside us. In the last few weeks we have had contact with a few more potential co-workers and we are looking to God for clear guidance for them and for us as to whether and how this could move forward. After all, Count Everyone In belongs to God and He simply calls on us to ask Him for more workers. Is it really that easy?
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“The harvest is huge, but the workers are few.

So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.

Luke 10:2 (NirV)

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Please continue to pray for:

- **Guidance** as we invite potential team members for 2020 festivals
- **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 co-workers, especially those we have heard from
- **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

February dates - correct at time of publication *:

Sat 1 February Know & Grow 1 training, Pennycross Methodist Church, Plymouth PL2 3PH / also Janneke and Paula representing CEI at Through the Roof event in Ashted, Surrey

Sun 2 February Taking part in 10:30am service at Compton Methodist Church PL3 5LF

Mon 3 February Meet Monday, St Nics Church, Newbury

Thurs 6 February Spring Harvest Local, Basingstoke – assisting on Spring Harvest Holidays stand

Fri 7 February King's Centre, Chessington – planning meeting for Ability Sunday

Tues 11 February Meet possible co-worker

Thurs 13 February Surrey groups Prayer & Encouragement meeting, Guildford

Sat 15 February A very special wedding at St Nics – and loads of sandwiches to make!

Mon 17 February Meet Monday planning meeting

Weds 19 February Newbury Friends – speaking about CEI at this social group

Thurs 20 February Janneke working with us at home in Newbury

Fri 21 February Meeting with a musical friend re possible opportunities

Sat 29 February Support Group followed by Trustees' Meeting at our home

*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 4-Thur 9 April - Word Alive, Prestatyn - full CEI programme details on request
Mon 13-17 April - Spring Harvest wk 2, Minehead (Pete as Disability Consultant, Janneke & Christine supporting young adults with learning disabilities, also all manning CEI exhibition stand)
Sat 18-19 April - Shine, Worthing
Sun 11 May - Fenland Community Church, March, Cambs
Sat 16 May - Know & Grow Makaton, Cambridge
Mon 1-8 June - Spring Harvest Holidays (France) - full CEI programme, details on request
Sat 18-Fri 24 July - Keswick Convention - 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
Tues 13-15 Oct - Christian Resources Exhibition, Sandown Park, Esher



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

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Every blessing

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