



*“..... I have called you friends. I have told you everything I learned from my Father.” John 15:15 (NirV)*

***Friends** is a recurring theme through this newsletter. During February we enjoyed meeting up with friends from long ago and on Saturday we shall spend the day with our support group and CEI trustees, most of whom have been our friends for too many years to count. Friends are those people with whom we feel comfortable and are sometimes described as the family we would choose for ourselves. Conversations are picked up as if we were together just last week and personal matters are easily shared. How amazing it is, therefore, that Jesus, calls us his friends! Here we are, sitting in our garden room in Newbury, preparing for opportunities to aid churches in welcoming people with learning disabilities so that they too can be friends of Jesus. Friends with Jesus, friends with Count Everyone In – it’s all here, so please read on....*

### **Prayers answered**

We count it a great privilege to have you, our friends, praying for us and it is something we need on a daily basis. This month we especially give thanks to God for:

- Directing us towards new team members, including worship leaders and musicians.
- The opportunity to speak to *Newbury Friends*, a social group meeting at our church. We spoke about our personal journeys into what we do and it sparked a lot of conversation around the tea tables about learning disability, faith and finance.

- A rewarding weekend in Plymouth where we did the Know & Grow 1 training on the Saturday and spoke briefly about CEI at a local church on Sunday. It will be interesting to find out what happens next – a new group perhaps?
- A few glimmers of interest in becoming co-workers with us. Please keep this in your prayers. *“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)*



### Friends with Count Everyone In

The initiative for starting this scheme came from leaders of some former Prospects groups who wanted relationship and support from CEI. It continues to be fairly low-key but now numbers some 18 churches/groups mainly in the south of England and we are hoping to add to the support we are able to offer. If your group/church is interested in becoming Friends with CEI, wherever in the UK you may be, do drop us a line and we'll forward the information leaflet to you.



#### Exciting training opportunities

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### Know and Grow Training

You will see that we have a number of training events happening this year so please get in touch if you are interested in attending one or, indeed, if your church would like to host an additional one. We are already looking at 2021 as it's never too soon to agree a date with us. We offer:

- **Know and Grow 1** – foundational training for churches and individuals involved in, or planning for, ministry with people with learning disabilities. Contact: [info@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:info@counteveryonein.org.uk)
- **Know and Grow 2** – supplementary training that addresses key issues such as relationships, mental health, healing, death and bereavement Contact: [info@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:info@counteveryonein.org.uk)
- **Know and Grow Makaton** – an introduction to key word signing for Christian worship, teaching and communication. Contact Janneke at [makatontutor@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:makatontutor@counteveryonein.org.uk)

Training dates already in the diary for 2020:

- Sat 16 May K&G 1 at Lighthouse Christian Ministries, Stratford, East London
- Thurs 25 June K&G 1 Winchester (closed session for NF Commission church leaders)
- Sat 31 Oct K&G 2 at St James's Church, Muswell Hill, North London
- Sat 14 Nov K&G 1 at Crossways Community Baptist Church, Dorking

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### Friends in action

Don't forget that Tua Phelps-Jones sells a wide range of greetings cards and kindly donates her profits to CEI. You can view the cards and make purchases via her web page <https://www.flamingopaperie.co.uk/web/tuaphelps-jones>

It was Tua's husband Tony who raised more than £1,100 for CEI last autumn when he ran, at the age of 70+, what may be his last half marathon – no mean feat!

Count Everyone In does not make appeals for funds but we are thankful to everyone who chooses to support either CEI (the charity) or us personally. Every little bit helps!



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

**To donate to Count Everyone In**, please go to [www.give.net/20280624](http://www.give.net/20280624) or pay directly into Metro Bank account (Gift Aid form available on request) - Sort code: 23 05 80 - Account no: 33248601

**To support Pete and Christine personally**, please go to [www.give.net/20043120](http://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

**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.

**Please continue to pray for:**

- **Guidance** as we invite potential team members for 2020 festivals
- **Inspiration** as we prepare teaching for festivals
- **Health and safety** as we work and travel

- **Wisdom** for our support group and trustees (meeting 29 February)
- **Co-workers** to share the load of growing opportunities
- **Favour** for Janneke Klos as she steps out in faith after 13 March
- **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

## Future dates

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

**March dates** - correct at time of publication \*:

1 Sunday 6:30pm Open Praise, Crossways Community Baptist Church, Dorking  
 2 Monday 7:30pm Meet Monday, St Nic's, Newbury  
 3 Tuesday Various meetings in St Albans area  
 10 Tuesday 8:00pm Encounter prayer meeting, St Nic's – focus on CEI  
 13 Friday Travel to Manchester for 'Through the Roof' (TTR) event on 14th  
 14 Saturday Exhibit at TTR 'Disability Inclusion in our churches', Ivy Church, Manchester  
 15 Sunday 10:30am Speak at Ability Sunday, King's Centre, Chessington  
 16 Monday 7:15pm Speak at Totton Prospects, Testwood Baptist Church, Southampton  
 20 Friday Additional Needs Alliance core group, St Martin-in-the-Bullring, Birmingham  
 21 Saturday Exhibit at TTR 'Disability Inclusion in our churches', Holy Trinity, Bradley Stoke  
 23 Monday Meet Monday planning meeting  
 24 Tuesday Janneke working with us, Newbury  
 27-30 Friends to stay

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

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## 2020 Festivals – we would love to see you at any of the following:

Sat 4-Thur 9 April Word Alive, Prestatyn – CEI programme details on request  
 Mon 13-17 April Spring Harvest wk 2, Minehead (Exhibiting plus Pete is Disability Consultant, Janneke & Christine supporting young adults with learning disabilities)  
 Mon 1-8 June Spring Harvest Holidays (France) - CEI programme, details on request  
 Sat 18-Fri 24 July Keswick Convention - CEI programme, details on request  
 Sat 1-Fri 7 August Creation Fest, Wadebridge, Cornwall - CEI programme, details on request  
 Thurs 27-Mon 31 August Connect Festival, Shepton Mallet, Somerset - CEI programme, details on request

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**Social media** - See [www.counteveryonein.org.uk](http://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*

*Pete & Christine:*

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