



May the God who gives hope fill you with great joy.  
May you have perfect peace as you trust in him.  
May the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope.  
Romans 15:13 (NirV)

**Dear friends,**

God hasn't been furloughed and nor have we!

Thank you for your prayers and support. It makes such a difference to know that you are thinking of us and that God is watching over us all. He knows the way out of this situation better than any politician, medical advisor or even theologian! There are glimpses of light as shops begin to reopen but some of us long for (and need) hairdressers and coffee shops. We have friends who have to continue shielding but at least their gardens are benefiting from extra attention! Let's continue to trust in our God who gives hope, great joy and perfect peace. May the power of the Holy Spirit fill us all with hope.

Zoom has changed the way we work and worship. With no travel or cost involved, and less time too, events such as Prayer & Encouragement meetings for groups and leaders happen more frequently. 'Little and often' is more manageable, meaningful and memorable than lengthy meetings but will we learn from this in the long term? Will we spare the planet's valuable resources and our own physical and mental health by holding virtual meetings for specific purposes of planning and reporting? Yes, we long for church buildings to reopen for worship, prayer, teaching, fellowship and

communion to take place physically. We have autumn dates in the diary for face-to-face training days and celebrations, but will they happen?

**Newsflash** – go to <https://www.counteveryonein.org.uk/ideas/> to find out how churches and groups have been keeping in touch with their members and supporting them through lockdown.

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## YouTube

*“Your daily devotions are really clear to understand. Thank you for what you are doing.”* Joyce (Littlehampton)

Have you seen the Count Everyone In YouTube channel?

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_KVPtjAi8NlfBeyiO-USQg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_KVPtjAi8NlfBeyiO-USQg)

Do look, LIKE, SHARE, SUBSCRIBE (no cost) and tell as many people as you can. We’d love this resource to reach as many people with learning disabilities as possible and we need **your help** please. We’ve circulated the information via social media but your contacts could spread the word even further.

In addition to Easter Bible readings and thoughts for the day, there is a new series entitled ‘Jesus returns to heaven and what happened next’. Both series are also available from us as printed booklets for £2.50 each so do ask if you’re interested.

**Newsflash:** Look out for The Lord’s Prayer, Makaton signed by Janneke on Pentecost Sunday, 31 May. Pete is also uploading onto YouTube some videos from Tony Phelps–Jones speaking about and singing some of his songs.

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## He’s crossed the line!

When Tony Phelps–Jones decided to run a Marathon a week to raise funds for CEI, we had no idea that he would complete 12 marathons – a total of 314 miles. Apparently he’s worn through his running shoes and needs a new pair now!



It’s not too late to encourage Tony (and us) by adding to his total

at [https://www.give.net/Tonys\\_Marathon\\_a\\_week](https://www.give.net/Tonys_Marathon_a_week)

Tony says that donating with give.net is really easy and completely secure. If you are a UK taxpayer, please confirm that you would like to reclaim Gift Aid on your donation. This will add 25p to every £1 you

give.

Thank you, Tony and everyone who's sponsored him!

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### **Virtually Keswick** – replacing this year's Keswick Convention

Janneke, Pete and Christine will be filming 5x5 minute videos for Virtually Keswick, not for our usual Week 2 slot of the physical Convention but the following week (27–31 July). The theme of Hope will be explored throughout the livestream programme of celebrations, seminars, Bible readings and much more. What an opportunity for people to find out what CEI is all about!

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### **Friends with Count Everyone In**

Is now the time to give some thought to your church and/or group becoming Friends with CEI? The initiative for this scheme came from leaders of some former Prospects groups who wanted relationship and support from CEI. It now numbers some 18 churches/groups. If you're interested, wherever you are in in England and Wales do drop us a line and we'll forward the information leaflet to you.

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Hi everyone!

These last few weeks, I have been working to write the Know and Grow Makaton course, with the support of the Makaton Charity. I have had the pleasure of 'trying out' some of the course material with some friends, and it's looking great! We are aiming to launch the course in the Autumn (obviously, subject to Covid19 restrictions) and have dates available from October 2020 onwards. So – if you, your church or your group would like Know and Grow Makaton training (ideally following Know and Grow 1), then please do get in touch by dropping us an email at [makatontutor@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:makatontutor@counteveryonein.org.uk)



*Janneke*

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## Know and Grow Training

Training dates currently in the diary for 2020:

- 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

Book a provisional place on one of the dates above or arrange with us for a training day at your church. We offer:

- **Know and Grow 1** – foundational training for churches and individuals involved in, or planning for, ministry to adults with learning disabilities
- **Know and Grow 2** – supplementary training that addresses key issues such as relationships, mental health, healing, death and bereavement
- **Know and Grow Makaton** – an introduction to key word signing for Christian worship, teaching and communication.

Contact [info@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:info@counteveryonein.org.uk) or [makatontutor@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:makatontutor@counteveryonein.org.uk)

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**Prayer requests for June** – Giving thanks no matter what happens. 1 Thess 5:18 (NIRV)

1. For people with learning disabilities struggling to understand and live with COVID-19 restrictions, especially those who have been ill or bereaved, and for families having to manage without day centres, support or respite care
  2. For churches and leaders caring for congregations, especially people with complex needs, and those offering materials to support folk in their faith
  3. For CEI trustees (Richard, Jonathan, Keith, Tim, Tod, and Val) who carry the legal responsibility for the charity, for wisdom and discernment
  4. For ministry groups around Wiltshire meeting by Zoom on Saturday morning 6 June for a celebration; pray for us as we give a short Bible based talk.
  5. For financial provision for organisations who have cancelled events this summer and for wisdom as they look to the future: Word Alive, Spring Harvest, Spring Harvest Holidays, Keswick Convention, Creation Fest and Commission
  6. For CEI partner organisations the Evangelical Alliance, Additional Needs Alliance, Churches for All, European Disability Network and The Makaton Charity
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## Free postage and more

Each month we point readers to <https://www.flamingopaperie.co.uk/web/tuaphelps-jones> where you can buy from a wide selection of greetings cards and benefit CEI at the same time. BUT did you know...

- postage is free on orders of £30 or more?
- by ordering 8 cards you get two more for the same price, that is **10 for £16** instead of just **8 for £16**.

Tua says that some people stop at just under £30 where 1 or 2 more cards would have given free postage and some people select just 8 and don't benefit from the 2 free cards.

ALSO during June only there is a Guest Publisher's range of cards to be found on Tua's website. Go to Shop → Greetings cards → Occasion cards → Guest Publisher. Please note that this range is not included in the reduced price for 10 cards but are priced as shown against each card.

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**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.

**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:

Pete & Christine Winmill