



The Lord gives strength to his people.
The Lord blesses his people with peace.
Psalm 29:11 (NirV)

Dear friends,

Feeling tired?

Apparently, we shouldn't be surprised. Many people, including us, report feeling more tired than usual. It may be the stress of learning new ways to work, shop, relate, live. We're missing those people, places and experiences that feed our minds and souls. The gradual relaxing of restrictions has proved more stressful than before, especially as we see so many flouting the latest guidelines.

When Psalm 29 was read 'at' church last week it struck a chord with us, especially verse 11. In our weariness God gives strength and that's what we need right now. He gives physical, mental, emotional and spiritual strength to carry on. The psalm ends with a blessing of peace for God's people. We pray that you will experience strength and peace from God.

Thank you

We thank God for everyone who supports Count Everyone In and/or us personally. Thank you for:

- taking the time to read these monthly missives
- praying for CEI, Janneke and us
- giving financially
- telling others about CEI



T & T Phelps-Jones fundraising



Until his retirement, Tony was Pete's boss at Prospects and much of what we know and do is because of Tony. He is an active supporter of CEI and in the last couple of months has completed the equivalent of 12 marathons to raise funds. His total at the time of writing is just shy of £1,000, including Gift Aid. It's not too late to encourage Tony (and us) by adding to his total at 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!



Tua Phelps-Jones reports an increase in sales at <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?**

'Guest Publisher' ranges are not included in these reductions.

Thanks Tua!

Churches and Friends



Our church in Newbury has done a great job in providing relevant biblical teaching, opportunities to pray together, musical worship, youth and children's work during these months of lockdown. Zoom, YouTube and Facebook Live have become the new normal, as it probably is for you too. Perhaps even more now, churches and leaders need our prayers for how to move safely into allowing people to meet face to face once again. By the time you read this, the detail may be clearer but there are implications for CEI as we move forward.

As church-based groups consider when and how to restart, is it time to become Friends with CEI? The initiative for this scheme came from former Prospects group leaders who wanted relationship and support from CEI. 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.



Zoom

We took part in a celebration for people with learning disabilities and group leaders around Wiltshire. Since then we've filmed the talk we did live for the event, 'Life in Lockdown - learning from Paul and Silas' (Acts 16). You will soon be able to find it on the CEI YouTube channel. The celebration included the use of Zoom breakout rooms and it all came together far better than we'd dared to imagine. Perhaps we shouldn't have been so surprised as it was organised by Myles Pilling, our good friend, web manager and social media guru. Well done Myles!

YouTube

Thank you! If you are one of the 100 people who subscribed (at no cost) to our YouTube channel we're so glad you helped us reach that number. It means that we have been able to rename the channel to make it far easier to find.

thanks
for sharing

It's www.youtube.com/c/counteveryonein

So, what will you find on that channel? Quite a lot! The content includes a series of short Bible readings and thoughts for Easter, another series for Pentecost, simple worship songs (written and sung by Tony Phelps-Jones) and the Lord's Prayer signed. Do take a look and, if you like what you see, please Subscribe, Like, Share and Comment.

Bible Reading Notes

The two series of Bible readings and thoughts are also available from us in booklet format at £2.50 each. A series on Prayer will follow shortly and others in due course.



Virtually Keswick – please let people know!

Janneke, Pete and Christine have filmed 5x5 minute CEI videos for Virtually Keswick, not in our usual Week 2 slot of the physical Convention but the following week (27–31 July). They are scheduled for 12 noon each day on the Virtually Keswick YouTube channel and you can catch up later if you miss it then. The theme of Hope will be explored throughout the livestream programme of celebrations, seminars, Bible readings and much more. There will also be a re-run of last year's evening involvement of CEI to be shown on the Thursday evening meeting preceded by an interview with Pete & Christine. What an opportunity!

The Bible is the word of God

- If you're looking for a translation that is easier to understand, then look no further than the New International Readers Version (NIRV).
- If you're looking for an easier to understand edition with large, clear print and line drawings, not a children's Bible, we recommend the New International Readers Version - Accessible Edition (NIRV - accessible edition). At present, you can only buy the New Testament (Hardback at £9.99 or softback at £7.99) and Mark's Gospel (£2). Pete has just sent feedback to the publishers on the book of Psalms which they anticipate will be available towards the end of the year, with further sections of the Bible to follow.
- To make a purchase, go to <https://www.biblicaeurope.com/bible-resources/category/new-testaments>
- If you are buying a New Testament, we'd love it if you were to enter **PW** in the box marked Discount Code. It won't benefit you (sorry!) but Biblica will donate £1 to CEI.



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

We hope to offer the full range of training again before too long so don't forget that we are here for you. 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 Janneke at makatontutor@counteveryonein.org.uk

Prayer requests for July – Giving thanks no matter what happens. 1 Thess 5:18 (NirV)

1. For Heidi Crowter who is thrilled to be marrying James Carter on Saturday 4 July – the first day allowed after lockdown relaxation! Heidi has Downs Syndrome and you may have seen her in the media as she is a powerful advocate for the right to life.
2. For Janneke as she nears completion of the Know & Grow Makaton course and will be meeting this month with the Makaton Charity to make sure that everything meets their stringent requirements. Do contact her (as below) if you are interested in training.
3. For opening up of churches for public worship to be managed sensitively so that no one feels excluded even if it takes a while for the new normal to be established.
4. For a new lease of energy for family members and carers after such a long period with little or no respite.
5. For CEI trustees (Tod, Val, Richard, Tim, Jonathan and Keith) who carry the legal responsibility for the charity, for wisdom, discernment and integrity

Dates for July

Thursday 9 – Churches for All Zoom meeting

Thursday 16 – 1st face-to-face meeting in 4 months with Janneke!

Mon 27 – Fri 31 – Virtually Keswick (CEI at 12 noon daily)

Thursday 30 – Herts, Beds & Cambs prayer & encouragement Zoom meeting

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 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 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:
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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 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

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

Pete & Christine Winmill