

November 2020
Reasons to be cheerful

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God. Believe in me also. “
John 14:1 (NIrV)



Dear friends,

If you are of a certain age, you're probably already humming to yourself, 'Reasons to be cheerful part 3' (Ian Dury and the Blockheads 1979) but apologies to those for whom that is meaningless.

Facing, as we do, a winter of so much uncertainty let's lift our eyes, minds and hearts instead to what causes our faces to break into a smile, eyes to sparkle and shoulders to relax, things for which we can be thankful.

For me, Christine, it's Facetime with our much-missed family, or speaking with friends far and near. It's the sight of stormy purple/grey skies from safe inside our cosy home, or shimmering frost on scarlet berries or freshly fallen snow (but not yet, please!). Why not drop us a note or a photo of what gives you a sense of well-being, if only for a fleeting moment?

Jesus knew that His disciples were anxious and that is why He said these words, so often associated with funerals but are in fact words of life and hope for today, "Do not let your hearts be troubled ... Believe in me". This winter, as never before, we choose to put our faith and trust in God. We trust Him for hope, resilience and shalom that we need to carry on day by day. Shalom is a Hebrew word often used as a greeting; it means peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquillity. Let's 'be Jesus' to the people we meet and give them reasons to be cheerful too.

This month's newsletter contains a lot that is making us feel cheerful and we hope it will do the same for you.



Welcome, thanks and prayer

Thanks for reading this far, especially if you are a new subscriber to this monthly newsletter. We are grateful for your interest, prayers and financial support. Without you, Count Everyone In would have been just a good idea! Please let us know if there is anything for which you would like us to pray.

We're looking forward to the first-ever National CEI Celebration (via Zoom). Are you?

What is it? A programme divided into chunks with various contributors bringing music, prayer, vision and testimony, also a short talk from our friend Rev Jonathan Edwards. Jonathan is a trustee of CEI and a former General Secretary of the Baptist Union.

When? Thursday 19 November from 7:30 to 8:30pm and we ask you to register in advance, maybe right now.

Who is it for? It's for all CEI supporters, churches and, of course, people with learning disabilities. Please invite anyone else who might be interested.

How do I register? Please register in advance by clicking on the following link and following the instructions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtde2sqjMvHNCoFCx3zOP9pdEqJAGKf1LQ>

What next? You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

What if I have already told you I want to attend? We shall add you to the list and you should receive confirmation. If you're not sure, we suggest you go ahead and register as above.



Makaton Update

"What a wonderful day we had yesterday! It was a real blessing. We didn't just discover how to sign a few signs (probably badly!) but uncovered a whole new way of worshipping while hopefully being able to communicate better with our friends with learning disabilities!"

"Fantastic, fun, safe, clear, brilliantly prepared and delivered. A totally brilliant day. Thank you."

Need we say more? The first pilot of the long-awaited Know and Grow Makaton was a huge success and we are grateful to our church, St Nic's in Newbury, for enabling it to take place, albeit it in a socially distanced manner. Already we are seeing Makaton used in our Sunday services and children's work. This has the potential to unleash better communication and freedom in worship across the churches of this land. Janneke's hard work and her

determination to see it through despite the challenges is remarkable and a huge credit to her. Please pray that the Makaton Charity's validation of this course as the agreed Christian Makaton course will be completed very soon.

Christmas shopping?

This Christmas why not choose a gift with lasting value for a friend with learning disabilities or for whom English is not their first language? We're working on another title '**Christmas is Coming**' (£4:50) to add to our range of undated daily Bible reading notes so that it can be in your hands for 1st December! Here's the full list of CEI printed resources that you can order from us:

- Bible reading notes in booklet format (***NB A donation towards p&p would be appreciated***):
 - Who is Jesus? – 14 days of readings and comments £2.50
 - Easter – 9 days of readings and comments £2.50
 - Jesus returns to heaven and what happened next – 14 days £2.50
 - The Holy Spirit – 7 days of readings and comments by Chrissy Cole £2.50
 - Prayer – 30 days of readings and comments by Keith & Gill Barnard £4.50
- Teaching material – range to be expanded
 - 7 session series based on The Life of Joseph £7.00

We recommend the New International Readers Version (NIrV) – Accessible Edition, which is available from the publishers – see below. At present only the New Testament is available but watch this space

- **The book of Psalms is coming soon!**
- With its large, clear print and line drawings. the New Testament (Hardback at £9.99 or softback at £7.99) and Mark's Gospel (£2) are available. If you're buying a New Testament online from Biblica, please enter **PW** in the Discount Code box. It won't benefit you (sorry!) but Biblica will donate £1 to CEI. Go to <https://www.biblicaeurope.com/bible-resources/category/new-testaments>

Don't forget, you can get Christmas and other greetings cards from <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/905540/>

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How to support CEI without it costing you a penny



We have recently signed up to **Give as You Live** and **Amazon Smile** so that supporters can contribute to CEI without paying anything over and above the purchase price of their goods. *If you decide to sign up please indicate that it's for **Count Everyone In**.*

Dates for the Diary (subject to confirmation)

2020

- Mon 2 Nov - Meet Monday, Newbury - Zoom
- Fri 6 Nov - Additional Needs Alliance Core Team - Skype
- Sat 7 Nov - P&C's support group and CEI trustees' meeting - Zoom
- Mon 9 Nov - NW England prayer & encouragement with Lynn McCann - Zoom
- Tues 10 Nov - European Disability Network - Zoom
- Weds 11 Nov - Reading area group leaders - Zoom
- Mon 16 Nov - Meet Monday planning - Zoom
- Tues 17 Nov - Lead St Nic's Encounter prayer - Zoom
- Thur 19 Nov - National CEI Celebration 7:30pm - Zoom
- Fri 20 Nov - 2020 Prayer, St Nic's - Zoom
- Sun 22 Nov - Littlehampton Baptist Church - Zoom?
- Mon 7 Dec Meet Monday Christmas special - Zoom
- Tues 15 Dec - Reading groups Christmas special - Zoom
- Sun 20 Dec - 2020 Prayer, St Nic's - Zoom
- Mon 21 Dec - Meet Monday planning - Zoom

Please note that we try to take Mondays off

2021

- ~~Tue 6 – Sun 11 April – Word Alive, Prestatyn – Cancelled~~
- Sat 10 – Thur 15 April - Spring Harvest - Minehead 2
- Sat 24 April - Know & Grow 2 St James' Ch. Muswell Hill
- Sat 22 May - Know & Grow 1, Lighthouse Christian Ministries London E15 (TBC)
- Mon 7 – Mon 14 June - Spring Harvest Holidays (LPO) France
- Sat 24 – Fri 30 July - Keswick Convention - Keswick
- Thur 26 – Sun 29 Aug - Connect Festival (NF Commission) Shepton Mallet

We hope to offer the full range of training again before long so don't forget that we are here for you. You can register interest at info@counteveryonein.org.uk for:

- **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 November – Never stop praying. 1 Thess. 5:17 (NIrV)

1. For people with learning disabilities and care providers who may feel isolated and forgotten in these difficult days
2. For CEI resources to reach everyone who will find them helpful
3. For CEI support and advice to churches and groups to be effective
4. For speedy validation of Know & Grow Makaton. Do contact Janneke if you are interested in being trained. She also offers online generic Makaton training levels 1-3.
5. For CEI trustees (Richard Coward – chair, Keith Barnard, Dorothy Blackhall, Jonathan Edwards, Val Pritchard and Tim Roberts - treasurer) who carry legal responsibility for the charity, for wisdom, discernment and integrity
6. For the CEI trustees and support group meetings on 7 November
7. Exciting new developments in the partnership with Biblica – more to follow
8. For at least 3 more CEI core team members

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
<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/>
<https://org.amazon.co.uk/>

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

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Every blessing

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