

February 2021  
Kindness

**“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”**

Mark Twain

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, **kindness**, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12



**Dear Friends,**

Just the other day we received a text saying, “Hello. You’re both on my mind today. How can I pray for you?” That meant so much. We were then thrilled to find an unexpected donation in the CEI bank account. Amidst all the sadness we are grateful for such acts of kindness. It’s February already and, with another month of lockdown under our belts, this pandemic and its ramifications are biting hard, even into communities that were scarcely affected previously. As we cannot change the circumstances and statistics, we still want to make every day count in a positive way and where better to look for inspiration than in God’s word, the Bible.

The apostle Paul tells us to clothe ourselves with kindness. It’s a choice we can make each and every day. If someone comes into our minds, we try to make a point of praying for that person, even if we do nothing else. We come into physical contact with very few people from outside our own homes, just supermarket staff and delivery drivers, but how about



picking up the phone to someone we haven't spoken to in a while? The other day we had a video call with friends in New Zealand; no hugs but it was great to see them. A card, a letter, a small gift, flowers or even a text is a reminder to that person that they are not forgotten – we know what a difference this can make to us, so how about brightening up someone else's day?



### Welcome, thanks and prayer

We welcome some new readers again this month. Thank you for your interest and support for Count Everyone In. We also welcome two churches and their group in Warwick as Friends with CEI.

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### News update

Cancellations continue to come our way, not surprisingly, but we also have plenty of opportunities:

- **How to use Zoom with adults with learning disabilities** – join Myles Pilling on Zoom at 7pm on Thursday 11 February for just one hour and you will find out how Zoom could work for your group. Register free of charge at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-run-a-zoom-meeting-for-people-with-learning-disabilities-tickets-136624235767>
- **Know and Grow Taster** – we are not offering our full training programme online but why not consider this live FREE taster of Know & Grow 1,2 and Makaton on a choice of two dates:
  - Tuesday 23 Feb 6:30 – 9:00pm **or**
  - Saturday 27 Feb 2:00 – 4:30pm

Each session includes a short break. Contact us to register.

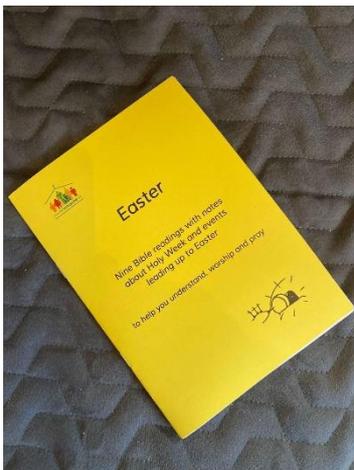


- **Easter Celebration** on Zoom Thursday 1 April 7:30 for one hour. Having had such enthusiastic responses to our CEI national Zoom celebration last November what else could we do but plan another? And what better theme than Easter – celebrating that

Jesus is alive! We are calling on people from around the UK to film their contributions and there is something that everyone can do. What we would like is as many photos of people's Easter pictures, craft, gardening projects etc. Please email them to us

at [pete@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:pete@counteveryonein.org.uk) We shall be asking you to register for the event at [info@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:info@counteveryonein.org.uk)

- **Word Alive** and **Spring Harvest** will sadly not be taking place as physical events again this year but we are working on contributions for their online programmes. More information to follow in due course but please pray for us as we prepare and film.



- We're relaunching our 2020 **Easter** devotionals in booklet format (£2.50 plus donation for p&p) and on YouTube. There are **nine** readings and thoughts covering **Palm Sunday to Easter Monday**.

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## Makaton Update

There has been lots of interest in **Know & Grow Makaton** and we long for the day when Janneke can complete the pilots and finally roll out this unique Makaton Charity verified course across the UK. Churches up and down the land will have access to signs for Christian vocabulary that will enhance our worship and improve communication for many.

In the meantime, why not sign up for one of Janneke's generic Makaton courses which she is delivering via Zoom? Christine has completed the first part of Level One and found it to be interesting, well presented and fun. Here are some forthcoming dates:

Level 1 – Sat 27th Feb and Sat 6th March 9.30–1 pm **or**

Level 1 – Tue 16th, 23rd and 30th March 6.30–9pm

Level 2 – Wed 24th Feb and Wed 3rd March 1–4.30pm **or**  
Level 2 – Sat 20th and 27th March 9.30–1pm

Price is £69 per person per level. [janneke@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:janneke@counteveryonein.org.uk)

*Please note level one **MUST** be completed before level two.*

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### Printed resources

Please email [info@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:info@counteveryonein.org.uk) to order any CEI resources. Prices listed exclude p&p, for which we request that you add a donation:

- Undated Bible reading notes, including Bible text, thought and prayer each day
  - Who is Jesus? – 14 days £2.50
  - Easter – 9 days £2.50
  - Jesus returns to heaven and what happened next – 14 days £2.50
  - The Holy Spirit – 7 days by Chrissy Cole £2.50
  - Prayer – 30 days by Keith & Gill Barnard £4.50
  - Christmas is coming – 25 readings for Advent £4.50
- Teaching material – range to be expanded
  - The Life of Joseph – 7 sessions £7.00

Available from **Biblica**, we recommend the **New International Readers Version (NIRV) – Accessible Edition**. 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 £1 goes to CEI. <https://www.biblicaeurope.com/bible-resources/category/new-testaments> **Psalms is coming soon!**

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### A new way to help CEI

Perhaps you're already supporting CEI by purchasing **greetings cards** from <https://www.flamingopaperie.co.uk/web/tuaphelps-jones> and <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/879178/>. If so, thank you. But here's

another idea from our friend Tua Phelps-Jones. She is collecting **postcards** to sell at auction so, if you have any new/old, written/unwritten, stamped/unstamped, Tua is happy to receive them and bundle them up until she has a decent lot to pass on. Please email [info@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:info@counteveryonein.org.uk) for the address to which they should be sent. Once again, thank you Tua and everyone.

### **Helping you to help us**

If you would like to support CEI when you're doing online shopping without it costing you more than the price of the goods, please consider using **Give as You Live** and/or **Amazon Smile**. If you decide to sign up please indicate that it's for Count Everyone In.

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### **Know and Grow training**

Contact us at [info@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:info@counteveryonein.org.uk) to talk about training for your church and locality:

- **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](mailto:makatontutor@counteveryonein.org.uk)

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### **Diary dates for information and prayer**

- Mon 1 Feb – Meet Monday – Zoom
- Fri 5 Feb – Additional Needs Alliance core team – Zoom
- Sat 6 Feb – CEI trustees. Meeting – Zoom
- Thurs 11 Feb – Zoom training (see News Update above) – Zoom
- Mon 15 Feb – Meet Monday planning – Zoom
- Fri 19 Feb – Additional Needs Alliance core team – Zoom
- Tues 23 Feb – Know & Grow taster – Zoom
- Weds 24 Feb – Herts, Beds & Cambs prayer & encouragement – Zoom
- Sat 27 Feb – Know & Grow taster – Zoom
- Mon 1 March – Meet Monday – Zoom

- Fri 5 March – Writing social stories training (Lynn McCann) – CW/Zoom
- Sat 6 March – Supporting Families training (Mark Arnold) – PW/Zoom
- Sun 7 March – St Albans CEI/Prospects group – Zoom
- Tues 9 March – European Disability Network – Zoom
- Mon 15 March – Meet Monday planning – Zoom
- Wed 17 March – Reading, prayer & encouragement – Zoom
- Fri 19 March – Additional Needs Alliance core team – Zoom
- Mon 29 March – Meet Monday – Zoom
- Thurs 1 April – CEI national Easter Celebration – Zoom
- Sat 24 April – Know & Grow 2 St James' Church – Muswell Hill – *TBC*
- Sat 22 May – Know & Grow 1, Lighthouse Min's' London E15 – *TBC*
- Mon 7 – Mon 14 June – Spring Harvest Holidays (LPO) – France – *TBC*
- Sat 24 – Fri 30 July – Keswick Convention – Keswick – *TBC*

*\*Please note that we try to take Mondays off*

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**Prayer requests** – “Give a lot of time and effort to prayer. Always be watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4:2 (NirV)

1. For adults with learning disabilities and care providers who are struggling with prolonged restrictions
2. Provision for adults with learning disabilities to be included in the planning of church programmes especially as we come out of lockdown
3. For speedy validation of Know & Grow Makaton
4. Exciting new developments in our partnership with Biblica, including filming to accompany the launch of Psalms
5. For wisdom in deciding which resources to develop and inspiration to do so
6. For CEI trustees (Richard Coward – chair, Keith Barnard, Dorothy Blackhall, Jonathan Edwards, Val Pritchard and Tim Roberts – treasurer)
7. For at least 3 more CEI core team members

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

**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

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Pete &amp; Christine".

Pete & Christine Winmill