

March 2021

Perseverance

“Perseverance will get you anywhere indeed”



The planet Mars from Perseverance (Nasa)

Dear Friends,

Isn't that a great tweet from NASA's Perseverance Mars Rover after travelling 292.5 million miles? It had finally reached its destination after a long journey, never previously undertaken by mankind.



Twelve months ago, all our lives took off in a previously untravelled trajectory. None of us expected to be where we are today! This lockdown stage of the pandemic seems to be going on for ever and many of us are tired, but there is light at the end of the tunnel at last. It is our prayer that you will not lose hope, however hard the challenges you may have been facing. Prime Minister Boris Johnson, in his roadmap for exiting Covid-19, has given us the hope of better times ahead but we need to be patient and persevere. Pete, Janneke and I are thrilled at being included in the statistics, thankfully not as those infected by Covid but as having received our first dose of vaccine – although a fire station is a strange place to have it!

Let's keep looking to Jesus and intentionally, each day, put our trust in Him, knowing that the God of hope holds us in His loving arms and He will work out His purposes in us and through us.

“... let us keep on running the race marked out for us. Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith.... So think about him. Then you won't get tired. You won't lose hope.” Hebrews 12:1–3



Welcome, thanks and prayer

Welcome to this month's newsletter whether you've been with us for months, even years, or whether you're a new subscriber. We are encouraged to know you are thinking of us and praying for us and Count Everyone In. Do get in touch if you have questions, comments or a prayer request. We also welcome two more groups and their church in Wiltshire as Friends with CEI.

News update

Myles Pilling's [Using Zoom with adults with learning disabilities](#) reached some 50 people last month and our [Know & Grow training taster sessions](#) via Zoom was well received.

We are cautiously excited!!!

Holiday in France!

The Count Everyone In holiday week at Le Pas Opton, Western France, is on, Covid permitting, week commencing Monday 30 August. This is an ideal opportunity for families or groups that include adults with learning disabilities to enjoy a relaxed, self-catering holiday with something for everyone. The CEI team of five looks forward to welcoming you to our holiday week of fun, faith and friendship.

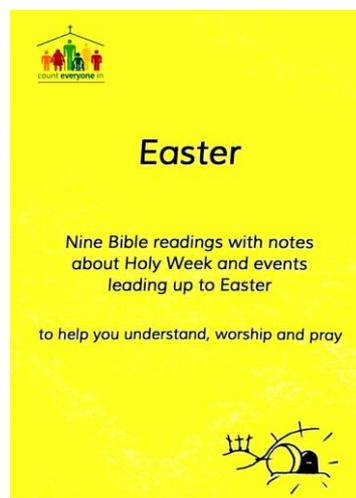
See <https://springharvestholidays.com/feature-weeks/count-everyone-in>. **Please call Spring Harvest Holidays** on 01825 748318 (9–5, Mon–Fri) with your accommodation preference, names, dates of birth and full contact details plus ferry/Eurotunnel requirements. They'll offer advice and arrange your deposit payment. Be sure to mention Count Everyone In and, if you have adults with learning disabilities in your party there is a **15% discount**.

So, what else is happening?



Easter Celebration on Zoom Thursday 1 April 7:30 – 8:30pm. What better theme than ‘Jesus is alive!’, with contributions from people with learning disabilities all around the UK. We’d love to show photos of Easter pictures, craft, gardening projects etc; please email them to us by 8 March. This event is intended for everyone and we have 500 places available so why not reserve yours today at info@counteveryonein.org.uk

- **CEI online at Word Alive** and **Spring Harvest** – our contributions are being filmed within the next couple of weeks. Look at the websites for each event or check back here next month to find out how to access the material early in April.
- Now’s the time to order our relaunched 2020 **Easter devotionals** They are available as a booklet and also on YouTube. See Printed Resources list below for how to order.



Makaton Update

It won't be long now until Janneke can complete the pilots of this long awaited unique, Makaton Charity verified course. Churches up and down the land will have access to signs for Christian vocabulary that will enhance worship and improve communication for many. Do get in touch with her to find out if you could attend a pilot.

In the meantime, why not sign up for one of Janneke's generic Makaton courses which she is delivering via Zoom? Christine is half-way through Level Two, which she finds interesting and challenging but also fun. It's a great way to keep the brain cells active and, as we are told, learning something new helps with our mental health. You'll need to book very soon if you want the next Level One course (which must be completed before doing Level 2).

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

Level 1 – Sat 17th and 24th March 9:30–1pm

Level 2 – Sat 20th and 27th March 9.30–1pm **OR**

Level 2 – Mon 12, 19 & 26 April 6:30–9pm

Price is £69 per person per level. janneke@counteveryonein.org.uk

Know and Grow training

Contact us at info@counteveryonein.org.uk to talk about training for your church and locality. We have three separate days to offer and would highly recommend that K&G1 is completed before K&G2 or K&G Makaton.

- **Know and Grow 1** – foundational training for churches and individuals involved in, or planning for, ministry to adults with learning disabilities, also an ideal refresher as we move out of lockdown
 - **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
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Printed resources

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

- Undated Bible reading notes, including Bible text, thought and prayer each day
 - Who is Jesus? – 14 days £2.50
 - **Easter – Nine days from Palm Sunday to Easter Monday £2.50**
 - Jesus returns to heaven and what happened next – 14 days £2.50
 - The Holy Spirit – Seven 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 – Seven 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!**

Ways 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 for the address to which they should be sent. Once again, thank you Tua and everyone.
 - 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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Diary dates for information and prayer

- 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
- Weds 17 March – Reading Area Prayer & Encouragement – Zoom
- Fri 19 March – Additional Needs Alliance core team – Zoom
- Tues 23 March – Attending Reading Groups Easter celebration – Zoom

- Mon 29 March – Meet Monday – Zoom
- Thurs 1 April – CEI national Easter Celebration 7:30–8:30pm – Zoom
- Tue 6 – Fri 9 April – Word Alive – times to be advised – Online
- Sun 4 – Thurs 8 April – Spring Harvest Home – Online
- Sat 24 April – Know & Grow 2 St James’ Church – Muswell Hill – *Postponed*
- Sat 22 May – Know & Grow 1, Lighthouse Ministries – London E15 – *Postponed*
- Sat 24 – Fri 30 July – Keswick Convention – Keswick – *To be confirmed*
- Mon 30 Aug – Mon 6 Sept Spring Harvest Holidays (LPO) – France

Prayer 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 and looking forward to getting out once again
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 further pilots of Know & Grow Makaton to take place leading to full validation by the Makaton Charity
4. The imminent launch of Psalms (NirV accessible edition), produced by Biblica, with dramatised readings from Living Breath <https://livingbreath.co.uk/> and signing by our very own Janneke Klos!
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

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:
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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