

April 2021

That was then and this is now

“ So don't worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own ” Matthew 6:34



Dear Friends,

In the last week or so we have been hit by a surge of one-year-on reminders of all that the Covid-19 pandemic has done to change our lives. We have been encouraged to look back but now, even as we contemplate the days and months ahead, it is hard to envisage just what our lives will look like. Let's take heart by recognising the small daily achievements that each of us has made to even reach this point. Your challenges were different from ours but may have included the normally simple act of getting up, washed and dressed; it may have been home-schooling without tears (yours or your child's), home-working or being furloughed. Sadly, some have faced serious illness – your own or that of loved ones – and bereavement. For most of us, words such as tedium, loneliness, sadness and isolation have become commonplace, and we may have become experts in things that we had never heard of twelve months ago, such as Zoom, livestream and video-chat. We have learnt so much – or have we?

As we look ahead, let's take our worries and cares to our Heavenly Father, knowing that He loves us and care for us. Let's leave our concerns with Him and resolve to hold our plans loosely, living one day at a time.



Welcome, thanks and prayer

Once again, we have some new readers to welcome to our monthly newsletter and we trust you will find

items of interest. We are encouraged to know you are thinking of us and praying for us and Count Everyone In. Do get in touch with any questions, comments or prayer requests.

Don't miss out!

Our Easter celebration goes out on Zoom on **Thursday 1st April from 7:30–8:30pm**. The official closing date for reserving a place is Tuesday 30th March but we'll do our best to send you the link if you get back to us quickly at info@counteveryonein.org.uk. Our last Zoom celebration was described as a blend of Holy Joy and Holy Chaos! We have contributions of drama, prayers, dance, pictures, worship, readings and testimony from people around the UK. We are delighted that Jennifer Rowlands is to be our speaker and worship will be led by Tony Phelps-Jones.



News update

CEI sessions will be available online at **Word Alive** (<https://wordaliveevent.org/>) and **Spring Harvest Home** (<https://springharvest.org/springharvesthome21>)– check their websites for how to access them. There will be an interview with Pete and Christine in the Word Alive celebration on Thursday evening 8 April.

- In the past week we have made the difficult decision not to run an in-person programme at this year's **Keswick Convention**. We hope that guests old and new will join us for Keswick 2022 when we shall run the CEI programme in Week One (not our customary Week Two) and it is expected that we shall be on the new combined Pencil Factory/ Rawnsley site. Whilst we are sad not to be at Keswick this year, we are excited to be filming some sessions on the theme of Faithfulness which will be available as part of Keswick online.
- The Count Everyone In **holiday at Le Pas Opton**, Western France, will run – Covid-19 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 for a week of fun, faith and friendship.
See <https://springharvestholidays.com/feature-weeks/count-everyone-in>. 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**.

- **Radio opportunities** have been coming our way and good contacts made as a result. Janneke was Michael Kirby's guest on [Meon Valley Community Radio and online](#). You may have caught Pete and Christine's interview with Rachel Matthews on [Premier Christian Radio](#) on 8 March but here's a link in case you missed it:

[Do you count everyone in? \(premierchristianradio.com\)](https://www.premierchristianradio.com)

Diary dates for information and prayer

- Thurs 1 April – CEI national Easter Celebration 7:30–8:30pm – Zoom
- Sun 4–Thurs 8 April – Spring Harvest Home – see their website – Online
- Tue 6–Fri 9 April – Word Alive – see their website – Online
- Weds 7 April – Filming interview for Word Alive – High Wycombe
- Thurs 8 April – Broadcast of Word Alive interview – Online
- Fri 9 April – Additional Needs Alliance core team – Zoom
- Tues 13 April – Herts, Beds & Cambs group leaders meeting – Zoom
- Mon 26 April – Meet Monday planning meeting – Zoom
- Weds 28 April – Reading groups leaders meeting – Zoom
- Sat 24 – Fri 30 July – Keswick Convention – Online
- Mon 30 Aug–Mon 6 Sept – Spring Harvest Holidays (LPO) – France

*Please note that we try to take Mondays off

Prayer and praise – “Don’t worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to him.” Philippians 4:6 (NirV)

1. Pray that the Easter celebration on 1 April will be full of joy, that all who wish to join will do so, with no technical problems and that people understand the significance of Easter
2. Give thanks for almost 100 sales of our Easter devotions, praying they will aid understanding of the Easter story and deepen faith in Jesus who is alive, not dead

3. Give thanks for Word Alive's desire to feature Count Everyone In and pray for the impact of Pete and Christine's interview to be shown on Thurs evening 8 April
4. Pray for good provision for adults with learning disabilities in the planning of church programmes as we emerge from lockdown
5. Pray that further pilots of Know & Grow Makaton will soon take place leading to full validation by the Makaton Charity
6. Pray for CEI trustees (Richard Coward – chair, Keith Barnard, Dorothy Blackhall, Jonathan Edwards, Val Pritchard and Tim Roberts – treasurer)
7. Ask God for at least 3 more CEI core team members

Training news

We are not yet taking bookings for any Know & Grow training (1,2 or Makaton) but we are pleased to say that Janneke continues to offer generic (i.e. not Christian) Makaton courses via Zoom. Christine has completed Levels One and Two, which she found 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.

Level 1 – Sat 17 & 24 April	9:30am–1pm
Level 2 – Mon 12, 19 & 26 April	6:30–9pm
Level 3 – Weds 28 April & 5 May	1pm–4:30pm

The fee is £72.50 per person per level and **levels should be undertaken in numerical order**. Please contact janneke@counteveryonein.org.uk if you are interested.

Printed resources

Message from a satisfied customer in Northern Ireland: *“Just received the Easter Devotionals and had a quick look at the material and am well pleased.”*

Easter will soon be behind us and you may be looking for more daily Bible notes about **Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost**. Look no further! Please email info@counteveryonein.org.uk to order any CEI resources. Prices listed exclude p&p, for which we request you 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

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. <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.

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 at this Easter time,

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

Pete & Christine Winmill