

May 2021 Repairing broken walls

**“Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins
and will raise up the age-old foundations;
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.”**

Isaiah 58:12



Dear Friends,

There's a risk that when we take Bible verses out of context, we may twist their meaning to suit our own ideas or circumstances. This isn't a Bible study but we want to pass on what we feel God is saying to us, praying that He will encourage us all and build us up in our faith. We have been preparing for the 'Emerging from Lockdown' consultation on 18 May for churches and groups that belong to the Friends with CEI scheme. Isaiah 58 speaks of rebuilding 'walls', 'streets' and 'dwellings' and that reminds us of church life and learning disability groups that have become rundown during the pandemic. Will our groups and churches be the same as before? We don't know. What we do know from this chapter is that God asks us not just to pray (yes - we're doing that) and to fast (maybe...), but also to show our faithfulness to Him by the way we care for people in any sort of need. Please take time to read the whole chapter, asking God to challenge and encourage you.



Welcome, thanks and prayer

Once again, we have new readers to welcome to this monthly newsletter and we welcome you warmly. You are amongst the 500+ subscribers and 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. This is also a good opportunity to express our thanks to those who support Count Everyone In through financial giving. Prayer and finance enable us to continue in the work that we believe God has given CEI. Thank you too for personal gifts for our living expenses. We are so grateful to you all.

CEI is 4 years old! How will you celebrate with us?

By now all of us will have lived through at least one birthday that has been affected by Covid-19 restrictions and CEI is just the same. Perhaps, on 1 May, you will take a moment to stop and give thanks for all that God has done through and for CEI since we started on 1 May 2017. You might like to eat cake, raise a glass or mark the occasion in some other way. Please send us a photo of your CEI birthday celebration at info@counteveryonein.org.uk



April highlights

- We had 158 devices logged in for the Easter Zoom celebration on 1st April and, just by looking at the screens, we know that at least 250 people were watching! It was a wonderful blend of contributions from across the country – drama, prayers, dance, pictures, worship, readings and testimony. Our greatest pleasure was seeing so many people coming together to thank God for giving His Son Jesus to die on the cross and to celebrate that He is alive! Watch out for details of our **Summer Zoom national celebration** on Wednesday 28 July!
- CEI went online for **Spring Harvest Home** (soon to be available on YouTube) and **Word Alive** (available at <https://wordalive.digitaldelegate.online/lobby/ce5e1669-f7a7-499a-7298-08d8e939de26>). You'll also find an interview with Pete and Christine in the Word Alive Day 3 evening meeting. It was a tremendous privilege and pleasure to be part of these events.

News update

- **Psalms – NirV accessible edition** – exciting news this month! Look out on social media weekly from 7 May for the soft launch of individual psalms spoken by actors from Living Breath and with Makaton signing by Janneke. This is a precursor to the full launch in June.
- We are sad not to be at this year's **Keswick Convention** but we are excited to be filming some sessions on the theme of Faithfulness which will be available as part of Keswick Online. 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 usual Week Two slot), probably on the new combined Pencil Factory/ Rawnsley site.
- **Do you need a holiday?** If so, why not join us for the Count Everyone In week at **Le Pas Opton**, Western France? Covid-19 permitting, this will be week commencing Monday 30 August. It's a great opportunity for families and groups to enjoy a relaxing, self-catering holiday with something for everyone. Be sure to mention Count Everyone In because parties that include adults with learning disabilities are eligible for a **15% discount**. See <https://springharvestholidays.com/feature-weeks/count-everyone-in>. Call Spring Harvest Holidays on **01825 748318** (9-5, Mon-Fri) for advice and to book your holiday. The CEI team looks forward to welcoming you for a week of fun, faith and friendship

Training news

Whilst we can't yet meet face-to-face, you might like to consider October onwards for booking **Know & Grow 1** at your church, or **Know & Grow 2** if you have already done K&G 1. Do get in touch if you are interested, remembering that teams may find it helpful to attend as a refresher after such a long break from meeting 'normally'.

Janneke hopes very much to be running pilots for **Know & Grow Makaton** before too long. She is aware that many of you are keen to have this training which will be the only validated Christian Makaton course available. Watch this space.....

In the meantime, Janneke continues to offer generic (i.e. not Christian) Makaton courses via Zoom. The fee is £72.50 per person per level and levels should be undertaken in numerical order. Here are the dates of her next two Level One options:

1. Sat 5 & 12 June – mornings **OR**
2. Mon 14, 21 & 28 June – evenings

Please contact janneke@counteveryonein.org.uk if you are interested.

Printed resources

"Thank you so much for the booklet on 'Prayer' which I have just finished going through with xxxx. It was so relevant to him and brought up lots of things for us to talk about. There is so little material of this sort and standard that I have been able to find and I greatly appreciate what you have accomplished and pray that further material will be possible in the near future."

We'd like to point you to two booklets of daily Bible notes, highlighted below, especially for this time of year. Please email info@counteveryonein.org.uk to order your 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 – Palm Sunday to Easter Monday – 9 days – £2.50
 - **Jesus returns to heaven and what happened next – 14 days – £2.50**
 - **The Holy Spirit – by Chrissy Cole – 7 days – £2.50**
 - Prayer – by Keith & Gill Barnard – 30 days – £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. <https://www.biblicaeurope.com/bible-resources/category/new-testaments> **Psalms is coming soon! See our News update.**

Ways to help CEI

- Tua Phelps-Jones from Yateley, Hampshire, has raised £432.25 from the sale of **Flamingo greetings cards** in just 12 months – thank you Tua!
- Perhaps you are one of Tua's customers – if so, thank you. See the whole range at <https://www.flamingopaperie.co.uk/web/tuaphelps-jones> and <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/879178/>.
- Tua is also collecting **postcards** for another CEI supporter to sell at auction. If you have any new/old, written/unwritten, stamped/unstamped postcards, 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.
- 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.

Diary dates for information and prayer

- Fri 7 May – Psalms Makaton filming day – Janneke – Birmingham
- Mon 10 May – Meet Monday (St Nic's learning disability group) – Zoom
- Tues 11 May – European Disability Network – Zoom
- Thurs 13 May – Strategy meeting (JK, PW, CW + 2 trustees) – Newbury
- Fri 14 May – Additional Needs Alliance core team – Zoom
- Sat 15 May – Support Group & Trustees' meeting – Zoom
- Tues 18 May – CEI 'Emerging from Lockdown' Consultation – Zoom
- Weds 26 May – Prayer & Encouragement – Herts, Beds & Cambs – Zoom
- Thurs 27 May – CEI core team day – Newbury
- Sat 24 – Fri 30 July – Keswick Convention – Online
- Weds 28 July – CEI Summer Celebration – Zoom
- Mons 30 Aug – 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. Give thanks for the joyful Easter celebration and pray that Jennifer Rowland’s message of hope will remain in people’s hearts and minds
2. Give thanks for sales of daily Bible notes, especially for Easter, and pray that the Holy Spirit will use them to aid understanding and strengthen trust in God
3. Give thanks for Word Alive and Spring Harvest and their desire to work with us
4. Pray for our Emerging from Lockdown consultation on 18 May that it will be relevant and helpful to all who take part
5. Pray for our strategy meeting on 13 May that God will guide us as we look to the future
6. Thank God for progress and pray that further face-to-face pilots of Know & Grow Makaton will soon take place leading to full validation by the Makaton Charity
7. Pray for CEI trustees (Richard Coward – chair, Keith Barnard, Dorothy Blackhall, Jonathan Edwards, Val Pritchard and Tim Roberts – treasurer) as we meet on 15 May

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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Social media – See www.counteveryonein.org.uk and you can also keep up with us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. 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