

June 2021  
A time to embrace

**There is a time to embrace someone. And there's a time not to embrace.**  
Ecclesiastes 3:5



**Dear Friends,**

At last! We're allowed to hug once again, although caution is still recommended. Some of us have by now had the joy of embracing loved ones; families have been reunited and babies born during Covid are having their first cuddles with people outside their immediate family. We are also mindful of those who have no loved ones to embrace, or their relatives live in care homes where tighter rules continue to apply. Others have been thankful for a year or so of no hugs because, for them, hugs may be painful physically, emotionally or psychologically. Let's follow the simple A-B-C of hugs (borrowed from Kay Morgan-Gurr):

**Ask** – does this person want a hug?

**Be gentle** – you may be hurting the other person

**Check** – not everyone enjoys a lengthy hug

**Welcome, thanks and prayer**

We continue to thank God for the many supporters He has given to CEI. Even in the past month we have 'embraced' several new churches/groups as Friends with Count Everyone In and we know that more are in the process of signing up. Here's the current Friends list of locations:



Basingstoke Bishopstoke  
Caldicot Cambridge Chessington  
Dorking Exeter Godalming Guildford  
Harpenden March Melksham Newbury Oswestry  
Ruislip St Albans Southsea Stevenage  
Tonbridge Trowbridge X2 Warwick  
Yateley

We have been asked us to consider a [Friends scheme for individuals](#) and this is something that we are working on. We envisage it being a CEI ambassador role offering the opportunity for as much or as little active engagement as Friends feel able to offer. Prayer will continue to be a vital part of this. More to follow ....



**Thank you** to all our supporters for your interest, commitment, prayer and finance. Without you we would not be able to 'Count Everyone In'.



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## May highlights

- **Jabs done** – Janneke, Pete and Christine all received second doses of vaccine in early May and it's good to be fully protected, or at least as much as anyone can be, against Covid-19 in readiness for going out and about once more. We are blessed to live in such a privileged part of the world but are mindful of those who are less fortunate.
- **Radio interview** – you should still be able to catch Pete and Christine's interview on Premier Radio with Simon Ward for the Sunday morning Worship at Home programme that was broadcast on 16 May. Worship at Home reaches Premier's largest audience and we hope trust that many will have been moved to think about adults with learning disabilities whose experience of church is often so limited.

- **ASNA** – readers may be unaware of the faithful work going on within the Seventh Day Adventist UK Church. We have walked alongside Sophia and Nigel Nicholls as they developed the Adventist Special Needs ministry, which seeks to share the love of the Lord Jesus in an accessible way. Pete and Christine were interviewed for their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.
- **Emerging from Lockdown** – the Consultation for leaders of CEI Friends groups/churches was timed to coincide with the easing of restrictions. It was great to welcome 34 delegates from all around the country to share experiences, lament together, recognise opportunities and to encourage one another with hopes and dreams for the future. As one person remarked, “It’s a relief to share!” A summary will be appearing on the website in due course.
- **Psalms – NirV accessible edition** – Janneke spent another day in Birmingham filming psalms and devotionals with our friends at Living Breath Videos. Each Friday during May one psalm has been launched on Facebook with the reader and Makaton signer side by side. So what will there be?
  - All 150 psalms being published in the NirV Accessible Edition (with line drawings)
  - 20 psalms and devotionals (with line drawings) online and from CEI in print
  - 6 psalms and devotionals – dramatic readings and signing available online

Dates and details to follow!

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## News update

**Thank you for praying** for our strategy meeting and trustees’ meeting in May. These provided opportunities to consider how CEI might develop over the coming months and years. We looked at the possibility of new workers and interns, how and where to find them and how to cover the costs. Much prayer needed!

- **Praying for the green light!** Holidays this summer at **Le Pas Opton**, Western France, are covered by a Covid-19 guarantee so you won’t lose out financially even if, worst case scenario, Covid were to stop you travelling or the holiday from taking place. Why not book a mobile home or tent (or even take your own) for Count Everyone In’s week from [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 when booking and, if your party includes adults with learning disabilities and booking a mobile home, you should be 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.

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## Training news

The Emerging from Lockdown Consultation revealed the apprehensiveness and exhaustion of many leaders, regardless of age and level of experience. Having struggled through the past 16 months on many fronts, some are wondering if they are up to the task, whatever lies ahead. **Know and Grow 1** may be just what is needed. It would re-energise and re-equip teams and is also a good introduction for people who are exploring the idea of serving in this way. **Know & Grow 2** would be great if you have already done K&G 1 and wish to dig a bit deeper into the issues facing adults with learning disabilities and how we, as church, may support them. Do get in touch if you are interested in booking a date in the autumn.

**Good news.** At last Janneke is starting to book pilots for **Know & Grow Makaton!** 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. Please contact [janneke@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:janneke@counteveryonein.org.uk) if you are interested.

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## Printed resources

Don't forget, to purchase our daily Bible notes, all you need to do is email [info@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:info@counteveryonein.org.uk). 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 May highlights.**

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### Ways to help CEI

- Have you seen the lovely range of **greetings cards** Tua Phelps-Jones is selling to raise funds for CEI? Go to <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 so, if you have any new/old, written/unwritten, stamped/unstamped cards, 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.
  - 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**. Be sure to indicate that you're supporting Count Everyone In.
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### Diary dates for information and prayer

- Tues 1 – Thurs 3 June – Nana & Grandad 'duty' – Newbury
- Mon 7 June – Meet Monday – Zoom
- Thurs 10 June – Filming for Keswick Convention – Newbury
- Weds 16 June – Reading area groups prayer & encouragement – Zoom
- Thurs 17 June – Churches for All – Zoom
- Mon 21 June – Meet Monday planning – Zoom
- Thurs 24 June – LPO planning with full team – Newbury
- Tues 29 June – Spring Harvest 2022 planning – Zoom
- Weds 28 July – CEI Summer Celebration – Zoom
- Mons 30 Aug – 6 Sept – Spring Harvest Holidays (LPO) – France
- Sat 27 Nov – CEI Christmas Celebration – live & livestreamed – Newbury

**\*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 relevance of the Emerging from Lockdown consultation
2. Give thanks that we are able to make provisional bookings for training in churches
3. Thank God for steady progress on Know & Grow Makaton and pray that further pilots will soon be possible
4. Pray for God’s help and guidance as we prepare and film 5 sessions for Virtually Keswick
5. Pray for the launch of Psalms (NirV Accessible Edition) and our partnership with Biblica and Living Breath Videos – that Psalms will be helpful to all who read/see/hear
6. Pray for wisdom and guidance as we look to the future for CEI
7. Thank God for CEI trustees (Richard Coward – chair, Keith Barnard, Dorothy Blackhall, Jonathan Edwards, Val Pritchard and Tim Roberts – treasurer) and pray for them too

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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

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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.

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Every blessing,

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

Pete & Christine Winmill