

July 2021
Unheard and unnoticed?

**Look at the birds of the air. They don't plant or gather crops.
They don't put away crops in storerooms.
But your Father who is in heaven feeds them.
Aren't you worth much more than they are?**

[Matthew 6:26](#)



Dear Friends,

Talking with people face to face, as increasingly we are able to, we have noticed a sense of being unheard and even unnoticed. This might even be you! Experiences, thoughts and emotions may have been less dramatic than those on whom life and death events of the past 18 months have had a lasting impact but, nonetheless, we have all been affected to some degree by:

- uncertainty – what will happen, what can we do, when?
- fear – what if...?
- restrictions – imposed for the greater good but sometimes inconsistent, even unfair?

“What a Friend we have in Jesus Take it to the Lord in prayer” may be a trite response but it's true! We read that Jesus cares for every sparrow and He even knows the number of hairs on our heads (quite a challenge when so many are caught in my hairbrush each day!). Jesus not only notices us, but He knows us, cares about us and feels for us in our sadness as well as our joy. He is the One who promises to stay with us and to make us strong.

Our church has started a Listening Café for a few hours each week when anyone is welcome to come in, to spend time in silence or to ask for prayer; our role is to listen and to pray – but not necessarily out loud. Is this something we can all offer to the people around us, and not just to believers? No one is insignificant to God. Let's value and support one another as our Father in heaven values and cares for us.

Welcome, thanks and prayer

Your prayers are making a difference! We continue to thank God for you and all who support CEI in prayer and by giving. Thank you for your interest and commitment to enabling adults with learning disabilities to access life in Jesus and to take their place in their local churches.

Everyone welcome – CEI Summer Celebration – can you help PLEASE?

Wednesday 28 July 7:00 – 8:00pm. Why not put it in your diary now, [drop us an email](#) and we'll add you to the list to receive Zoom details in due course. There will be a variety of contributors as we join in celebrating all that God has done for us. We'd love to show photos of what our friends with learning disabilities have been doing now that the weather has become warmer. Please send to pete@counteveryonein.org.uk THANK YOU!

As requested we are working on a [Friends scheme for individuals](#). This will be 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 CEI our supporters.



June highlights

- **Family time** – what a joy it was to have our three granddaughters with us for a few days. Together we explored our local area as we had not

previously made the time to do. They are great company and we love them dearly – also their cousins, our two grandsons.

- **Catch-up meetings** – we've enjoyed meeting up with friends of CEI recently, especially now that coffee shops are open! It's so much nicer than Zoom.
- **Prayer and Encouragement** – we continue to meet with clusters of leaders of learning disability ministry groups around the country, currently via Zoom. Our Emerging from Lockdown consultation in May has helped in considering when and how to restart groups in person but opinions vary widely, as do the decisions taken by individual churches and denominations. Do pray for leaders as they grapple with this important matter– especially those who for reasons of age, health or personal circumstances may be wondering whether they can face the challenges of reopening at all.

News update

- **It's in the can!** Yes, we completed the filming for the Keswick Convention and it's not long now until you get to see them. Janneke, Pete and Christine played the parts of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz, showing how God was faithful to them and that we can have confidence in Him too. We are grateful to Jack Holcombe for editing the videos for us. The sessions will be shown via the Keswick website <https://vkc.keswickministries.org/> from 10:45 – 11:00am Monday 19 to Friday 23 July, repeated at the same time the following two weeks of the Convention and available later on catch-up.
- **Psalms – NirV accessible edition** – you may have seen the taster videos on Facebook, showing four of the psalms with the reader and Makaton signer side by side. Plans are underway for an official launch in the autumn with our friends at Biblica and Living Breath Videos. **What we'd love to have** is your stories or quotes of the impact they have had in helping people engage with the Bible. Please send to pete@counteveryonein.org.uk
- So what will there be?
 - All 150 psalms published in the NirV Accessible Edition, with line drawings
 - 20 psalms and devotionals (with line drawings) online and from CEI in print
 - 7 psalms and devotionals – dramatic readings and signing available online

Dates and details to follow!

- **Meet Monday** – thank you for asking after the group for adults with learning disabilities in our own church, St Nic’s. To be honest, along with our excellent team we’re feeling rather ‘Zoomed-out’, having run 10 monthly meetings on Zoom after just six in person. The Friends who attend number just eight, not all of whom manage to join us on Zoom, but we do our best to connect with everyone in one way or another. We all look forward to welcoming new Friends once we are able to meet face to face.
- **Still 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 you’re 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.

Training news

Our diaries are already filling up! Please contact us at info@counteveryonein.org.uk to discuss training opportunities for your church from the autumn onwards. **Know and Grow 1** may be just what is needed – definitely for new groups/teams but also to re-energise and equip teams as they prepare to reopen after such a long time. **Know & Grow 2** will get you thinking and is ideal 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 the church may support them.

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 for these sessions 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

Don't forget, to purchase our daily Bible notes, all you need to do is email 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

We recommend the **New International Readers Version (NirV) – Accessible Edition**. from Biblica 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).

Ways to help CEI

- We've stocked up again on **greetings cards** from the lovely range that Tua Phelps-Jones sells to raise funds for CEI? They often update the range so do take a look at <https://www.flamingopaperie.co.uk/web/tuaphelps-jones>
 - 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 for her address, or send them directly to 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**. Be sure to indicate that you're supporting Count Everyone In.
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Diary dates for information and prayer

- Mon 5 July – Meet Monday – Zoom

- Thurs 8 July – Strategy meeting with 2 trustees – Newbury
- Fri 9 July – Additional Needs Alliance core team – Zoom
- Tues 13 July – European Disability Network meeting – Zoom
- Weds 14 July – National Trust day out with friends
- Mon 19–Fri 23 July – CEI at Virtually Keswick 10:45–11:00am – Website
- Fri 23 July – Additional Needs Alliance core team – Zoom
- Weds 28 July – CEI Summer Celebration 7:00–8:00pm – Zoom
- Mons 30 Aug – 6 Sept – Spring Harvest Holidays (LPO) – France
- Mon 6 – 13 Sept – Prayer team at LPO houseparty week (P&C) – 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)

- Give thanks for the filming for Keswick and pray that God will use it to build faith
 - Give thanks that we are offering provisional bookings for training in churches
 - Thank God for steady progress on Know & Grow Makaton and pray that further pilots will soon be possible
 - Pray for people with learning disabilities as life changes again – many are fearful and are struggling to relearn social skills
 - Pray for families that have struggled during the pandemic and are facing huge decisions for the future of their adult sons and daughters
 - 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
 - Pray for wisdom, guidance and discernment as we consider strategy on 8 July
 - Pray that God will make the way clear for the CEI holiday week in France
 - 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 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'.

Pete & Christine Winmill