

October 2021

We belong to a family

He has made us members of his royal family.

Revelation 1:6 (NirV)



Dear Friends,

Family trees can be fascinating. Last weekend Pete and I celebrated our 45th – or Sapphire – Wedding Anniversary with our immediate family. Each of our five grandchildren added their names to a family tree that extended back to 1802. Interestingly, names such as Charles, William, Robert and Winifred were repeated across the generations. Family units tended to be larger in bygone days and sadly there were cases of infant mortality as well as mothers not surviving childbirth. Behind each name was an individual and a story. It is fascinating to think that we all belong together.

As Christians we are part of one big family, God's family and that is something to celebrate. However much or little we know of our human family, whatever we may celebrate or regret, it is insignificant compared to the wonders of being adopted into the family of our loving Heavenly Father, the King of kings!

HOT OFF THE PRESS – WE DID IT!!!

Every Step Counts On 30 September Helen Philip said “Great day today as part of the support crew walking with Grace Stars, pioneer walker for “Every Step Counts” – raising funds for Count Everyone In. Ten miles from Worthing to

Shoreham and back, walking in “challenging” wind conditions.” There is still time to sponsor Grace by donating at:

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/CEIeverystepcounts> or contact us at info@counteveryonein.org.uk

At the top of this page you will see the walkers at the beginning.

You can do your own event when you choose, wherever you are and however you like – walk, run, roller–skate, swim or use a wheelchair – every step counts as you ask people to sponsor you. It’s an excellent way to

1. Get **fit**
2. Raise **funds** for CEI – we can tell you how
3. Tell your **friends** about CEI, your church/group and Jesus



Welcome, thanks and prayer

We welcome new readers again this month. Thank you for your prayers, interest and support which make all the difference and without which we would find it hard to continue.

A special welcome to our new trustee, Janet Eardley, who will be a valuable member of the CEI Board of Trustees. Janet brings a wealth of experience from her years with Prospects, Torch Trust for the Blind and, currently, Through the Roof.

CEI Friends

Friends with CEI – churches and group is a network offering support for learning disability ministry across the country. Do ask for a form and get your church/group to sign up today. info@counteveryonein.org.uk

Friends with CEI – individuals, couples and families has only recently been launched. It is for people who would like to be involved with CEI through prayer, financial



giving, volunteering at an event and generally acting as an ambassador for the charity. Please drop us a line at info@counteveryonein.org.uk or by post to 34 Enborne Road, Newbury RG14 6AH and we'll send you a form to complete. We look forward to hearing from you.

September highlights

Every Step Counts was the major highlight of the month, as you will have read above. Apart from that, September has been a month of meetings and preparation – all vital as we enter a more active period involving travel and face-to-face events. Thank you for praying.

Training news

We are excited to be running our first face-to-face training day since March 2020 and there are spaces available. Know & Grow 1 is being hosted by Lighthouse Christian Ministries in Stratford, E London on Saturday 16 October from 9:30am–4:30pm. Let us know at info@counteveryonein.org.uk if you're interested.

We are taking bookings for 2022. Do get in touch if you are interested as it takes a few months to organise and publicise these events:

Know and Grow 1 for new groups, new team members, for church leaders and members who want to explore making church accessible for adults with learning disabilities. It is a brilliant way to introduce or refresh understanding of learning disability and Christian ministry.

Know & Grow 2 will get you thinking and is ideal if you have already done K&G 1, you want to dig deeper into issues relating to adults with learning disabilities (e.g. personal relationships, healing, mental health, bereavement) and how the church may support them.

Know & Grow Makaton will be the only validated Christian Makaton workshop. Please get in touch with Janneke at janneke@counteveryonein.org.uk if you are interested in hosting or attending this pilot workshop. As a Makaton tutor Janneke also offers generic (i.e. not Christian) Makaton courses via Zoom.

Makaton for Christmas

Join Janneke for one of 3 identical sessions that she is offering via Zoom to teach key word signing for some Christmas carols to be used in our Christmas livestreamed celebration on 27 November. No experience needed. **Places are limited so reserve your place today at info@counteveryonein.org.uk** Come, learn and share the signs with

others.

- **Thurs 11 Nov 7–8:30pm**
- **Sat 20 Nov 3:30–5pm**
- **Thurs 25 Nov 7–8:30pm**

Printed resources

Don't forget, you can purchase our daily Bible notes by emailing info@counteveryonein.org.uk. Prices listed exclude p&p, for which we request you add a donation. **How about giving a copy of 'Christmas is Coming' to each of your group?**

- 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**. 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.

Psalms – NirV accessible edition – the official launch is later this month details on how to obtain your copy next month. See Makaton signed dramatic readings of a selection of the psalms on Facebook.



Ways to help CEI

- Christmas cards, advent calendars and more – go to <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/311518252/>
- **Tua Phelps-Jones can't accept postage stamps or postcards at present so please hold back until further notice. Thank you Tua for all your hard work on behalf of CEI.**
- When we are doing online shopping we always start by going to **Give as You Live** to see if there is a store that stocks the product we are looking for as they tend to give a higher percentage to your nominated charity than **Amazon Smile**, which is our 2nd choice. Be sure to indicate that you're supporting Count Everyone In. See links at the foot of this newsletter.

Diary dates (as at time of publication) for information and prayer

- Mon 4 Oct – Meet Monday returns on-site at St Nic's – Newbury
- Thurs 7 Oct – Janneke with us today (office) – Newbury
- Mon 11 Oct – Dovetail Project, Melksham – testimony and talk – Zoom
- Weds 13 Oct – Oxford Diocese Disability Conference – Zoom
- Thurs 14 Oct – St Nic's Listening Café – Newbury
- Sat 16 Oct – Know & Grow 1 (spaces available) – E London
- Tues 19 Oct – Herts, Beds & Cambs Prayer & Encouragement Zoom
- Thurs 21 Oct – Janneke with us today (office) – Newbury
- Fri 22–Sun 24 Oct – St Nic's Church family weekend away
- Sat 30 Oct – Support group and trustees' meeting – Newbury
- Sat 6 Nov – Know & Grow Makaton (pilot) – book via Janneke – Manchester
- Thurs 11 Nov – 7–8:30pm Learn Makaton for carols with Janneke – Zoom
- Sat 20 Nov – 3:30–5pm Learn Makaton for carols with Janneke – Zoom
- Thurs 25 Nov – 7–8:30pm Learn Makaton for carols with Janneke – Zoom

- Sat 27 Nov – CEI Christmas Celebration – live & livestreamed – Newbury
- Sun 28 Nov – 10am service at Littlehampton Baptist Church – Littlehampton
- Sat 5 Feb 2022 – Know & Grow1 – Stockport
- Sat 12 Feb 2022 – Know & Grow1 – Dorking

Please note that the best time to contact us is Tuesday to Friday 9:30 – 5:30.

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 that we are taking bookings for Know & Grow training in churches
2. Give thanks for Grace and her pioneer walk for Every Step Counts, for persevering despite the wind and for funds raised
3. Pray that Know & Grow Makaton will soon be validated by The Makaton Charity
4. Pray for people with learning disabilities and their care-givers and families
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 the Christmas celebration and all the planning
7. Thank God for new CEI trustee, Janet Eardley, as she joins Richard Coward (chair), Keith Barnard, Dorothy Blackhall, Jonathan Edwards, Val Pritchard and Tim Roberts (treasurer)

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://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1181852-0>

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