

November 2021

When the road is rough and steep

Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the One who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (The Message)



Dear Friends,

In this month's newsletter:

- **Launch of Accessible Psalms**
- **Publication of Accessible Psalms devotionals**
- **Christmas Celebration – live-streamed and on-site**
- **Learn Makaton signing for Christmas – free of charge**

Apologies to those of a certain age and church tradition who by now are humming the old Sunday School chorus that bears the same title as this newsletter! Please read on.

Just a few months ago we had fully expected by now to be operating at near pre-COVID levels. Events would be, or so we thought, jostling for priority in our pre-Christmas calendar, we would be away from home at weekends and having to manage our energy levels with care. Whilst the latter is true, the rest just hasn't happened and we continue to face uncertainty. We make plans but we hold them lightly, not insisting that we know best and can carry on regardless. What we can be sure of is that none of this has taken God by surprise. No, we don't believe God planned COVID but we have confidence that He knows what lies ahead. He walks with us on the ups, downs, twists

and turns, the rough and the smooth. “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid. You are with me.” God has promised that for all His children, and that includes you.

IF YOU READ THIS BEFORE 7:00pm SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER

.....sign up free of charge for the online live launch of Psalms (NirV accessible edition) at https://accessible_psalms.eventbrite.co.uk. There will be interviews, dramatic readings, Makaton signing and more – all in just one hour. Do **register today** and join us for this long-awaited occasion.

The accompanying **Psalms Devotions** is a joint production by CEI and Biblica. It covers 20 of the psalms and can be purchased from us at info@counteveryonein.org.uk for £4.50 each (plus a donation for P&P). This is ideal for anyone looking for simple but not childish daily Bible notes and especially for adults with learning disabilities to read alone or with support.



Prospects worship albums now available

Our friends at Essential Christian have been busy reproducing the old Prospects worship resources for us and we can offer them to you by post. As usual, we ask for a donation to cover P&P.

- Jesus the start of it all – CD (£5) and MP3 (£8)
 - Jesus the start of it all (with Makaton signing) – DVD (£8) and MP4 (£10)
 - No god is greater – CD (£5) and MP3 (£8)
 - No god is greater (with Makaton signing) – DVD (£8) and MP4 (£10)
 - Say the word – CD (£5) and MP3 (£8)
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Celebrate Christmas

Please join us for the Count Everyone In Christmas Celebration on **Saturday 27 November at 3:30pm.**

The celebration will be livestreamed on **YouTube** (watch out for the link) or you can come along to **St Nicolas' Church, West Mills, Newbury RG14 5HG.**

Parking is available in the adjacent Kennet Centre multi-storey car park. It would help if you were to **let us know you are thinking of coming.**



We value and support everyone, especially people with learning disabilities and autism.

Saturday 27 November

Christmas Celebration

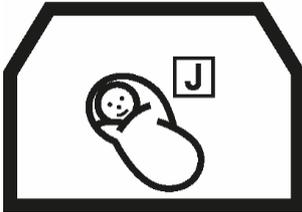
(also livestreamed on YouTube)
Everyone welcome

When: 3:30-4:30pm (refreshments afterwards)
Where: St Nicolas Church, West Mills, Newbury RG14 5HG
More information: 07711 899810 (Pete) or 07751 431277 (Christine)
email: info@counteveryonein.org.uk

- Carols
- Makaton signing
- What Christmas means today
- Fun!

A silhouette illustration of a nativity scene. In the foreground, a man stands with his arms raised, and a woman kneels. In the background, three angels fly across a sky with a sunset or sunrise and stars.

Meet Monday



Makaton for Christmas

We know many people love signing – watching and taking part. If that's you, why not join Janneke on Zoom for a fun session learning to sign a few carols. You'll be able to sign along at our Christmas celebration and other events this Christmas. **Janneke is offering three identical sessions free of charge** but places are limited. Please email us at info@counteveryonein.org.uk if you would like a space on:

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

If you can no longer attend, do let us know so that your place can be offered to someone else.

Welcome, thanks and prayer

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



CEI Friends

Friends with CEI – is a network offering support for learning disability ministry in **churches and groups** across the country. Do ask for a form and get your church/group to sign up today.

Friends with CEI – individuals, couples and families 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 CEI. 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.

October highlights

There's a lot to report this month, for which we praise God.

Meet Monday, our church's group for adults with learning disabilities here in Newbury, met in person for the first time since March 2020 and it was such a joy. We shall proceed with caution so that people feel safe and comfortable.

We met briefly with **David and Madeleine Potter** who founded Prospects 45 years ago. Prospects is no longer in existence as a Christian care provider since its merger with Livability in 2016 but it was David and Madeleine's vision and development of Christian mission and ministry for adults with learning disabilities that is the inspiration for much of what we do in Count Everyone In. We thank God for their faithfulness in prayer and their encouragement.

Another highlight was the **Dovetailers Zoom meeting** when we contributed Bible teaching. This group of mutually supportive, prayerful, young Christians is led by our good friend, Myles Pilling from Melksham.

The [Oxford Disability Conference](#), probably the best online conference we have 'attended', comprised a programme of brief talks followed by questions and frequent screen breaks. It was easy to access, absorb and process. Thank you, [Katie Tupling](#) (Oxford Diocese disability adviser) for inviting us to speak about CEI. <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/mission-ministry/making-a-difference/inclusion/disability/>

A Know & Grow training day was postponed so, instead, Pete and Christine took the CEI 'shop' to the [Alive Together event in Chessington](#). It felt SO good to be out and about meeting people once again and there was a hunger for the resources we had to sell.

Looking ahead to 2022 (but holding our plans lightly) we'd love you to join us at these events where we shall be running, God willing, daily sessions of worship and teaching:

Word Alive (Prestatyn) 9 – 14 April
Spring Harvest (Minehead) 18 – 22 April
Spring Harvest LPO (France) 6 – 13 June
Keswick Convention 16 – 23 July (wk 1)
Connect Festival (Shepton Mallet) 25 – 28 August

Training news

How about some **face2face workshops** in 2022? It takes a few months to organise and publicise these events so get in touch at info@counteveryonein.org.uk if you're interested:

Know and Grow 1 for new groups, new team members, for church leaders and members, this is ideal to introduce or refresh understanding of learning disability and Christian ministry. If you've already done K&G 1 how about ...

Know & Grow 2 This digs deeper into issues, such as personal relationships, healing, mental health and bereavement and encourages discussion as to how the church may support adults with learning disabilities.

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.

Janneke is a Makaton tutor who also offers generic (i.e. not Christian) Makaton courses via Zoom.

Printed resources

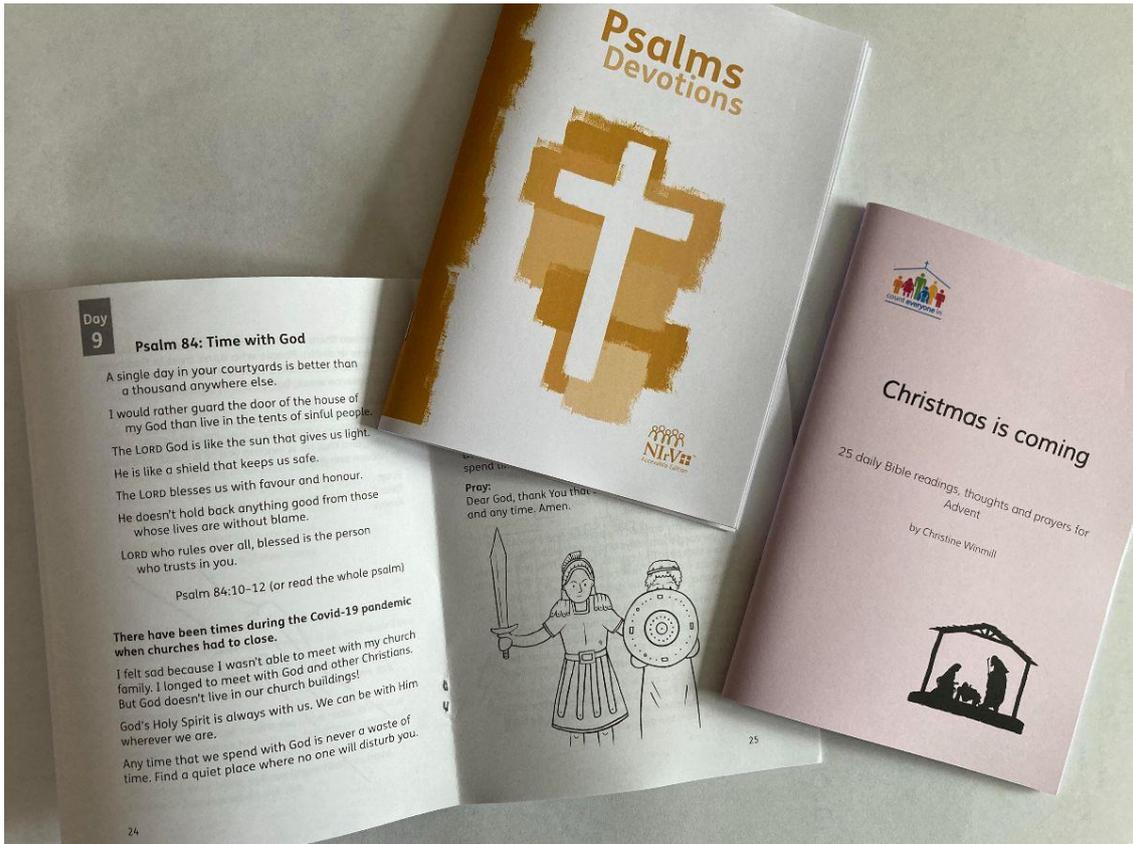
Don't forget, you can purchase our daily Bible notes by

emailing info@counteveryonein.org.uk. Prices listed exclude p&p, for which we request a donation. How about a copy of 'Christmas is Coming' for each of your group?

- Undated Bible reading notes, including Bible text, thought and prayer each day
 - Who is Jesus? – 14 days £2.50
 - Easter – 9 days £2.50
 - Jesus returns to heaven and what happened next – 14 days £2.50
 - The Holy Spirit – 7 days £2.50
 - Prayer – 30 days £4.50
 - **NEW!** Psalms Devotional – 20 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 from Bible Society – <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/product-search/NirV%20accessible%20new%20testament/>

Psalms – NirV accessible edition – will also be available from Bible Society.



Ways to help CEI

- Christmas cards, advent calendars and more – go to: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/311518252/>
- **No more postage stamps or postcards until further notice please.**
- 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

- *Sat 30 October – Support group and trustees' – meeting postponed*
- Mon 1 November 7:30pm – Meet Monday – St Nic's, Newbury
- Sat 6 November Know & Grow Makaton (pilot) – book via Janneke – Manchester

- Tues 9 November – European Disability Network core group – Zoom
- Thurs 11 Nov 7–8:30pm – Learn Makaton for carols with Janneke – Zoom
- Tues 16 November Spring Harvest leaders’ preparation morning – Zoom
- Sat 20 November 3:30–5pm – Learn Makaton for carols with Janneke – Zoom
- Mon 22 November – Meet Monday planning meeting – Zoom
- Thurs 25 November 7–8:30pm – Learn Makaton for carols with Janneke – Zoom
- Sat 27 November – CEI Christmas Celebration – live & livestreamed – St Nic’s, Newbury
- Sun 28 November 10am service at Littlehampton Baptist Church – Littlehampton
- Sat 4 December – Know & Grow Makaton (pilot) – Leyland, Lancashire – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/know-and-grow-with-makaton-training-with-count-everyone-in-tickets-195275824247>

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 for encouraging events in October
2. Give thanks that we are taking bookings for Know & Grow workshops face2face
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
6. Pray for the Christmas celebration and all the planning
7. Pray for CEI trustees Richard Coward (chair), Keith Barnard, Dorothy Blackhall, Janet Eardley, 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 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

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, 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