# August 2022 We are here together

" ... you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:28 (NIrV)





## Dear Friends,

"It was a real blessing having you all on the same site, and seeing the joy and hearing the singing from our reception desk. Blessings to you all xx"



While the rest of the country and even the Lake District sweltered in record breaking temperatures Count Everyone In revelled in the luxury of an air-conditioned meeting room in the newly refurbished Pencil Factory at the heart of the Keswick Convention! The temperature was pleasantly chilled but the atmosphere was warm and welcoming. It was great to see many 'old' friends and new ones too. One morning the worship leader decided to omit the usual opening song but a cry rang out, "John, you've forgotten one song!" and so we sang with gusto the song by Tony Phelps-Jones that has become the CEI anthem:

We are here together You and you and me. We are brothers and sisters One big family.



We had the thrill of ministering from the main stage at the Wednesday evening celebration. Pete, through interpretation by one of our signers, Karen, interviewed Terry Gilbert, a guest who is deaf, non-verbal and has a learning disability, about church, Keswick and Terry's love for Jesus. We sang and signed 'Jesus, strong and kind' which is new to many of us this year. The response was overwhelming and we continued to be met by ripples

of appreciation and questions through the rest of the week. Here's the link if you'd like to see it for yourself:

https://youtu.be/qLktVkrfdN0?list=PLiH8SxyNwkiGUFmkei-MePy1-aDEm8CsF approx. 12mins 24 secs in.

Yes, we felt like part of the one big family of God. One mum said, "Keswick CEI seems to have its own special sense of family with parents too".

Readers have been asking about Janneke and we are pleased to say that she is slowly recovering from a particularly persistent case of Covid. She joined us for a few days at Keswick, making this the one and only 2022 festival where all three of us were present. Covid is still around and we are not complacent. We were one team member down for the last two days and as Pete and Christine prepare for Creation Fest we ask you to pray for health and strength for the CEI team that will be serving there from 29 July to 1 August.

#### One more festival for 2022



Creation Fest at Wadebridge on the stunning North Cornwall coast from 29 July to 1 August. It's a Christian music festival with skateboarding, Bible teaching, kids' programme and Christian bands. Admission is free but camping and glamping options are available – see https://creationfest.org.uk/. It's great to be providing an accessible programme each morning and we're also sharing an exhibition stand with our friends at Through the Roof https://throughtheroof.org/.

#### Festival dates confirmed for 2023

- Word Alive 1 6 April at Prestatyn. Book at https://wordaliveevent.org/
- Spring Harvest 10 14 April at Minehead. Book at https://www.springharvest.org/events/news/booking-opens-june-8th-everything-you-need-to-know/
- Spring Harvest Holidays, France Likely dates are 5 12 June. Details and booking at https://springharvestholidays.com/
- Keswick Convention (wk 1) 15 21 July Please note that we have already been invited for Week One at Keswick 2023 if you are wanting to book accommodation in good time. There is free access to the Convention.
- Other festivals <u>may</u> include Creation Fest, Awaken and Connect

# **Know and Grow workshops**

We're booking into 2023 for Know & Grow 1, 2 & Makaton (pilot), our CEI suite of standalone workshops developed to help churches to be accessible for adults with learning disabilities. You

may like to book a place on a workshops already in our calendar – see Dates section and email info@counteveryonein.org.uk if interested.

#### Growing the CEI family

Would your church and group like to become Friends with CEI? This month we
welcome Beechwood Chapel and their Lifegroup at Beechwood, Wirral. The scheme
is available for individuals and couples/families too. Simply
email info@counteveryonein.org.uk and we'll send you an application form.

**Resources available by post** Do get in touch if you'd like the complete list but here's a selection:

- Accessible undated Bible reading notes
- 'Prospects' worship albums on CD, MP3 and MP4
- Holy Communion service booklet
- Teaching series on the life of Joseph
- T-shirts, polos and full-zip hoodies with the CEI logo available in three colours and a range of sizes

The New International Readers Version (NIrV) – Accessible Edition with its large, clear print and line drawings, is available from Bible Society. The New Testament (Hardback at £9.99 or softback at £7.99) and Mark's Gospel (£2). We are still waiting for the publication of Psalms in the same format.

## Ways to help CEI

- Don't forget that any of the 'Prospects' songs used by your church or group should be included in your Church Copyright Licence (CCLI) reporting. Last year royalties raised over £300 which was generously donated to Count Everyone In.
- Here's the link for those attractive greetings cards that our friend Tua sells to support CEI: https://www.flamingopaperie.co.uk/web/tuaphelps-jones
- Give as You Live and Amazon Smile links for your online shopping are at the foot of this letter.

Looking ahead (details correct at time of publication)

Fri 29 July - Mon 1 Aug Creation Fest

Sun 14 Aug 6pm St Nic's, Newbury - Pete preaching

Sat 10 Sept Know & Grow Makaton (pilot), The Oak Church, Leeds LS28 6EF

Sat 10 Sept Chester Diocese Celebration of Different Abilities, Bramhall SK7 2PG

Weds 28-30 Sept Commission (New Frontiers) leadership conference, Bournemouth

Sat 1 Oct Know & Grow 1, Teignmouth Baptist Church, South Devon TQ14 8DZ

Weds 5-Thur 6 Oct Filming for Lifewords project (Janneke)

Sat 8 Oct Know & Grow Makaton, Portsmouth

Tues 11-Thurs 13 Oct Christian Resources Exhibition, Sandown Park, Esher

Sat 15 Oct Know & Grow 1, Lighthouse Christian Ministries, Stratford E15 2LS

Sat 22 Oct Know & Grow Makaton (pilot), Greyfriars Church, Reading RG1 1EH

Sat 29 Oct Trustees and Support Group meetings, Newbury

Sun 6 Nov 10am service St Peter's Church, Yateley GU46 7LR

Weds 9 Nov Kennet Valley Filling Station (Pete)

Sat 12 Nov Know & Grow 1, Grangewood Methodist Church, Nottingham NG8 2SJ

Sat 19 Nov Know & Grow Makaton (pilot), Christ Church, Guildford GU1 2AZ

Sun 20 Nov 10am service Littlehampton Baptist Church BN17 5NY

Sun 27 Nov 6pm CEI Christmas Celebration to be livestreamed from St Nic's, Newbury

Weds 3-Thurs 4 May 2023 Christian Resources Exhibition, Exhibition Centre, Liverpool

#### Prayer and praise

- 1. Pray for Janneke for complete recovery from Covid; she continues to be affected by fatigue
- 2. Pray for the people God is calling to join Pete, Christine and Janneke on the CEI core team; pray especially for those currently exploring this with us
- 3. This is a busy season and we value your prayers for God to inspire and equip us
- 4. Pray for good health and for safety as we travel
- 5. Pray that the team of volunteers at Creation Fest would be blessed as they give out to our quests
- 6. Pray for CEI trustees Richard, Keith, Janet, Jonathan, Mayryanne, Tim and Val.

Thank you to our many friends and supporters. We feel blessed to know that you are praying and cheering us on. Thank you to those who are able to support the work financially. Welcome to anyone joining us for the first time this month. We hope you find items of interest and are prompted to pray for CEI. See also https://www.counteveryonein.org.uk/ and we'd love to hear from you at info@counteveryonein.org.uk

# And finally, let's remember ....

At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit. Pray all kinds of prayers. Be watchful, so that you can pray. Always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18 (NIrV)



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\*Please note that the best times to contact us are Tuesday to Friday 9:30 - 5:30pm

Every blessing,

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