

September 2022  
**Growing together**

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."  
Matthew 9:37 (NirV)



**Dear Friends,**

After a summer of sunshine and drought, here we are at September, a month of new beginnings: new school classes, apprenticeships, university courses, the world of work or, for some, retirement and time to consider what comes next. I remember a Back to School Sunday at church when everyone, regardless of age or life stage, was encouraged to take along something that denoted how they expected to spend the coming weeks. There were pencil cases and PE kits, family calendars, tablets, season tickets and even some knitting. What would you have taken?

For Count Everyone In it's time to review the past months when amazing, hardworking and dedicated volunteers have joined our summer festival teams. Now it's back to being just the CEI Core Team for the winter season of training, preaching and exhibiting, but there are exciting changes ahead. Please read on to find how God has been answering prayers – yours and ours. Pray that we won't leap into action without taking time to think and talk and pray. We want to be open to hear and obey so that God will work in us and through us.



### **Welcoming Rosey**

*"If you'd asked me a year ago what I would be doing when I finished my MTh at Spurgeon's College I don't think that working with Count Everyone In would have been included in my list. But having been in contact with Christine about something completely unrelated she asked if I would consider joining them hmm... "I'm not saying no" was my reply, and now I have said "yes".*

*Way back in the 1980s Pete, Christine and I were part of the same church in St Albans. Since then I have been a children's/schools worker in Maidstone, Kent and more recently in Sutton, Surrey. After many years in this type of work God clearly told me that I should lay that aside and since then I have been doing admin-type jobs with different charities. When Christine suggested CEI to me I soon realised that my gifts in making Bible teaching accessible, storytelling, training, writing resources and even fundraising had another outlet which wasn't working with children but still working for the Kingdom. I am excited to be joining the CEI Core Team and look forward to getting stuck in – hopefully I'll still have some spare time when I can play my flute, go for country walks, visit castles and play Scrabble!"*

Some readers met Rosey and her husband Neil at Spring Harvest in Minehead where Christine's Covid-enforced absence changed Rosey and Neil's planned 'shadowing the Core Team' opportunity into joining the team for real! Thankfully that didn't deter Rosey.

### More good news

Who uses the resources we produce? Good question and one that we can't often answer. Just occasionally though we hear exciting news such as when a church ordered a copy of Who is Jesus? Bible reading notes. A week or so later they ordered an additional ten copies and the pastor told us they were for a group of adults with learning disabilities who were enquiring about baptism. Having worked their way through the Bible notes and, incidentally, joined us for one day at the Keswick Convention, we were thrilled to hear that three of them were baptised last month!

There have been more believers' baptisms in recent months, quite recently at Beechwood Chapel, a church in the Wirral that is Friends with CEI and has been using some of our resources.

Several groups, including Meet Monday here in Newbury, have been enjoying the teaching plan based on the life of Joseph. It highlights real-life issues such as jealousy, boasting, temptation, disappointment and forgiveness.

In the last few weeks we have produced another short series of teaching sessions to be used in church groups. It follows the brilliant story in the Book of Ruth with its emphasis on faithfulness – God's and our own – and shows that we can all be part of God's big family. There are four sessions, which makes it ideal for weekly or monthly meetings. The cost is just £4 plus p&p – details in Resources list below.



**Creation Fest** at Wadebridge, North Cornwall was our final festival this summer. Pete and Christine led the small team offering an accessible programme each morning. The theme of Beautiful Wild was challenging but the daily topics of Prayer, Community, Word and Spirit were easier to follow, with interactive Bible teaching, sung worship, drama, prayer and craft. Even a late change of venue one morning had a silver lining as it could result in a new learning disability ministry starting at a church in Cornwall. Many a significant conversation and plenty of laughter were features of our shared exhibition stand with Janet Eardley of **Through the Roof** <https://throughtheroof.org/>. All in all it was a good end to the season.

**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
- **Creation Fest** 4–7 August – Cornwall – tbc
- **Connect** (New Frontiers) 24–28 August – Shepton Mallet
- **Awaken** (formerly The ONE Event) 25 – 28 August at Lincoln Showground

## Know and Grow workshops

We're booking into 2023 for Know & Grow 1, 2 & Makaton (pilot), our CEI suite of 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](mailto:info@counteveryonein.org.uk) if interested.

## Growing the CEI family

Would your church and group like to become Friends with CEI? The scheme is available for individuals and couples/families too. Simply email [info@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:info@counteveryonein.org.uk) and we'll send you an application form.



**Resources available by post** Over the summer we've had an influx of orders for Bible reading notes and teaching material. We're aiming to collate more of our festival teaching so that it is available for use by groups and churches and just last week we added a series of four sessions based on the Book of Ruth. We do hope you like it and find it useful. Here's a selection from our full list of resources:

- Accessible undated Bible reading notes
- 'Prospects' worship albums on CD, MP3 and MP4
- Holy Communion service booklet
- Teaching series on the life of Joseph and, **new this month, 'Ruth'** consisting of four sessions
- T-shirts, polos and full-zip hoodies with the CEI logo available in 3 colours and a range of sizes

Not from us but from Bible Society, the **New International Readers Version (NirV) – Accessible Edition** is ideal for people who appreciate large, clear print, plenty of ‘white’ space (actually light grey) and simple line drawings. At present only the New Testament (hardback at £9.99 or softback at £7.99) and Mark’s Gospel (£2) are in print and we await 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)

Sat 10 Sept Know & Grow Makaton, The Oak Church, Leeds LS28 6EF  
Sat 10 Sept Chester Diocese Celebration of Different Abilities, (Exhibiting)Bramhall SK7 2PG  
Weds 28 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, 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, Christ Church, Guildford GU1 2AZ  
Sun 20 Nov 10am service Littlehampton Baptist Church BN17 5NY  
Sun 27 Nov 6pm CEI Christmas Celebration live and streamed from St Nic’s, Newbury

### Prayer and praise

1. Praise for a good festival season
2. Praise for Janneke’s continuing recovery from Covid
3. Pray for good diary management
4. Pray for Rosey as the CEI 3 becomes CEI 4!
5. Pray for other people God is calling to join the CEI core team
6. Pray for good health and for safety as we travel
7. Pray for CEI trustees Richard, Keith, Janet, Jonathan, Maryanne, 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](mailto: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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Janneke, Pete + Christine'.

Janneke Klos,

Pete & Christine Winmill