



October 2022

## The Race

"A huge cloud of witnesses is all around us. So let us throw off everything that stands in our way. Let us throw off any sin that holds on to us so tightly. And **let us keep on running the race marked out for us. Let us keep looking to Jesus.** He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith. He paid no attention to the shame of the cross. He suffered there because of the joy he was looking forward to. Then he sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. He made it through these attacks by sinners. So think about him. Then you won't get tired. You won't lose hope." Hebrews 12:1-3 (NirV)



## Dear Friends,

Is a race all about winning or is it more about taking part? I suppose that depends on the type of race and who you are.

On 8<sup>th</sup> September Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II crossed the finishing line; soundwaves and screens were filled with sadness but also celebration. Hers was a life of faith lived out, declared and commended to all without reticence or pride. Countless times we had sung "God save the Queen" and we believe He has done just that. As we give thanks for the life, witness and service of our Queen, we now sing and pray "God save the king".

Christians all take part in a race and one day it will be our turn to cross the finishing line. Let's keep on looking to Jesus, celebrating each other's successes and encouraging one another especially when the going is hard or there is opposition.

You may have read in last month's newsletter that the Count Everyone In team now has four 'runners' holding the baton, with Rosey having joined Janneke, Pete and Christine. We need your prayers that we will faithfully run the course that God has marked out for us. Thank

you for all your encouragement and support along the way.

### “Workers are worthy of their pay”

.... so said Jesus in Luke 10: 7. But how about people who are unable to find paid work? It can be especially hard for disabled people and imagine how it must feel to be rejected time and time again. Employers need the right people but sadly the system doesn't make allowances for those whose strengths, abilities and availability don't fit the mould. This month we are celebrating with our friends who work or volunteer in areas of work that are not always noticed or appreciated (names have been changed):

- Beth, who has worked at a motorway service area for 20 years
- James, who starts work in a brand-new charity shop at the end of September
- Faith and Jo who have worked in charity shops for many years
- Cathy who has worked in a fast-food restaurant and is a St Johns volunteer
- Becky and Sarah who make greetings cards to raise money for charity
- You can probably think of others – but how about those who long to work but can't find any openings?

### It's beginning to feel like a race

We're back from our holidays and the evenings are beginning to draw in. Autumn is on its way and the CEI programme of workshops, conferences and exhibitions is underway. Please look at the dates and see if you can join us.



### Christian Resources Exhibition

We're looking forward to setting up our stand (S8) at Sandown Park, Esher and we'd love you to come and say hello. If you've never visited the CRE before, you're in for a treat. You'll find everything from clergy vestments and organs to coffee machines, books and magazines, not to mention a programme of seminars, concerts and worship. **Click on image for a free ticket.**

Next year we are excited to be exhibiting at the first-ever Christian Resources Exhibition North, to be held at Liverpool's Exhibition Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**Festival dates confirmed for 2023**

- **Word Alive** 1 – 6 April at Prestatyn, North Wales. Book at <https://wordaliveevent.org/>
- **Spring Harvest** 10 – 14 April at Minehead. Somerset. Book at <https://www.springharvest.org/events/news/booking-opens-june-8th-everything-you-need-to-know/>
- **Spring Harvest Holidays, France** Now confirmed for 5 – 12 June. Details and booking at <https://springharvestholidays.com/>
- **Keswick Convention (wk 1)** 15 – 21 July at The Pencil Factory, Keswick, Cumbria
- **Creation Fest** 4–7 August at Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge (to be confirmed)
- **Connect** (New Frontiers) 24–28 August at Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet
- **Awaken** (formerly The ONE Event) 25 – 28 August at Lincolnshire Showground

## Know and Grow workshops

We are taking new bookings 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. Alternatively, you may like to book a place on a workshop 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

Here's a selection from our list of resources:

- Accessible undated Bible reading notes
- 'Prospects' worship albums on CD, MP3 and MP4
- Holy Communion service booklet

- Two teaching series available: **Joseph** has seven sessions and, new last month, **Ruth** has 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.
- There’s an attractive range of Christmas cards, including some globes to colour and construct (quite easily!) as well as other 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 1 Oct Know & Grow 1, Teignmouth Baptist Church, South Devon TQ14 8DZ

Weds 5–Thur 6 Oct Filming for Lifewords Christmas 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 10:30am service Littlehampton Baptist Church BN17 5NY

Weds 23 Nov Spring Harvest leaders’ prep day, London

**Sun 27 Nov 6pm CEI Christmas Celebration live and streamed from St Nic’s, Newbury**

### Prayer and praise

1. Give thanks for volunteering and job opportunities for people with learning disabilities – and pray for more
2. Thank God for CEI trustees Richard, Keith, Janet, Jonathan, Mayryanne, Tim and Val, praying for our meeting on 29 October

3. Pray that many people with learning disabilities will come to know and follow Jesus
4. Pray for the CEI team of 4 that we work well together
5. Pray for other people God is calling to join the CEI team
6. Pray for good health and for safety as we travel

**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,

***Pete & Christine, Janneke and Rosey***