

January 2023

Don't look back; you're not going that way

I forget what is behind me. I push hard toward what is ahead of me.....
The heavenly prize is Christ Jesus himself.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIRV)



Dear Friends,

It's the turn of another year and an opportunity to reflect on all that has happened in our own lives and in the world around us – and there has certainly been a lot. However hard it has been, and maybe still is, we've made it to today. Let's celebrate having reached this point, with the past behind us and the future lying ahead just waiting to be explored. Instead of getting stuck in regrets about the past, let's look to Jesus who, as the good old King James version of the Bible put it, is the author and finisher of our faith. He will never leave us on our own so today let us decide to keep on following Jesus because He can be trusted. He is the only one who knows the end from the beginning and everything in between.

If you missed the Christmas Celebration you can still catch up on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/f8z8WqPrqgU> (or search on YouTube for St Nicolas Church Newbury), and add to more than 377 views that have already happened.

2023 festival dates – where CEI will run accessible parallel programmes

- **Word Alive 1** – 6 April at Prestatyn, North Wales. Book at <https://wordaliveevent.org/>
- **Spring Harvest 10** – 14 April at Minehead, Somerset. Day tickets only now available
- **Spring Harvest Holidays, France 5** – 12 June. Details and booking at <https://springharvestholidays.com/feature-weeks/count-everyone-in>
- **Keswick Convention (wk 1)** 15 – 21 July at The Pencil Factory, Keswick, Cumbria
- **Creation Fest 4** – 7 August at the Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge (*to be confirmed*)

- **Connect** (New Frontiers) 24 – 28 August at Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet
- **Awaken** (formerly The ONE Event) 25 – 28 August at Lincolnshire Showground, Lincoln

Looking ahead (details correct at time of publication)

Weds 4 Jan - Office reopens after Christmas break
 Thurs 5 Jan - Core team meeting, Newbury
 Tues 10 Jan - European Disability Network meeting
 Tues 17 Jan - Churches for All (Christian disability organisations) meeting
 Thurs 19 Jan - Core team meeting, Newbury
 Sat 21 Jan - Know & Grow 1 workshop Derby City Church DE1 1LL
 Tues 24 – Thurs 26 - Church of England Evangelical Council residential – Pete & Christine
 Sat 28 Jan - Know & Grow Makaton (pilot). St James's, Lower Darwen BB3 0QP
 Thurs 2 Feb - Core team meeting, Newbury
 Sat 4 Feb - Know & Grow 1, Gas Street St Luke's, Birmingham B15 2AT
 Thurs 16 Feb - Core team meeting, Newbury
 Sat 18 Feb - Know & Grow Makaton (pilot), Weymouth Family Church
 Sat 18 Feb - Know & Grow 1, theBarn, Bidford-on-Avon B50 4JN
 Sat 25 – Sun 26 - Beechwood Chapel, Birkenhead CH43 9LB including Know & Grow 1
 Sat 11 March - Know & Grow Makaton (pilot), The King's Centre, Chessington KT9 2GZ
 Sat 22 April - Know & Grow Makaton (pilot), Christ Church, Guildford GU1 2AZ

Prayer and praise

1. Give thanks for the joy of our Christmas celebration that has had 377 views on YouTube.
2. Thank God for trustees Rick, Keith, Janet, Jonathan, Maryanne and Val, also for our treasurer Tim who has stepped down. We are praying for a replacement to be found.
3. Pray that the Know & Grow workshops in January, February and March will be effective in attracting, inspiring and equipping the 'right' people.
4. Pray that Know & Grow Makaton will be signed off by the Makaton Charity so that we can stop calling it a pilot.
5. Pray for the CEI core team, Rosey, Janneke, Pete and Christine, and for others to join us.
6. Pray that adults with learning disabilities will be supported in coming to faith in Jesus, becoming His disciples and helping others to follow Him too.
7. Pray that plans for the festivals will come together well - team members, teaching, seminars etc.

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

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And finally, let's remember

“Don’t worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to him. Then God’s peace will watch over your hearts and your minds. He will do this because you belong to Christ Jesus. God’s peace can never be completely understood.” Philippians 4:6-7

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***Please note that the best times to contact Pete & Christine are Tuesday to Friday 9:30 – 5:30pm**

Every blessing for the year ahead,

Pete & Christine, Janneke and Rosey

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