

June 2024

Praise the Lord

Dear Friends,

All you who serve the Lord, praise the Lord.

All you who serve at night in the house of the Lord,
praise him.

Lift up your hands in the temple and praise
the Lord. Psalm 134: 1,2 (NirV)

We've got some really exciting news to tell you this month and we are so thankful to God! Back in February Janneke spent a day with Becky Drake and a film crew at Gas Street Church in Birmingham. Janneke says it was an exhausting day but such fun and worth the many hours of preparation. So what was this all about, I expect you are wondering?

Nick and Becky Drake have developed Worship for Everyone as a wonderful resource for the whole church. Their worship songs express biblical truths in contemporary and accessible ways and the accompanying actions make them especially appealing to children. In conversation with Becky, Janneke suggested that Makaton signing would open them up to an even wider audience so, guess who got the job of interpreting the songs into Makaton signing? Yes, you're right, it was Janneke (with approval from The Makaton Charity)!

The nine songs with Makaton signing can be accessed free of charge on both the Count Everyone In and Worship for All You Tube channels. Click here [Count Everyone In with Worship for everyone with Makaton signing](#) Please subscribe, like and share.

We have already used these songs at several events where they have been hugely popular and relevant. Praise the Lord that we have such top class resources literally at our fingertips to help us praise the Lord!



Prayer

Without your support in lifting to God the needs of Count Everyone In we would feel very much on our own so we are grateful for your support in this way.

A few months ago, we started monthly Zoom prayer times for **Friends with Count Everyone In**. These are open to individuals, group leaders/teams and their church leaders to come together online for just half an hour, either in the middle of the day and/or early evening. If you are already a Friend with CEI you should have received email invitations but, if you've slipped through the net please let us know and we'll be sure to invite you next time. Perhaps you, your group and/or your church haven't yet signed up to be friends. Why not email pete@counteveryonein.org.uk today?

Here are this month's points for prayer:

- Thank God for the wonderful new Makaton resource produced with Worship for Everyone and pray that it will be used to help many people worship God
- Thank God for recent Know & Grow workshops in Manchester and Shrewsbury; for people of all ages and abilities
- Thank God for a lovely day of 20th birthday celebrations with the CrossRoads group in Warwick and for two people interested in joining their team
- We have an urgent need for a part-time administrator, local to Newbury. Please pray
- Pray that we connect with people God is calling to be part of a team of CEI trainers to deliver Know & Grow workshops across the country
- Pray for inspiration, energy, health, rest and safe travel



- Pray for the CEI week at Spring Harvest Holidays in France (LPO) 3 – 10 June. We expect 17 guests with learning disabilities, their families/carers, and the team – Rick, Sharon, Pete & Christine
- Pray for Janneke and the team as they plan for Keswick Convention

Know & Grow workshops

One delegate said she wished her whole church had attended the Know and Grow Life Matters workshop. Another said:

This was WONDERFUL! Thank you enormously. Lots to ponder, lots to implement, lots I enjoyed experiencing, and many great moments of inspiration, challenge and encouragement.

Please let us know if your church would like to host one of our workshops. They are for everyone, the welcomers, teamakers, worship leaders, singers, musicians and preachers as well as team members.

Know & Grow Longing to Belong – an introduction to learning disability, helpful tips to make churches more accessible for people with learning disabilities (and therefore everyone!), how to run a ministry group – and more!

Know & Grow Life Matters – facilitating conversations about big questions that affect adults with learning disabilities, just as they do everyone else: relationships, healing, mental health, loss and bereavement. We end the day with a fun-packed creative activity.

Know & Grow Makaton – a practical, fun day of learning signs and symbols for everyday communication as well as for Christian worship. This is the only workshop accredited by The Makaton Charity to teach signs and symbols for Christian vocabulary and has been developed through our partnership.

Email bookings@counteveryonein.org.uk for a place at one of the workshops listed in the **Looking Ahead** section below or to enquire about hosting one in your own church.



Holidays and festivals 2024



We'd love you to join us at the festivals where CEI will be running programmes for adults with learning disabilities:

3 – 10 June SHH France <https://booking.springharvestholidays.com/>

13 – 19 July Keswick <https://keswickministries.org/convention-2024/>

22 – 26 August Commission, Shepton Mallet <https://www.commission.global/events/cf24>

Please let us know if you book for any of these events, especially if you have anyone with a learning disability in your group as it helps us with planning.

Resources

If you would like to purchase any of our resources just drop an email to info@counteveryonein.org.uk. We add the cost of postage and packing and ask for payment by BACS transfer or cheque.

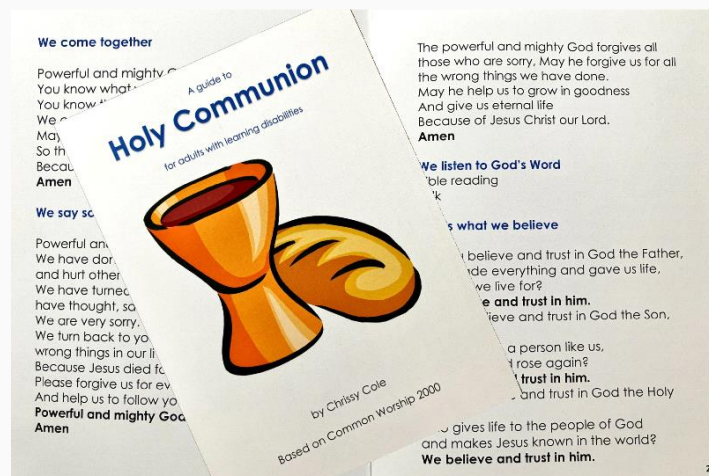
Undated Bible notes, using New International Readers Version – number of readings in brackets

What is the Gospel? (31) £4.50
Prayer (30) £4.50
Psalms (20) £4.50
Christmas is coming (25) £4.50
Easter (9) £2.50
Jesus returned to Heaven & what happened next (14) £2.50
Who is Jesus? (14) £2.50
The Holy Spirit (7) £2.50
Hope (5) £2.00

New this month

A Guide to Holy Communion, based on Common Worship 2000 and intended especially for Anglican churches to use with adults with learning disabilities.

We already have a version entitled Remembering God's



Love.

Copies are available at £2.00

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We have produced two teaching plans, one on Joseph (7 sessions – £8) and the other on Ruth (4 sessions – £4), both of which we have used at festivals and in our own groups. Details on request.

We hold some of the 'Prospects' albums of easy to sing worship songs, available on CD (£5) or MP3 (£8): Jesus the Start of it All, No god is greater and Say the Word.

There are CEI branded t-shirts (£10.50), polos (£16) and hoodies (£25) in sapphire blue, burgundy red and charcoal grey. **We are excited to be introducing some new colours to our t-shirt range – Fuchsia Pink, Sunshine Yellow and Bottle Green.**

We stock New Testaments in the New International Readers Version (NIRV Accessible Edition), with large, clear print, plenty of 'white' space (actually, light grey) and line drawings. Hardback costs £9.99 and softback is £7.99.

- **Give as You Live** is one way to donate to CEI at no extra cost to you – see link for your online shopping at the foot of this letter.
- **CCLI** Don't forget to include 'Prospects' songs in your Church Copyright Licence (CCLI) reporting.

Looking ahead – please note that Janneke, Pete & Christine meet on Thursdays

2024 – correct as at 28 May

Sat 15 June – 2:00pm Celebration of the life and ministry of David Potter (founder of Prospects) at Carey Baptist Church, Reading (NB no parking at church) **Please contact nattpotterotb@gmail.com or jonnydpotter@googlemail.com if attending**

Tue 25 – Wed 26 June – Churches for All residential, High Leigh Conference Centre

Sun 30 June – 10am service at Christ Church, Waterden Rd, Guildford

Sat 6 July – CEI trustees' meeting

Sun 7 July – Cornerstone Church, St Albans & CEI group

Sat 13 – Fri 19 July – Keswick Convention, Keswick

Thur 22 – Mon 26 Aug – Commission Festival, Shepton Mallet

Sat 7 Sept – Know & Grow Longing to Belong, St Austell, Cornwall

Sun 8 Sept – Morning Service, Helston

Sat 28 Sept – Beds, Cambs & Herts Regional Celebration, Cambridge
Tues 8 – Weds 9 Oct – Christian Resources Exhibition, Milton Keynes
Sat 19 Oct – K&G Makaton Taster Session with Through the Roof, Gosport
Sat 26 Oct – Oswestry Deanery Mission Day
Sat 26 Oct – Know & Grow Makaton, Skipton Baptist Church BD23 1ET
Sun 17 Nov – Morning service, High Street Baptist Church, Tring HP23 4AB
Sun 1 Dec – Christmas Celebration, St Nic’s Newbury and livestreamed

***Please note that the best times to contact the main office is Tuesday to Friday 9:30 – 5:30pm**



If you are thinking of supporting financially, thank you.

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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,

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