

October 2024

Team building



Dear Friends,

“Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. Suppose either of them falls down. Then the one can help the other one up. But suppose a person falls down and doesn’t have anyone to help them up. Then feel sorry for that person!” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NirV)



Anyone who has known me for a while will not be shocked when I tell you that I’m quite an independent sort of person (some might call me stubborn, but I think ‘independent’ is a better word!) Asking for help is not something I do easily. Over the years this has landed me in some trouble. I remember the enormous bruise on my shoulder from carrying a heavy chest of drawers down my very steep stairs, or the furniture I have struggled to build on my own, or the miles I’ve walked in the pouring rain because I didn’t want to bother anyone by asking for a lift. Sometimes doing things by yourself is helpful. It teaches you new skills, and you will have a sense of achievement and accomplishment. But sometimes it is important to ask others for help. The Bible is filled with reminders that we were not meant to live our life completely on our own. When Jesus built His church, He built it as a community of believers; a community of people who help each other.

Pete, Christine and I have recognised that the work of CEI is growing, which is something we are incredibly grateful for. But this means that we can no longer do the work on our own. We need help. Over the last few months, I have been working to create teams of CEI trainers for our Know and Grow Makaton workshops and for our Know and Grow Longing to Belong workshops. I feel so thankful for everyone who has joined those two teams because it means the work that we do can increase and grow. I’m confident that every single team member is able to inspire others to think about how we can make the church more accessible. Please join me this month in praying for the CEI trainers.

God Bless,
Janneke

Testimony

Our church, Forefront Church, Chard, recently arranged a missions showcase Sunday, to highlight the missions we support as individuals and as a church. There were a dozen stalls at least. We set up a table with information and pictures of CEI activities, and had some general leaflets to hand out. Most people wandered around visiting all the stalls, and there were times of worship and a talk on mission interspersed. It was an excellent way to show the mission CEI does and to interest others in its work. Different individuals stopped to talk and some expressed particular interest which may bear fruit in the future.

The church is following up the day with occasional information about the missions represented, on other Sundays. It was an excellent idea, and we took full advantage!

Keith and Gill Barnard. Keith is a Trustee of CEI

Thank you

Count Everyone In – so that no one misses out on Jesus but without you, your prayers, interest, time and financial support it would be hard for us to do what God has called us to do. Thank you for whatever part you play in supporting Count Everyone In. No contribution is too small. **Thank you.**

* **Email pete@counteveryonein.org.uk** if your group and/or church is interested in becoming **Friends with Count Everyone In**. Pete will send you an information and application form telling you about the scheme. Perhaps you will be Friend no.40!

Prayer

Our next monthly **Friends with Count Everyone In** Zoom prayer meetings are on **Thursday 24th October** – at 12.30pm and 6.30pm, each lasting just half an hour. Do let us know if you'd like to come to either of these meetings so we can send you the Zoom link.

Of course, prayer isn't just allowed on the 24th October! We appreciate your prayers throughout the month and here are some prayer points from us:

1. Prayer of thanks for Pete's health. He has successfully completed his treatment for prostate cancer and the treatment has worked well. Pete will continue to be monitored but we are grateful for his positive journey to recovery
2. Prayer for our team of trainers, and for wisdom as we explore other ways in which we can grow the CEI team
3. Prayer for the CEI trustees. Our trustees do a fantastic job making sure the charity runs smoothly and doesn't break any laws or regulations! Pray for God's blessing on our trustees and ask for God's wisdom in their decision making.
4. Prayer for Pete, Christine and Janneke as they travel to the different events this month.



Know & Grow workshops

Why not host a Know and Grow Workshop in 2025? Whether you have been running a group for adults with learning disabilities for years, or you are just beginning to think about small ways in which you can make your church a little bit more accessible, our Know and Grow workshops can help to inspire, equip and resource you. If you are interested in hosting one of our Know and Grow workshops, please get in touch! We can send you an outline of the training programme and an information sheet for host churches. These workshops are for everyone: welcomers, teamakers, worship leaders, singers, musicians and preachers as well as team members.

Email bookings@counteveryonein.org.uk

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.

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Christmas cards - Why not buy your Christmas cards from CEI this year? Your purchase will benefit the charity and give joy to the recipients of this delightful card which is unique to Count Everyone In with its artwork by Maryanne Stanley who is one of our trustees.

Packs of 10 cards including envelopes cost just £6, plus £3 postage and packing for up to 3 packs.



Count Everyone In Calendar 2025 – Maryanne has been a busy lady! She has created the artwork for our very first CEI Calendar, featuring twelve paintings depicting key moments in the life of Jesus. The calendar costs £9.



Email your order to info@counteveryonein.org.uk and make your payment ideally by BACS to our Metro Bank (business) account, using the reference ‘**cards**’ or ‘**calendar**’
 Count Everyone In -
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Resources

Bring some sunshine into the autumn with our new coloured CEI branded clothing - especially the new colours of Sunshine Yellow and Fuchsia Pink will brighten your day! We stock t-shirts (£10.50), polos (£16) and full-zip hoodies (£25) in our original colours of sapphire blue, burgundy red and charcoal grey. They come in unisex sizes Small through to 2XL (also 3XL for t-shirts).

To purchase any of our resources just drop an email to info@counteveryonein.org.uk. We add £3 for postage and packing and ask for payment by BACS transfer or cheque – details to be sent. If your order is outside of our normal weight/size we reserve the right to pass on actual delivery costs. Apart from clothing we have undated Bible notes, based on the 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

Other items are:

- A choice of two guides to Holy Communion priced at £2.00
- Two teaching plans, Joseph (7 sessions - £8) and Ruth (4 sessions - £4)
- ‘Prospects’ albums of easy to sing worship songs, available on CD or MP3: Jesus the Start of it All, No god is greater and Say the Word
- CEI branded mugs, notebooks, pens, badges and car stickers

We hold some 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. These can also be ordered from Bible Society at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/product-search/NirV%20accessible/>

Christian Resources Exhibition - 9-10 October

Displays, seminars, books, worship, almost anything you can imagine!

Milton Keynes Marshall Arena

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Marshall Arena
9-10 October 2024

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

2024 – correct on 26 September

Sat 28 September - Beds, Cambs & Herts Regional Celebration, Cambridge

Tues 8 - Weds 9 October - Christian Resources Exhibition, Milton Keynes

Sat 12 October - Alive Together in Chessington, Surrey

Sat 19 October - K&G Makaton Taster Session with Through the Roof, Solent Evangelical Church, Gosport

Sat 26 October - Know & Grow Makaton, Skipton Baptist Church BD23 1ET

Sat 26 October - Oswestry Deanery Mission Day, The Holloes, St Martin's, Oswestry SY11 3AP

Sun 27 October - Morning service, St John the Baptist, Church Street, Whittington SY11 4DF

Sun 17 November - Morning service, High Street Baptist Church, Tring HP23 4AB

Wed 20 November - Spring Harvest Planning Day, Watford, London

Sat 23 November - Know & Grow Makaton, Thornhill Church, Cardiff CF14 9GA

Sun 1 December - Christmas Celebration, 'Not just an ordinary baby', St Nic's Newbury and livestreamed

2025

Sat 18 January - Know & Grow Longing to Belong, Stanley Rd Baptist Church, Morecambe

Sun 19 January - Morning service at Stanley Rd Baptist Church, Morecambe

Sat 1 February - Know and Grow Makaton, Fishponds Baptist Church Bristol BS16 5AS

Mon 7 - Fri 11 April - Spring Harvest, Skegness

Mon 14 - Fri 18 April - Spring Harvest, Minehead

Mon 6 - Mon 13 June - Spring Harvest Holidays, France (dates to be confirmed)

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



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Every blessing,

Pete, Christine & Janneke