

September 2025

## Paul Prays and Gives Thanks



**I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. I am happy because you have joined me in spreading the good news. You have done so from the first day until now. God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:3-6 NIV**



## Dear Friends,

The summer is ending and September has arrived. September, a time to look back and reflect. September, a time to look forward and wonder. As we enter another month, I wonder what thoughts you have as you look back? Mine are filled with a mixture of joy and sadness.

Joy, as I remember that it is only just over a year since I finished treatment for prostate cancer; I'm doing well and my energy is returning at last. Thank you for your prayers. There is joy as I think about our family and their perseverance through the ups and downs, the challenges and celebrations.

Joy, as I glimpse what has been achieved through CEI's Know & Grow workshops all over the country, as well as our accessible programmes at Christian festivals. Joy, as I watched our friends with learning disabilities processing around the Keswick Convention site waving flags and joyfully singing 'We are marching in the light of God'.

Joy too, as volunteers have stepped up to be team members at festivals and others have been trained to deliver our workshops.

I feel sad though, as I hear derogatory comments about my friends with learning disabilities, yes even in these days. There is also sadness as I remember those who have died and gone to be with Jesus, all the while giving thanks for their lives and praying for those who are left behind.

But, as I look backwards and forwards, I thank God for you all. Thank you for partnering with Count Everyone In in the Gospel. God has indeed begun a good work in us all. And we can be sure that He will carry it on until it is completed which will be on the day Christ Jesus returns.

May you all know His richest blessing in the months and years ahead,

Pete

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**Welcome** to any new readers who have joined us recently. We are so glad to know of your interest and support. If at any time you wish to unsubscribe from our mailing list, please drop us a line – no hard feelings because we know how quickly our email Inboxes fill up!

## Carers Toolkit

### We need your help!!!

We are hoping to develop a toolkit for individuals and small groups to use within church settings that would aim to build resilience, encourage spiritual reflection, and help parents and carers to recognise the expertise they have in caring for their loved ones. We need your help to achieve this. Please fill in our short questionnaire via the QR code.

**Thank you.**

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Please help us by filling in our Carers Toolkit Questionnaire

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## Being Friends

Count Everyone In – so that no one misses out on Jesus

\* Email [pete@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:pete@counteveryonein.org.uk) if you, your group and/or church are interested in becoming Friends with Count Everyone In. Pete will send you an information and application form telling you about the scheme.

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**Thank you**

**God is good and His faithful love continues forever. Thank you Lord.** 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.

If you are thinking of supporting financially, thank you.

Donate to Count Everyone In at [www.give.net/20280624](http://www.give.net/20280624) or directly into Metro Bank (business) account (Gift Aid form available on request)  
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**Janneke's Challenge** – Janneke started the year with a challenge for herself and for us all to memorise some verses from the Bible each month. Here are the latest ones:

Ruth 1:16 - But Ruth replied, "Don't make me leave you and go back. Where you go, I'll go. Where you stay, I'll stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God."

1 Peter 1:8 - Even though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him. You are filled with a glorious joy that can't be put into words.

## Prayer

Our monthly **Friends with Count Everyone In** Zoom prayer meetings resume on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September** for just 30 minutes at 12.30pm and/ or 6.30pm. If you are on our list, you will receive the link automatically. Here are some suggestions for prayer:



1. Thank God for opportunities for our friends with learning disabilities to get to know Him better and grow in their faith
2. Thank God for a new season and new opportunities
3. Pray for wisdom in how we challenge misconceptions, prejudice and unhelpful attitudes
4. Pray for people who are unable to continue attending church/ groups, festivals etc. because of changes in care arrangements
5. Pray for more individuals and churches to consider becoming 'Friends' with CEI

## Workshops

**Know & Grow Longing to Belong** – an introduction to learning disability, theology, communication and how the church can respond

**Know & Grow Life Matters** – supporting adults with learning disabilities as they face issues such as relationships, healing, mental health and bereavement

**Know & Grow Makaton** – learn to sign everyday and Christian vocabulary at the only workshop for Christian language that is accredited by The Makaton Charity (TMC). It was developed by Janneke Klos in partnership with TMC.

To book a place or to host at your own church, email: [bookings@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:bookings@counteveryonein.org.uk)

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## Resources

**Bible Update (NirV - accessible edition)** We are keen to promote this edition of the Bible - New Testament only at present - but it has been out of print and almost impossible to obtain for some time now. Count Everyone In has been in discussion with Biblica, the publishers, regarding a reprint and, until recently, one of the main blockages has been lack of funding. That said, you may have picked up from a recent CEI newsletter that an anonymous donor came forward at Spring Harvest and we are delighted to say that finance is no longer a problem. However, there are other obstacles to overcome, such as storage, distribution and financial management. Please pray with us for solutions to be found - quickly - so that copies are once again available.

**Other resources:** If you are interested in purchasing CEI branded t-shirts or full-zip hoodies, accessible Bible notes, teaching plans based on Joseph or Ruth, CEI badges, notebooks, pens, keyrings or Prospects worship albums, please email [info@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:info@counteveryonein.org.uk) for a full list.

**Diary dates** – please note that Janneke, Pete, Christine and Bronwen (admin support) meet on Thursdays

Sat 13 Sep	K&G Makaton, Century Baptist Church, High St, March
Sun 14 Sep	Fenland Community Church, Mill View, March
Mon 22 & Tue 23 Sep	K&G Makaton Tutor training course
Thurs 25 Sept	CEI Friends Zoom Prayer 12:30-1:00pm & 6:30-7:00pm
Sat 4 Oct	K&G Makaton, Bethany Hall, 14 Westham Road, Weymouth
Sat 11 Oct	Alive Together, The King's Centre, Coppard Gardens, Chessington
Wed 15 & Thu 16 Oct	Christian Resources Exhibition, Sandown Racecourse, Esher, Surrey
Tues 21 Oct	Church is for All Zoom meeting
Thurs 23 Oct	CEI Friends Zoom Prayer 12:30-1:00pm & 6:30-7:00pm
Sat 25 Oct	K&G Longing to Belong, Halifax Elim Church, Hall St, Halifax
Fri 14 Nov	K&G Makaton for the Chester Diocese
Sat 15 Nov	K&G Longing to Belong, Eastpoint Vineyard Church, Lowestoft
Thurs 27 Nov	CEI Friends Zoom Prayer 12:30-1:00pm & 6:30-7:00pm
<b>Sun 7 Dec</b>	<b>CEI Christmas Celebration at St Nic's Church, Newbury and livestreamed to you wherever you are!</b>

**GDPR** We hold your contact details for the purpose of sending you this newsletter at your own request. We also hold details of people who serve on CEI teams or attend training days. If you have any questions about this, or you wish to be removed from mailing lists etc, please let us know.

- **Give as You Live** is one way to donate to CEI at no extra cost to you  
– <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/>
- **CCLI** Don't forget to include 'Prospects' songs in your Church Copyright Licence (CCLI) reporting

**Social media** - See [www.counteveryonein.org.uk](http://www.counteveryonein.org.uk) and you can also keep up with us on Facebook, X & Instagram. Please follow, like and share so that more people find out what is happening.

**Every blessing,**

*Pete, Christine & Janneke*

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