

January 2026

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



An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.”
Luke 2:8-12 (abridged) NIV

Dear Friends,

Christmas is over and a new year is beginning. It's a time when we look back, take stock, and look forward with hope.

On Sunday, December 7th, we gathered in Newbury for our CEI annual Christmas celebration. As in past years, it was filled with both joy and meaningful challenge. Our aim is always to share the good news of Jesus in an accessible way.



I believe we accomplished that goal, and I am ever grateful to God for using us in the ways that He does. But what does that message mean—not just for friends with a learning disability, but for everyone?

A friend texted me later with these words: “I was struck by the line in the service about Jesus coming to the shepherds and to the kings, and to everyone in between. Seemed fitting for Count Everyone In.”

The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people.”

After the shepherds had seen Jesus, they returned and gave glory and praise to God. Everything they had seen and heard was just as they had been told.

As we enter a new year full of unknowns, let us remember that Jesus came for everyone - the poor, marginalised, foreigners, wealthy, intellectuals, politicians and more. In fact, He came for all of us. May His joy fill us and the good news of salvation inspire us in the months ahead.

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

Wishing you a very Happy New Year,

Pete

If you wish to watch our Christmas celebration, click below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfPlmJkxkdY&t=32s&pp=0gcJCSkKAYcqIYzv>

Remembering friends

As we look back over the last year we are mindful of a number of our friends who have gone to be with Jesus. Let's thank God for them, and remember their friends and families in our prayers.

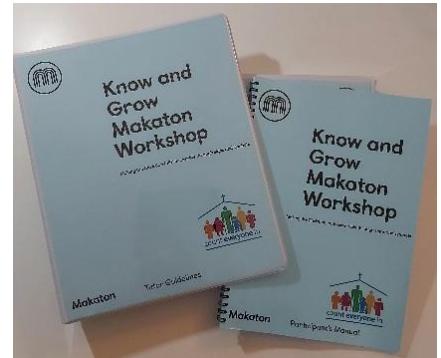
Welcome to any new readers who have joined us recently. We are so glad to know of your interest and support. If at any time you wish to unsubscribe from our mailing list, please drop us a line – no hard feelings because we know how quickly our email Inboxes fill up!



NEW: Online Know and Grow Makaton workshop

In 2026, Janneke is taking the Know and Grow Makaton workshop online! We pray that online workshops will enable those who have not been able to travel to face-to-face workshops, or who haven't been able to commit to a full day's training, to be inspired and equipped to use Makaton in their worship.

The first online workshop will be delivered across two Saturday mornings in January, with others to follow later in the year.



Saturday 24th and Saturday 31st January 2026 – 9.30-1pm.

Price - £40 per person (which includes a workbook and certificate which will be posted to you).

Hurry to book your place – almost full!: **Know and Grow Makaton - Online (24-Jan-2026) - CharitySuite Events** or email us – bookings@counteveryonein.org.uk

Know and Grow 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). This workshop was developed by Janneke Klos in partnership with TMC.

Would you and your church be interested in hosting any of these workshops?
email: bookings@counteveryonein.org.uk

Being Friends

Count Everyone In – so that no one misses out on Jesus and we need each other!

* Email pete@counteveryonein.org.uk if you, your group and/or church are interested in becoming Friends with Count Everyone In.

Open to individuals,
churches/groups.
Further info from
pete@counteveryonein.org.uk
07711 869810



Pete will send you an information and application form telling you about the scheme. **Being a Friend also adds you to our monthly half hour prayer Zoom invitation list.**

Thank you

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 too, to all our anonymous givers; you know who you are!

If you are thinking of supporting financially, thank you.

Donate to Count Everyone In at <http://www.give.net/20280624> or directly into Metro Bank (business) account (Gift Aid form available on request)
Sort code: 23 05 80 - Account no: 33248601



Prayer

Friends with Count Everyone In Zoom prayer meetings resume on Thursday 22nd January and we will send out the Zoom Links in due course. Here are some prayer points in the meantime:

1. Thank God for the Christmas celebration
2. Pray for Janneke as she prepares for the online Know and Grow Makaton workshop in January and that it will prove to be an effective learning method
3. Pray for groups restarting in January, for energy and inspiration, and for new team members
4. Pray for our friends with learning disabilities whose access to church and leisure activities may be affected by bad weather and dark evenings



Spring Harvest Holidays in partnership with CEI

BOOK NOW

2026 is the 20th year since the first holiday in France for adults with learning disabilities. Will you join us for an amazing week?



Where? Le Pas Opton, Le Fenouiller in the beautiful Vendée region of western France.

When? 1-8 June 2026

To get 15% off your holiday, just quote **EVERYONE** when you book if your group/ family includes an adult with a learning disability. **01825 748318** or www.springharvestholidays.com/everyone

Contact info@counteveryonein.org.uk or **07751 431277** to let us know you've booked so that we can write to you ahead of your holiday.

Resources

Bible Update (NIV - accessible edition) We are excited to tell you that the reprint of the New Testament has been done and, by the time you read this, copies should have reached the CEI office. We are absolutely thrilled that the Book of Psalms will also be available.

Prices are as follows:

New Testament (soft back) - **£7.99 + p&p**

Psalms (soft back) - **£4.00 + p&p**

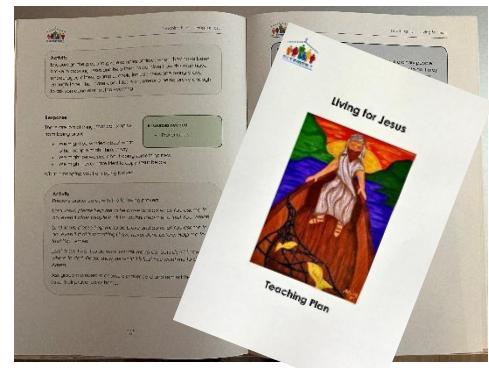
Psalms Devotions - **£4.50 + p&p**

Trevor, our friend from Biblica, holding copies of the New Testament and Psalms



New resource! We have published a new teaching plan. It is called 'Living for Jesus' and consists of five teaching sessions that explore what it's like to be a friend of Jesus, based on the life and experiences of Peter. Price: **£7.00 + p&p**

Other resources: If you are interested in purchasing CEI branded t-shirts or full-zip hoodies, accessible Bible notes, our other teaching plans based on Joseph or Ruth, CEI badges, notebooks, pens, keyrings, ceramic mugs or travel mugs, please email info@counteveryonein.org.uk for a full list.



Diary dates – please note that Janneke, Pete, Christine and Bronwen meet on Thursdays

20 Dec – 2 Jan	CEI office closed for Christmas break
19-20 Jan	Know and Grow Makaton Tutor Training
22 Jan	CEI Friends Prayer Zoom
24 & 31 Jan	Online Know and Grow Makaton workshop
Multiple dates	Know and Grow Makaton taster sessions with Through the Roof
7 Feb	Know and Grow Makaton taster session – Bristol
12 Feb	CEI Trustees Meeting
26 Feb	CEI Friends Prayer Zoom
26 Mar	CEI Friends Prayer Zoom
30 Mar – 3 Apr	Spring Harvest Skegness
6-10 Apr	Spring Harvest Minehead
23 Apr	CEI Friends Prayer Zoom
25 Apr	Know and Grow Makaton – Terrington St Clement, King's Lynn
9 May	Know and Grow Longing to Belong – Kenn Road Methodist, Clevedon
16 May	Know and Grow Makaton workshop – Midsomer Norton (no spaces available)
23 May	Created to Belong Conference – Scotland
28 May	CEI Friends Prayer Zoom
1-8 Jun	Spring Harvest Holidays – France (travel dates 30/31 May)
25 Jun	CEI Friends Prayer Zoom
18 - 24 July	Keswick Convention week 1 (CEI 20-24 July)

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- **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 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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