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Colours of Creation



The heavens tell about the glory of God. The skies show that His hands created them. Day after day they speak about it. Night after night they make it known. But they don't speak or use words. No sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into the whole earth. Their words go out from one end of the world to the other. Psalm 19:1-4 NlrV

Dear Friends,

Ever since I was a little girl, I have enjoyed creative and crafty things – making cards, colouring, dabbling in watercolours and acrylic painting. It is therefore not surprising that using creativity in my worship has become one of my favourite ways to spend time with the Father. When I play with pretty paper or paint, my mind stops thinking about my to-do list – the emails I need to send, the Makaton signs I need to learn, the meetings I need to prepare for. Instead, my mind focuses on the thing I am doing, and on the One who inspires me to create.



All through the Bible we can see how incredibly creative our God is. And that creativity isn't confined to the pages of the Bible. We can look up and see the beauty of His creation all around us. And we can also look at ourselves and see the creativity He has placed within each of us. A creativity that we can use to worship the Creator. And just like creation is diverse, so is the creativity in us. Some of us worship God through the music we play, some through the food we cook for others, some through the words we write, and some through the pictures we paint. There is no limit to our creativity, because there is no limit to the Creator who gave us that creativity. But we can put limits on ourselves. We can think we are not creative; that our song, or our cake, or our writing, or our painting isn't very good – and surely not good enough for God. If there is anything I have learned through my journey of painting and creating is that God cares far less about the end product, and far more about the heart that seeks Him and worships Him through the act of creativity.

So friends, let me encourage you to pick up that paint brush, or that guitar, or that cake tin, and have a go. Create to celebrate the creativity God has given you. Create to worship our Creator.

God bless,
Janneke

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 seminars

Readers of our newsletter have seen that we are expanding our Know and Grow training package to include online training. Janneke has delivered the first online Know and Grow Makaton workshop, and she will continue to deliver this workshop online regularly (the next workshop is in May, please see below for more details).

We recognise however, that for some attending a full workshop or training day is not required or even possible. Therefore, we will be launching CEI seminars – 1-hour long online sessions aimed specifically at people who are interested in finding out more about what an accessible church might look like.

The first CEI seminar will be launching on the **20th April (7-8pm)** – please keep an eye out on our social media and the April newsletter for more information.



Here is a reminder of the Know and Grow Workshops that we offer at present:

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

Book here:

Know and Grow Makaton in Reading - 18th April - [Know and Grow Makaton - Reading \(18-Apr-2026\)](#) · [CharitySuite Events](#)

Know and Grow Makaton (online) - 3 sessions: Wed 6th May, Wed 13th May & Wed 20th May - 6.30-9pm - [Know and Grow Makaton - Online \(06-May-2026\)](#) · [CharitySuite Events](#)

**Know and Grow Makaton Longing to Belong - 9th May
[Know and Grow Longing to Belong - Clevedon \(9-May-2026\)](#) [Charity Suite Events](#)**

Know and Grow Makaton in King's Lynn (Terrington St Clement) - 27th June - [Know and Grow Makaton - King's Lynn \(27-Jun-2026\)](#) · [CharitySuite Events](#)

**Know and Grow Life Matters in Melksham – 3rd October
[Know and Grow Life Matters - Melksham \(03-Oct-2026\)](#) · [CharitySuite Events](#)**

or 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.

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.](#)

Open to individuals,
churches/groups.
Further info from

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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. We don't receive any funding apart from that of individuals and churches, and no contribution is too small. Thank you too, to all our anonymous givers; you know who you are!

Donations to Count Everyone, regular or one-off, In may be made at <http://www.give.net/20280624> or directly into Metro Bank (business) account (Gift Aid form available on request)
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Prayer

Friends with Count Everyone In Zoom prayer meetings continue on Thursday 26th March and we will send out the Zoom Links in due course. Here are some prayer points in the meantime:

1. Prayer for the CEI Spring Harvest teams as they are planning for the weeks at Skegness (30th March – 3rd April) and Minehead (6th April – 10th April)
2. Prayer for the ongoing work and relationship with The Makaton Charity
3. Thanks for the relationship with Through the Roof – Janneke has been working with the TTR team to deliver Makaton taster sessions, and the response has been great.
4. Prayer for Friends groups that are struggling with succession planning – we particularly pray for new (and younger) volunteers and leaders to help run the groups



Regional prayer

This month we want to pray specifically for churches in the Bristol and Bath area, that they may recognise the importance of being welcoming and accessible for adults with learning disabilities and their families. We also thank God for connections with individuals and organisations in the region and pray that He might guide our conversations.

Spring Harvest Holidays in partnership with CEI

We've booked - how about you?



2026 is the 20th year since the first holiday in France for adults with learning disabilities. We offer a programme that runs alongside the main programme, with accessible worship, Bible teaching, art and craft, fun and friendship. Will you join us?

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

When? 1-8 June 2026

If your group/ family includes an adult with a learning disability you can obtain a 15% discount by quoting EVERYONE when you phone **01825 748318** to make your booking. See also 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

We now have copies of the newly reprinted **New Testament** and also **Psalms**, both **NiRV - Accessible Edition (softback)**. We also have the **CEI Psalms Devotions** which was commissioned by Biblica some years ago to be published at the same time as Psalms itself. It consists of 20 sessions, each focusing on one psalm and using illustrations from the Psalms publication. Now, at long last, we can offer you both.



Here are comments received so far about Psalms:

“Only £4 - that’s a good price!”

“Requests from other church members who simply find Bible poetry difficult!”

Contact us today for your copies.

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

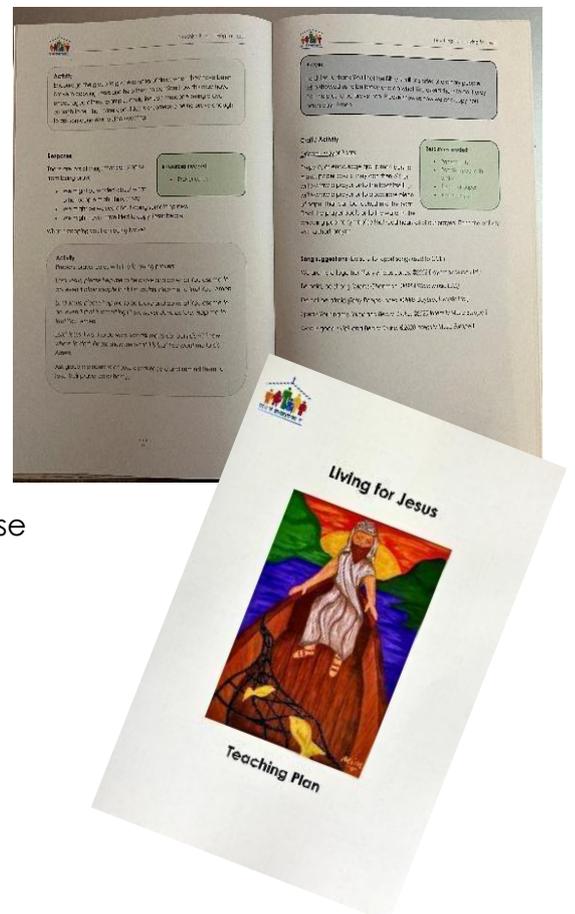
Psalms (soft back) - **£4.00 + p&p**

Psalms Devotions - **£4.50 + p&p**

New resources: Our latest teaching plan, ‘Living for Jesus’ is proving popular. It 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**

We are working on yet another teaching plan so watch out for that. Very soon we shall also have a Carers’ Pack, to which many of you will have contributed. More on that next time!

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 the CEI team normally meets on Thursdays

1 Mar	Cornerstone Church, St Albans and CEI group
1 Mar	Open Praise, Crossways Community Church, Dorking
12 Mar	Filming (Makaton) with Worship for Everyone
14 Mar	Ely Diocese Chaplaincy Training pt 3
24 Mar	Reading groups Easter Celebration
26 Mar	CEI Friends Prayer Zoom
30 Mar – 3 Apr	Spring Harvest Skegness
6-10 Apr	Spring Harvest Minehead
18 Apr	Know and Grow Makaton - Wycliffe Baptist Church, Reading
19 Apr	St Mary's, Eversley
23 Apr	CEI Friends Prayer Zoom
6 May	Know and Grow Makaton pt 1 - Online
9 May	Know and Grow Longing to Belong – Kenn Road Methodist Church, Clevedon
13 May	Know and Grow Makaton pt 2 - Online
16 May	Know and Grow Makaton workshop – Midsomer Norton (no spaces available)
20 May	Know and Grow Makaton pt 3 - Online
23 May	Created to Belong Conference – Scotland
24 May	Stanley Road Baptist Church, Morecambe
28 May	CEI Friends Prayer Zoom
1-8 Jun	Spring Harvest Holidays – France (travel dates 30/31 May)
25 Jun	CEI Friends Prayer Zoom
27 Jun	Know and Grow Makaton – Terrington St Clement, King's Lynn
4 Jul	CEI Trustees' Meeting
12 Jul	Christ Church, Guildford
20 - 24 Jul	Keswick Convention week 1- CEI Celebration programme
18 Jul-1 Aug	Keswick Convention weeks 1 & 2 - exhibition and Seminars

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' and 'Worship for Everyone' 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, comment and share so that more people find out about CEI.**

Every blessing,

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