

May 2026

Lord you've been good to me

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV



Dear Friends,

1st May 2017 is a date that is firmly fixed in my mind, a day of rejoicing and trepidation. Had God really said He wanted us to begin a new chapter, a new charity, to take a step into the unknown? Well yes, He had and He has confirmed it over and over again. 1st May 2026 is Count Everyone In's ninth birthday and it hardly seems possible!

We have seen His mighty hand at work in so many ways, more than we could imagine. For those of you who have been with us on that journey from the beginning, for those who have joined along the way and for those who have just joined, it's a HUGE thank you. Without your prayers, financial giving and encouragement we could not have got as far as we have, THANK YOU.

Some of you are personal Friends with CEI, some of you as churches are Friends. There are now some 40 churches and numerous individuals who have signed up to be Friends with CEI. We invite you as Friends to join our monthly 'Call to Prayer' Zoom meetings. If you are not yet an official Friend with CEI and want to know more, please email me on pete@counteveryonein.org.uk. I would love to hear from you.



Over the nine years, we have run countless workshops: Know and Grow Longing to Belong, Know and Grow Life Matters, and Know and Grow Makaton, all receiving much encouraging and helpful feedback. We have been at Spring Harvest Minehead and Skegness, and Spring Harvest France. We have also been to Keswick and Word Alive running celebrations and exhibiting at them and at the Christian Resources Exhibition, every event tiring, challenging and exciting. Why do we do it? Because we don't want anyone to miss out on Jesus.

We also had the thrill of Janneke becoming our first paid member of the team, having already been on the journey with us for 6 years. At that point, 1st June 2025, Count Everyone In became '3'. Our God is good and faithful.

Now for this year's BIG news! On 1st May 2026 we become '4'! Becca Puzey joins us as CEI's second employee. Please join us in welcoming Becca to the team. What's around the bend? We don't know, but we have a God who does!



Lord you've been good to me
All my life, all my life
Your loving kindness never fails
I will remember
All you have done
Bring from my heart
Thanksgiving songs
New every morning is your love
Filled with compassion from above
Grace and forgiveness full and free
Lord you've been good to me

So may each breath I take
Be for you Lord, only you
Giving you back the life I owe
Love so amazing
Mercy so free
Lord you've been good
So good to me

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Pete

Welcome to any new readers who have joined us recently. Thank you for your interest, support and prayer. 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!



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

Know & Grow Longing to Belong (in-person) – an introduction to learning disability, theology, communication and how the church can respond

Know & Grow Life Matters (in-person) – supporting adults with learning disabilities as they face issues such as relationships, healing, mental health and bereavement

Know & Grow Makaton (in-person and online) – 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 (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 Longing to Belong - 9th May

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

Know and Grow Makaton – 16th May

[Know and Grow Makaton - Bath \(16-May-2026\)](#) · [CharitySuite 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

More Makaton training? Have you ever thought about it?

Janneke also runs Generic Makaton. Why not join her on her next Makaton Level 1 workshop that will be delivered across three Wednesday evenings in June/July - 6.30om - 9pm. Price is £85. **You must attend all three evenings.**

Book by emailing Janneke - Yonka.Klos@outlook.com

Wednesday 17th June

Wednesday 24th June

Wednesday 1st July

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 28th May and we will send out the Prayer points and Zoom Links in due course. Here are some prayer points for this month:



1. Praise for Spring Harvest! Joyful and uplifting CEI celebrations. Positive CEI involvement in 'Soul Space' – with quieter and more accessible evening celebrations. Many fruitful conversations at the exhibition.
2. Praise for the opportunities offered over Easter to help everyone including adults with learning disabilities, grasp the truth that Jesus died for them and that new life is there for all
3. Pray for the ongoing relationship with 'Worship for Everyone' (Nick and Becky Drake) as we explore more opportunities for accessible worship
4. Continued prayer for Friends groups that are struggling with succession planning, for new and younger leaders and helpers to run the group
5. Thank God for Becca joining the team 1st May and pray that she quickly settles in

Regional prayer - especially for churches in the North of England where we have few contacts, that they will recognise the importance of being welcoming and accessible for adults with learning disabilities.

Spring Harvest Holidays in partnership with CEI

We're getting excited!!!

It was 20 years ago that Pete and Christine made their first visit to Le Pas Opton in the Vendée region of western France. Alongside Tony and Tua Phelps-Jones, they led the first LPO holiday for adults with learning disabilities, their families and support staff. Apart from the two Covid years, we have continued, with different team members, to run these holidays and here we are planning for June 2026, thrilled to be celebrating 20 years at LPO! We offer an accessible holiday that runs alongside the main programme, with worship, Bible teaching, art and craft, BBQs, beach and pool, fun and friendship. Will you join us?

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

New Testament and also Psalms, both NlrV - 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.

Contact us today for your copies.

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

Psalms (soft back) - **£4.00 + p&p**

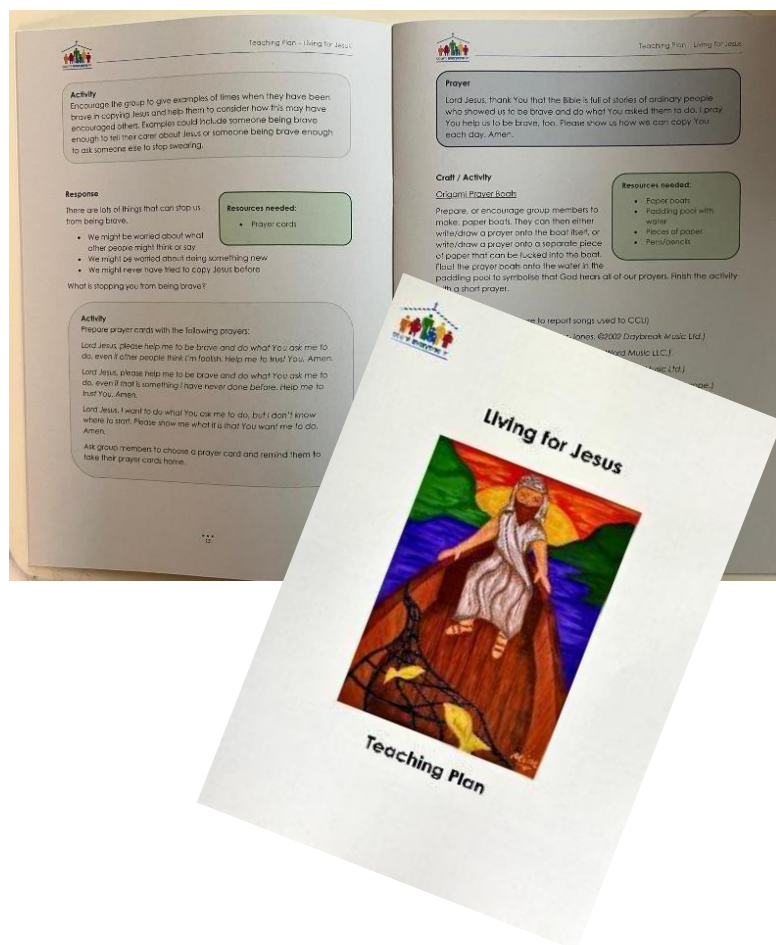
Psalms Devotions - **£4.50 + p&p**



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.

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 May	Becca - Induction
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 (Bath)
17 May	Good News Church, Melksham
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
28 Jun	Holy Trinity, Redhill
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,

Pete, Christine and Janneke

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