November 2026

Light in the darkness.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life." John 8:12 (NIrV)

The clocks have gone back and daylight hours are diminishing. The bright green of summer leaves has been replaced by a stunning array of autumn colours, the leaves now crisp as they fall to the ground. Swallows, swifts and martins have flown away to the warmth of Africa. Even the ducks seem reluctant to venture into the Kennet and Avon Canal.



How do you feel at this time of year? Maybe it's because I have a birthday in November, that I like autumn. I enjoy drawing the curtains and settling down for a cosy evening in our warm home. For some people the onset of autumn and winter is a cause for dread, and I feel for those who experience the depressive symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder, aptly known as S.A.D.

Throughout history, people have been governed by the seasons with their varying degrees of light and warmth. At this time of year many world religions celebrate a Festival of Lights, representing the victory of light over darkness, and of good over evil.

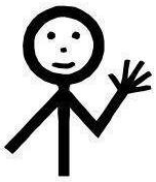
Light and darkness cannot co-exist; the winner is always the light. Jesus is the Light of the World and he has defeated the darkness of sin. As Christians, we always have Jesus, who is the Light of the World, with us. When we invite Jesus into our lives, He removes the gloom of sin and fills us with His light, love and life. If you struggle in the dark months that are ahead, hold on to your faith in the Light of the World. If you feel despondent as you look around at this world of sin, sadness and suffering, follow Jesus and trust in Him. He will stay with you as your Saviour and Guide, however dark and difficult the way ahead may be.

Every good and perfect gift is from God. This kind of gift comes down from the Father who created the heavenly lights. These lights create shadows that move. But the Father does not change like these shadows. James 1:17 (NIrV)

Every blessing in Jesus,

Christine

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!



Friends Scheme Relaunch

On **15th September 2026** we relaunched our Friends Scheme with some **exciting** new updates!



If you or your church/group are a Friend with Count Everyone In, you will have been given more information, including ways to connect, receive support and how to access resources that will be **exclusively** for Friends.

If you, or your group have not already signed up to be a Friend, you're not sure or didn't receive that email, please contact us at **info@counteveryonein.org.uk**. We will send you an information and application form telling you about the scheme in more detail.

Art still wanted!

We are continuing our work on our next CEI resources and we are keen to include some artwork from our friends with learning disabilities. Thank you so much to those of you who have submitted some absolutely wonderful artwork! There still are some stories or Bible characters we need some art for. So, if you would like to send us one of your pictures, please let us know!



- The fall of Jericho (Joshua 6:1-27)
- Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)
- Peter - breakfast on the beach (John 21:1-19)
- Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
- Thomas (John 20:24-29)

Please email us a picture of your art: **info@counteveryonein.org.uk**, or alternatively you can send it by post. Thank you!

Christmas Celebration December 2026 **What kind of King?**



It's November but.... we'd hate you to miss out on one of Count Everyone In's most popular events of the year. Why not put it in your diary now?



Christmas Celebration - join in person or by livestream
Sunday 6 December at 6:00 - 7:15pm
St Nicolas' Church, Newbury RG14 5HG

You are invited …. YES YOU!

Count Everyone In's 10th birthday celebration service

YES, you are all invited - join us in person or by livestream

Saturday 1st May 2027 at 5:00pm
St Nicolas' Church, Newbury RG14 5HG

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.
'How to Count Everyone In' ***(online)*****-** an hour-long online session aimed specifically at people who are interested in finding out more about what an accessible church might look like.

Would you and your church be interested in hosting an in-person workshop?
email: **bookings@counteveryonein.org.uk**

Click on the links below to book your place:

'How to Count Everyone In' online seminar - 9th November
CEI Online Seminar- How To Count Everyone In (09-Nov-2026) · CharitySuite Events

Know and Grow Makaton (online) - 6th, 13th & 20th January 2027
Know and Grow Makaton - Online (06-Jan-2027) · CharitySuite Events

'How to Count Everyone In' online seminar – 1st February 2027
CEI Online Seminar - How to Count Everyone In (01-Feb-2027) CharitySuite Events

Know and Grow Makaton (online) - 27th February & 6th March 2027
Know and Grow Makaton - Online (27-Feb-2027) · CharitySuite Events

or email **bookings@counteveryonein.org.uk**

More Makaton training? Have you ever thought about it?

Did you know that Janneke also runs Generic Makaton workshops, both online and in-person? She generally runs online workshops across three weekday evenings, and in-person workshops on Saturdays in the Portsmouth area. Workshops are priced at £90 per person.

Saturday 16th January 2026 - In-person Level 1 workshop in Portsmouth.
Contact Janneke at Janneke@counteveryonein.org.uk for more information.

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 do not 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 In, regular or one-off, may be made 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 points



By Maryanne

- Give thanks for groups that have recently joined as Friends with CEI, and for those who are about to do so
- Give thanks for the many people attending our one-hour online seminar 'How to Count Everyone In'. Pray that this leads to more requests for fuller training and a greater welcome and accessibility.
- Pray for the CEI Consultation Day on 7 November that the invited guests will share experiences and ideas as we seek God's guidance for the future
- Pray for the CEI Christmas Celebration, that it will reach many with the true meaning of Christmas. Pray too for similar events in churches and groups around the country.

Regional Focus

- Rural locations across the country

Resources



We have a wide range of resources including a New Testament and Psalms, both NIrV - Accessible Edition (softback).

'Just wanted to say what a blessing the NIrV accessible edition Psalms & New Testaments are.'
'We've been using them every day since Keswick convention (unless the reading in our devotional is from the OT) and Ben is loving that he can read the Bible himself.'



'These Bibles are a great resource.'

Please contact info@counteveryonein.org.uk for information on many other products including clothing, pens, key rings, bible reading notes etc.

Diary dates – please note that the CEI team normally meets on Thursdays

7 Nov	**CEI Consultation day (by invitation)**
9 Nov	**How to Count Everyone In (online) Seminar**
12 Nov	**Spring Harvest Prep Day**
26 Nov	**Prayer Zoom Meeting**
6 Dec	**CEI – Christmas Celebration, St Nics, Newbury and online**
6, 13 & 20 Jan 2027	**Know and Grow Makaton (online)**
1 Feb 2027	**How to Count Everyone In' (online) seminar**
27 Feb & 6 Mar 2027	**Know and Grow Makaton (online)**
1 May 2027	**10th Birthday Celebration Service – in person or livestream, Newbury**

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

- A new way to give (**Easyfundraising**)

Over 8,000 retailers are ready to donate to Count Everyone In at no extra cost to you.

Please sign up to support us today and we could win a big £1,000 donation prize:

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/count-everyone-in/ia4u38/c2s/2IM2zowo/CE994/facebook/

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,

Janneke, Becca, Pete and Christine

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