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- ✚ **The Week of Prayer For World Peace** - takes place between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October, an opportunity to reflect on the need for all faiths (and none) to strive for peace in our troubled world, and the part we ALL have to play in this. This year, the Baha'i Group at the Centre have agreed to lead an evening of prayers **this Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>)**, starting at **1930hrs**, when each part of our globe will be remembered, with quotes from different faith traditions. Everyone is welcome. For info click on [WoPWP](#)
- ✚ **Autumn Talks 2 - Jerusalem - a personal reflection** – an evening of insight & sharing led by Brenda Dorrian, a Sister of Notre Dame de Sion, who spent a number of years in the Holy City. Do please join us this **Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup>) at 1930hrs** and hear Brenda's reflections on life in Jerusalem, her friendships and challenges [Jerusalem Poster](#)
- ✚ **Shuttleworth - Marsden Heights School Link** - congratulations to the 35+ KS4 students from both colleges, who joined us yesterday for a day of diversity and identity exploration, led by Sarah Hartley and Janine MacLean. Wonderful to see our young people entering so fully into the various exercises. Equally wonderful to witness the Jacob's Join so lovingly prepared by our young people and enjoyed by not only their peers, but by many at the Campus too! We look forward to the next gathering. Thank you to all our teachers who work so diligently to make this link work happen.
- ✚ **Sir John Thursby (SJT) - Community Art Project** - do you enjoy art? Then why not join in this wonderful community event taking place at SJT on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October - 0930hrs - 1100hrs**. Everyone is most welcome, irrespective of skill! Ring 01282 682313 or email [m.wilson@sirjohnthursby.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.wilson@sirjohnthursby.lancs.sch.uk) Please come and support.
- ✚ **Thomas Whitham VC Exhibition** - the Faith Centre will be hosting an exhibition to celebrate the life of Thomas Whitham VC (who served in World War I) during **w/c 8 & w/c 15 November**. It will be **launched on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> at 1745hrs**. For e-bulletin readers, please see poster attached. Invitations have been sent to all local schools this week and bookings are coming in. Please support this excellent initiative, as we remember a Burnley-born hero and reflect on the Great War. Further details to follow shortly on opening times to the public, times of school visits and other information.
- ✚ **RE Showcase Celebrations** - thank you to all the local primary schools who responded so generously to our series of interactive workshops, which will take place at the Campus during **w/c 1<sup>st</sup> and w/c 8<sup>th</sup> November**. The Art Workshop is now full, though there are still one or two spaces on Literature / Poetry (Christianity / Islam), Storytelling (Buddhism / Judaism) and Classical Indian Dance. Our workshops are all leading towards our Interfaith Week (IFW) Celebrations, which will take place during **w/c 22 November**. Info on IFW to follow - workshop planning taking up lots of time!

✚ **Ethnicity, Culture and Faith - a Lancashire and NW Perspective** – a day of training for those involved in Christian Ministry on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noorul Islam Mosque, Audley Range, Blackburn. For more info and bookings click on the following link [CTL Events](#)

✚ **Ever been around a Magistrates' Court . . .** if not, then you're in luck this Monday (18<sup>th</sup>). Why not come along to Burnley Magistrates' Court between 1830hrs and 2100hrs and witness some of our talented students from Unity College performing a "Mock Trial". Having viewed some of Unity's students recently, I would strongly suggest you are in for a treat. An opportunity to meet various agencies involved in keeping law and order in our towns and local communities. Please support.

✚ **Anne Frank 'A History for Today' Exhibition** - readers will recall our two memorable weeks in sunny June, when we greatly enjoyed working alongside our friends from The Anne Frank Trust (UK), an opportunity to welcome hundreds & hundreds of people to our Centre for this wonderful and acclaimed exhibition. In recent weeks we have been working on our Evaluation Booklet, a document which summarises the many highlights of this special time, including visitor comments and reflections, not least those of the very young and not so young in our local communities. The booklet is almost complete. Please look out for a web link next week as a gift for half term!

✚ **And finally . . .** how often these days do we sit down after a long day to listen to the news and hear reporters talking of "an undiluted good news story" or "anguish to hope" or "darkness to light" or even "pure joy"? In these times of hardship and woe (though everything is relative), with £ £ £ October 20<sup>th</sup> almost upon us and some sad local news recently - who cannot have been 'taken up' or lifted up by the news of the 33 Chilean miners? 'Every day above the ground is a good day', as someone once said to me. Let us give thanks for human endeavour of any kind which is geared to the betterment of fellow human beings. Let us remember those who risked everything so that these men were saved. And let us remember those who were not so fortunate in the many years gone by in mining tragedies all over the world, not least in this country, very much including those lost in East Lancashire, South Wales and many, many more. For now, let us rejoice in the "rebirth" of these men of Chile and leave the last word for their fellow man of South America, 'up the road' in Brazil.

**"You know, O God, how hard it is to survive captivity, without any hope of the Holy City. Sing to us, God, the songs of the promised land. Serve us your manna in the desert. Let there be, in some place, a community of men, women, elderly, children, and new-born babies as a first fruit, as our appetizer, and our embrace of the future. Amen"**

**Rubem Alves - (1933 - )**

**Theologian, Philosopher and Psychoanalyst**