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Eid Ul-Adha – also known as the ‘Big Eid’, will be celebrated across the world next week, marking the end of the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. It takes place on the 10th day of the last month of the Islamic calendar. A time of sacrifice and sharing with the poor. We send our very best wishes to all our Muslim friends everywhere at this time of celebration

The Birth of Baha’u’llah - is celebrated across the world today, a time when Baha’i communities across the world remember their Founder. On this holy day, Baha’is meet together in prayer and celebration. Last night, the local community met at the Faith Centre for a special service to mark this special occasion. We send them all our very best wishes

-  **Donate a Duvet Appeal** - as the winter months approach, please remember those who are far less fortunate than ourselves - financial cut backs or not. A local charity is looking to send out a large number of new duvets to those in Pakistan who are facing the reality of the harsh, cold winter months ahead and at the same time, trying to rebuild their lives following the disastrous floods. For more information, please contact Christine Sollis - 01282 435759 or email mcsollis@yahoo.co.uk
-  **Thomas Whitham VC Exhibition** - thank you to everyone who has come along to view this excellent exhibition, especially those who joined us for the launch on Monday and the school parties who have visited during the week. The exhibition is open to the public next week: 1530hrs - 1830hrs Mon - Thurs inclu and Fri 0930hrs - 1100hrs
-  **RE Workshops** - following all the detailed planning, how wonderful to witness two further exciting workshops for local primary school pupils this week! Firstly, Shahida Ahmed and Denise Wheeler led an excellent Art Workshop, in which the young people were asked to consider how and what they identify with the words faith and religion. Their thoughts were then translated into some beautiful artworks. These are currently being mounted and will be displayed during Interfaith Week. Secondly, we had a wonderful afternoon of Classical Indian Dance the day after, led by Dr Swati Raut of SwatiDance. Great to see our young people coming together, learning new skills and generally, having a fantastic time! Our thanks to all the schools involved (these will be listed in a later bulletin), to the teachers who supported us, and of course, our workshop leaders. For more info / images, do click on [RE Workshops](#)
-  **Interfaith Week 2010** - please see attached a **poster** outlining our activities during w/c 22 November. Do come along and join us on the afternoons of Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th or Thursday 25th, as we celebrate. On the afternoon of the 25th, there will be a number of invited guests, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Burnley - but EVERYONE is welcome on all three days. A wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity of our young people during the four recent workshops. Indeed, on the 25th we will be welcoming some of the students took part, who will tell their story.

In addition during Interfaith Week

Tuesday 23rd - Video Conferencing from the Faith Centre to Year 8 students at Browndge St Mary's RC High School in Bamber Bridge. Theme = An Introduction to the Baha'i Faith.

Wednesday 24th - Interfaith Event at Lancashire County Council - we will be taking part in an exhibition at County Hall, Preston featuring displays from relevant LCC services and partner organisations. An opportunity to share the importance of faith communities.

Thursday 25th - The Imam and the Clergyman - an opportunity for local primary school pupils to ask questions about Islam and Christianity - a joint project between Lancashire Libraries and the Faith Centre, followed by a tour of the workshop displays in the Centre.

Other Partners:

Building Bridges in Burnley - **Thursday 25th - Interfaith Walk** - see poster attached

Building Bridges Pendle - **Monday 22nd - Living in Harmony** - Talk by Colin Parry OBE

Building Bridges Pendle (BBP) - **Friday 26th - Living in Harmony - Multi-Faith Musical Concert**. For both BBP events, please click on [BB Pendle Interfaith Week](#) for details

DO SUPPORT THESE EVENTS ACROSS THE REGION

✚ And finally . . . during the launch of the Thomas Whitham VC Exhibition on Monday, it was moving to view images of the Great War and the conditions experienced by so many thousands and thousands of people. War is as provocative a subject now as it was then. So as we approach the weekend of Remembrance, let us reflect . . .

Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

For those who were killed in battle,
For those who gave up their lives to save others
For those who fought because they were forced to,
For those who died standing up for a just cause
For those who said war was wrong,
For those who tried to make the peace
For those who prayed when others had no time to pray
For those creatures who needlessly die
For those trees that needlessly are slaughtered
For all of mankind

let us quietly pray . . .

May your God hold them in peace
May Love flow over the Earth and cleanse us all
This day and for always.

Marianne Griffin
11 November 2004