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- + **Last Night's Community Advent Celebration** - proved another of those truly memorable occasions at the Faith Centre. How wonderful to see another full house, as people from different denominations and faiths came together for a celebration of praise and expectation, as we approach the great feast of Christmas. Many thanks to our four speakers, to the 60 or more people who came out on a cold, dark evening and to all our friends who assisted in the preparation. Special thanks to Glen Moody and his catering team for the scrumptious mince pies and shortbread afterwards. We captured some splendid images - for some examples click on [Advent Celebration](#)
- + **Burnley Campus Christmas Service** - do join us for our final event of 2010 on **Thursday 16th December**, when we will extend a welcome to all our Campus Partners, our local community and ANYONE who would like to come along for our end of term Service. For e-bulletin readers, please see poster attached. The Service starts at **1245hrs** and will last for approx 25 minutes. Hope to see you on Thursday!
- + **GCSE RE Medical Ethics** - leading on from the item in last week's bulletin, sincere thanks to our 6 faith partners who have come forward so readily to participate in our programme for Year 11 Hameldon Community College students in January 2011. How gratifying to receive the ongoing support of our faith communities, as together we look to assist our young people in both their studies and overall development.
- + **Carols for Burnley** - Sunday 19th December at St Peter's Church at 1600hrs
- + **Community Feast for Christmas** - Sunday 9th January 2011 at St John the Baptist RC Parish, in partnership with Building Bridges in Burnley. 1230hrs - 1600hrs. Visitors are very welcome to attend one of the Sunday Masses at 0930hrs and 1100hrs.
- + **Islamic New Year 1432** - belated best wishes to all our Muslim friends, following their New Year celebrations last Tuesday. We wish them much peace and happiness
- + **A Christingle** - is a symbolic object, related to the pomander, used in the advent services in many Christian denominations. This week, my colleague, Richard Hoyle has been meeting with students and staff in the new faith spaces at Unity College (The Muse), Marsden Heights Community College (The Inspiration Room) and the Shuttleworth College Faith Room, to give the background to this beautiful pre-Christmas tradition. Many thanks you to our local faith partners who assisted him.
- + **And finally . . .** generally speaking, psychologists tell us that this time of year is prone to deep thinking e.g. where are things going, when will things end . . . and so on. For some, this can be a difficult and challenging time. Sometimes it is good to be still and to gently reflect. This quote may be useful and revealing as we journey on . . .

"At the evening of life we will be judged on love alone"
St John of the Cross (1542 - 1591) Mystic and Poet