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- ✚ **World Religion Day (WRD)** – do join us for our WRD celebrations this **Tuesday, 25 January at 7pm**, when five speakers from different faiths will be sharing their perspectives on the question **“What is the purpose of prayer and meditation in the modern world . . . Why pray?”** Everyone is welcome. See programme attached.
- ✚ **GCSE RE Medical Ethics** - Sonia Brooks, Head of RE at Hameldon Community College reports “Our conference at the Faith Centre last Monday (17th) was a huge success. All of our students were very engaged and found the involvement of the faith partners particularly beneficial. Students now feel more confident to respond to the larger exam questions, which are new to the syllabus. I feel this is something that we will definitely do again, as the opportunity for such a whole day study is so helpful and valuable. A big thank you to everyone who gave of their precious time, especially the faith partners and Claire Willis of TWSF who led the programme”.
- ✚ **Local School Linking in Lancashire** – earlier this week we were pleased to welcome Sarah Hetherington of Lancashire Global Education Centre and a number of schools for one of their school linking cluster meetings. For some time, pairs of schools have been developing links in order to explore diversity and promote Community Cohesion. Although LEA funding has come to an end, commitment to the project remains strong, and we are pleased to support. Plans have been made for children and young people from different parts of the region to meet, play and learn together.
- ✚ **Christian Social Action in East Lancashire** – this week, we were pleased to host an event for practitioners from around the area, who shared their experiences of working in the community & serving the needs of the poor, under the sponsorship of the Church Urban Fund. Good to hear the varied ways in which people witness to the most vulnerable e.g. in providing a social lunch for excluded and isolated people, working with Asylum seekers & refugees; working with the elderly & dementia sufferers and supporting families of prisoners & ex-offenders. Working together, all set against the difficult financial climate. They meet again in May. Details to follow.
- ✚ **Mosque Open Day** – Ibrahim Mosque, Clegg Street, Burnley BB10 1AX. Everyone is most welcome on Sunday 23rd January between 1200hrs and 1700hrs to tour the mosque, enjoy food and meet new people. Do come along and enjoy the afternoon.
- ✚ **Holocaust Memorial Events 2011** - this Sunday (23rd) at 1400hrs at the Burnley War Memorial (next to Central Library). This Thursday (27th) between 1145hrs and 1200hrs at the War Memorial in Nelson, next to the Library. Please support.
- ✚ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – everyone is welcome to join a special service this Sunday (23rd) at 3pm at St Matthew’s Church Burnley. Speaker – Rev Phil Jump

“Vision is a picture of the future that produces passion” - Bill Hybels