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RE 2011 – a big **THANK YOU** to all the students and teachers of 7 of our local high schools, who have contributed so fully to our 3-day celebration to showcase Religious Education at its best, an opportunity to publicise the value and importance of this crucial subject to every child and young person. Our Spiritual Space has been awash with colour and diverse themes; Martin Luther King to War and Peace; Aspects of God to What it means to be Human; RE and the Community to Good and Evil. Conscious of the pressures on our schools these days, we were not surprised that the students involved were unable to attend yesterday's launch. Whilst numbers were down on our primary school equivalent in November, it has been wonderful to see a steady stream of visitors coming to view our young people's creativity and craft. Thanks to Joe Wilson from BBC Radio Lancashire who came along and recorded interviews for his Faith Programme this Sunday. Showcase ends at 1800hrs today. Look out for web link in next week's bulletin.

✚ **A Time to say Thank You but not Good-bye** – Thursday 31st March 2011 will have been an “interesting” and possibly surreal day for many people across the county, as they were leaving their places of work for the last time, in these somewhat changeable times. Two good friends of the Faith Centre were among this number. Firstly, **Helen Harrison**, Lancashire Consultant for RE and Collective Worship has been the face and voice of RE in this part of the North West for some considerable time. She has worked closely with schools, co-ordinated the activities of Lancashire SACRE and put Lancashire firmly on the map nationally – to name but three! Helen has worked closely with us since the Faith Centre kicked off in 2006. We have many good memories of our work together. Secondly, **Margaret Richardson**, Bridge Project Manager at Building Bridges in Burnley has worked tirelessly for the young people of this area, in her many activities with local schools and other groups. Her efforts can clearly be seen at the Bridge today and their work for our community. Margaret played an important role during the Faith Communities / LCC discussions, in the decision to have a Faith Centre here, as part of the overall BSF project. We send Helen and Margaret our love and very best wishes for the future. A time to say a big thank you to them both, as opposed to “good-bye! Go well friends.

✚ **Lenten Reflections** – many thanks to Richard Hoyle, who led our reflection yesterday and the increasing of people who have been joining us during the Lenten Season. Great to see. Next week, Fr Peter Hapgood-Strickland will be leading us in a personal look at “Lent in Jerusalem” following his recent pilgrimage there. All are very welcome. Thursday 7th April @ 1245hrs. Soup and rolls to finish.

✚ **Discover Muhammad** – sincere thanks to all those who attended our celebration this week. Special thanks to Nasrullah Anwar of Building Bridges in Burnley, who provided a highly interesting account on the life of the Prophet. Particularly enlightening to see some of the common themes with other world religions.

-  **Multi-Faith Spaces – Agents for Religious and Social Change** – during May 2010 we were delighted to welcome a research team from Manchester University, who are conducting an study on the provision and function of “faith spaces” in public places e.g. airports, shopping malls, prisons and faith centres. The study is now entering its second phase. We look forward to welcoming back one of the research team in mid May, who will meet some regular Centre users. More info to follow. To read more the research project, why not click on www.manchester.ac.uk/mfs
-  **June 2011 Exhibition** – following an excellent meeting this week between CLEO, Lancashire Global Education Centre and Global Link, plans are underway to hold a conference/exhibition in mid June, looking at important global issues in the world today. The study is targeted at students & the wider community. More info to follow
-  **Burnley Campus Library Easter Activities** - see details attached for local readers.
-  **Japan Disaster Appeal Gig** – at the Central Methodist Church, Burnley on Saturday 9th April. A series of local bands on offer. Event starts at 1930hrs. Please support.

ANYWAY

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centred
LOVE THEM ANYWAY

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish motives
DO GOOD ANYWAY

If you are successful, you may win false friends and true enemies
SUCCEED ANYWAY

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow
DO GOOD ANYWAY

Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable
BE HONEST AND TRANSPARENT ANYWAY

What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight
BUILD ANYWAY

People who really need help may attack you if you help them
HELP THEM ANYWAY

Give the world the best you have and you may get hurt
GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE ANYWAY

**A version of “The Paradoxical Commandments”
By Dr Kent M. Keith**