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- ✚ **East Lancashire Goes Global (ELGG) – Mon 20 June – Fri 1 July** – preparations for our UN Summit / Exhibition for local schools and the wider community are progressing nicely. Very pleasing to report that all school places have been filled, meaning that 300+ Y9 students will cross the threshold over the ten days, plus teachers/assistants. The study will ‘home in’ on the 8 Millennium Development Goals and promises to be a highly interactive. We are currently securing our international speakers for our Video Conferencing (VC) transmissions. A great deal of planning is involved and we are very much looking forward to the “kick off”. Look out for more details on opportunities for community involvement in the next edition of Faith Centre News on June 10<sup>th</sup>. A ‘big’ project involving a number of valued Lancashire-based partners. Prayers are always welcome. Web link = [UN Summit](#)
- ✚ **Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School** – on the subject of VC, we are delighted to have confirmed another of our “sessions for schools” for our friends at St Mary’s in Bamber Bridge (near Preston - for readers outside the area!) – this time on the subject of the Faith Centre. I wonder how long the students have got!! I say friends, though we’ve never actually met. The wonder of the ether! Takes place June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ **Medical Advances – Ethical Dilemmas – What is Faith’s Response?** – I think that this is one of those “not to be missed” opportunities. In partnership with Lancaster University Chaplaincy, A Company of Speakers and Churches Together in Lancashire, the Faith Centre is delighted to welcome **Dr David Cook**, world renowned theologian, philosopher and ethicist for an evening of insight and discussion. Our event takes place on **Thursday June 16 at 1930hrs**, with a similar format for the west of the county at Lancaster University on **Monday June 20**. Please see attached another of those very catching publicity posters by my good friend, Hilary Shaw at County Hall. Please share with others. If you’d a few hard copies, give me a ring. We are also finalising an encounter for David with students at Thomas Whitham on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Should be a good day, Hilary’s birthday too!!
- ✚ **Celebrating RE Compendium** – I am one of these people who likes to see a job well done, but also a job completed well too. This week I received a fantastic example of this with an electronic compendium of all the wonderful work that has been going on across the country to Celebrate RE – and don’t we need to celebrate it at the moment, for all sorts of pressing reasons. Do take some time to view the following link – it really is wonderful to see all the efforts that have been going on across this land. The Burnley & Pendle Faith Centre and its wonderful school partners can be found on page 18. Thanks and “well done” to Sharon Artley and her colleagues at Celebrating RE 2011 <http://flipflashpages.uniflip.com/2/53875/95669/pub/>
- ✚ **Performing Arts** – today our Spiritual Space has been given over to the Year 12 students at Thomas Whitham for their Performing Arts AS exam. Rehearsals this morning, exams this afternoon. We wish them well. Next generation of Stars??

- ✚ **Whitworth High School** – it is really pleasing to report that following the unfortunate cancellation of our KS4 RE Conference here last week, Plan B ‘kicked in’ beautifully yesterday, when two of our valued partners – Margaret Richardson and Pete Grimshaw – visited the school to contribute to a Revision Day for the Year 11 students. Their inputs were centred on Social Justice and Equality and the students greatly appreciated their time and efforts. Many thanks too goes to Shazia Iqbal, Head of RE, who responded so positively to our Plan B!! A pleasure to assist schools from outside the Burnley & Pendle, yet very much in the Lancashire family
- ✚ **The Event** – Burnley Churches are giving an opportunity for young people in the local area and beyond, for a great night of live music with twelve24, a fantastic band, with prizes and real life stories. Takes place at **Sir John Thursby Community College** on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May** from **1800hrs – 2000hrs**. Tickets are £1 (payable on the door). Should be a great night – please support. For further details, please ring the Pais Office 01282 454149 or send an email on [theevent@paisproject.com](mailto:theevent@paisproject.com)
- ✚ **School Linking Network** – earlier this week we were delighted to welcome teachers from 17 schools for their termly school linking cluster meeting. Alongside well-established school links which are now in their third year, we were also joined by Waddington & West Bradford Primary and Great Marsden St John's Primary (Nelson), as they started out on their own school linking journey. Some exciting plans have been put in place for joint picnics, sports days and for joint science days to be captured on podcasts. Meanwhile secondary school students at Marsden Heights and Shuttleworth will be creating reflective journals which will capture their shifting thoughts and attitudes towards their identity and diversity. The commitment of the teachers involved to continue this best practice despite the withdrawal of funding for the work is impressive indeed. We are delighted to provide a home for these fruitful meetings, all headed up by Sarah Hetherington of Lancashire Global Education Centre in Preston. Our best wishes to all involved.
- ✚ **Holly Grove Primary School** – readers will recall in an earlier edition the good news following Holly Grove's recent OfSTED inspection. We are all really pleased for our Campus partner and friends and look forward to our final RE programme with them for 2011/12 in June. To view their report, feel free to click on [Holly Grove OfSTED](#)
- ✚ **Web Updates** – Hilary has been very busy this week updating our Event & Photos page. This includes the Phil Lewis event on 12 May. Do click on [Events & Photos](#)
- ✚ **Building Bridges in Burnley Family Fun Day** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> at St Andrew's Hall Burnley. A fun filled event for our young people. Contact Usma on 01282 458383
- ✚ **First Sunday @ Six** – Celebration, Prayer and Praise – June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Central Methodist Church, Hargreaves Street, Burnley. Live Band! Everyone is welcome!

**The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.**

**Matthew, chapter 13: verses. 31-32**

**Where and what are our mustard seeds today? Are we building a kingdom here on earth?  
A Kingdom built on justice, peace and joy . . . . and love**