



Notice Board



** Ladies Fellowship Group **

We meet every other Wednesday at 2:30pm to make new friends, sing, share stories and listen to Bible teaching.

The meeting typically lasts for 1.5 hours and closes with drinks and biscuits.

It would be great to see you there! For more info call Carol on 01225 753 341

** Christianity Explored **

We plan to run a 7-week "Christianity Explored" course starting in May.

It's a great opportunity to explore the claims of Christianity in an informal setting and ask any questions you may have.

For more details call Phil on 01225 763 583 or email philandhanataylor@yahoo.co.uk

KEEP CALM AND ...



The old war-time poster "Keep Calm and Carry On" has become big over the past few years. There's probably not many homes in North Bradley that don't have at least one item of merchandise with the slogan on, or maybe a parody of it – "Keep Calm and Drink Beer", "Keep Calm and Carry On Shopping" or something similar.

When the government issued the slogan in 1939 in an attempt to boost morale, no one could imagine the atrocities that would soon follow. With over 60 million people losing their lives in the Second World War and countless more families being torn apart, the phrase seems shallow and offensive in hindsight. "Keep Calm and Carry On" might be easy to say, but it's hard to swallow.

With this in mind, we've put our own improved version of the slogan in a new poster at the front of the church building – "Keep Calm and Trust Jesus". The account of his life and death as recorded in the Bible convince us that **trusting Jesus isn't simply another option**, just one of many ways of "keeping calm", on a par with drowning your sorrows in a pint glass or engaging in retail therapy.

Instead, when we trust our lives to Jesus we are dealing with the only one who made the world and who continues

to **rule** it now (look up Hebrews 1:1-3 if you have a Bible). We are dealing with the only one who has **power** over nature (see Matthew 8:23-27) and power even over death (see Matthew 28:6). And incredibly, we are also dealing with the one who **understands us** and **cares for us** enough to die in our place. One part of the Bible puts it like this:

"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8)

So as Christians we can keep calm even in the middle of a crisis, because the God who is in control of the whole universe has shown us through the events of Easter just how precious his people are to Him. So this Easter...

... Don't just carry on with your problems

... Don't just carry on with your worries

... Don't just carry on with your guilt

Instead why not come to one of our services and ask questions – you would be most welcome. We would love for more people in the village to experience the calm and contentment that can only be found in trusting Jesus.



KEEPING CALM in money worries

During the early 1990s I was facing total collapse of my business with the inevitable consequences on my family. I was desperate to know that God was involved in my life; not only that he loved me but that He was able and thus relevant. I realised that God did give me the emotional strength, humour, health and cash flow I needed during those hard years (Roy)

KEEPING CALM in fear

Despite being terrified of heights I recently agreed to a charity abseil, maybe not realizing what I had let myself in for! After praying to God for help, I opened my Bible and was amazed to read these words in Psalm 18 – *"It is God who arms me with strength...He enables me to stand on the heights"* (Fiona)

KEEPING CALM in illness

Our daughter was born in October with serious complications and spent 10 days in intensive care. During the uncertain hours, God gave us an overwhelming sense of peace and trust in Him – these words from Isaiah 40 were shared with us several times: *"God gently leads those that have young"* (Phil)