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*Ian Scott-Thompson writes...*

*Dear Friends,*

Are you proud of your past history? For most of us, there are good bits and bad bits – we're normal! Bruce

Gilley is a university professor in America, who says "western colonialism was, as a general rule, both objectively beneficial and subjectively legitimate in most of the places where it was found." Now, whatever you think about the history of empire (and it seems Bruce Gilley turns a blind eye to many of its negatives), the shocking thing is the way people have attacked him for saying it. There have been demands that his work is not published, no-platforming, and even violent threats against him and the publications that print his views.

We used to believe in freedom of speech, didn't we? "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." This is the basis on which our media "speak truth to power", and on which our universities offer access to knowledge, research and debate.

But there is now a growing trend towards silencing views that you disagree with; to stop them gaining any airtime. It seems as if we have lost confidence that the truth can be discovered by investigation, or that issues can be debated and reasoned together. Instead, we have become so overwhelmed with information that we have no time to check it: so, if something is said often enough and loud enough, we accept it. As a result, there are growing calls for news outlets to check stories before they publish them, and even for universities to ban speakers and books that are deemed wrong.

Where does this stop? If you hold a minority view, should you be allowed to express it, or not? Yes, hate speech should be banned, trying to stir up violence (but be careful you don't include all strong language!) Yes, abuse of the

## OPEN GARDENS DAY

10 June 2018

We're nearly ready!



Are you?

**We still need cakes, etc. for the refreshments, and cakes, produce and plants for the stalls.**

**Art Exhibition in the church (see inside)**

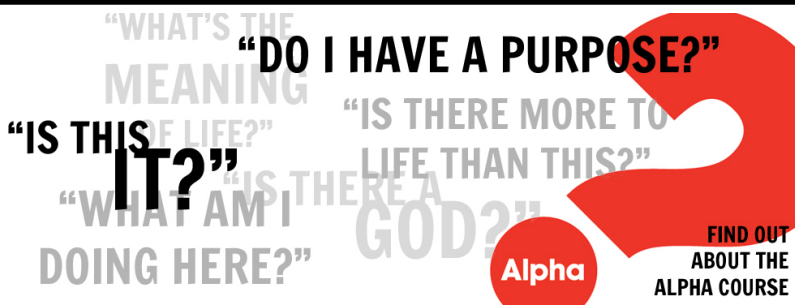
**Songs of Praise at 5.30 in the church (see inside)**

Proceeds will be divided between

Friends of Aldham Church,  
Aldham Village Hall and  
Cancer Research UK  
For further details call

**01206 210963**

***We exist to honour God and to enable people in our community discover Jesus***



**FIND OUT  
ABOUT THE  
ALPHA COURSE**

**Aldham and Marks Tey churches invite you to a pilot *Alpha* using the new *Alpha Film Series*...and it's not too late to come and join!**

**We'll gather for a hot meal; a short film and group discussions.**

**Marks Tey Church and Hall, 7.15 for 7.30 - 9.30pm, over 7 Tuesday evenings, from 22 May - 3 July**

**RSVP Wendy Pagden 844677 wendypagden@gmail.com**

vulnerable should be controlled, taking advantage of children and others who can't easily check the facts. And yes, deliberate fraud should be prosecuted, attempting to circulate fake news for personal gain (eg manipulating the stock market). But beyond these things, we still treasure free speech and open debate. Don't we?

With best wishes,

## SONGS OF PRAISE

**Open Gardens Day** on 10 June ends with 5.30 pm Songs of Praise in the church. Tim Abbott, leader of Christian Youth Outread (CYO) for 26 years, will be our guest speaker.

Please let Iain or Ian have your request for a favourite hymn by 7 June.

## DIARY DATES

- 29 May 7.30 pm *Alpha* at Marks Tey
- 2 June 10.00 am Book Exchange
- 5, 12, 19, 26 June  
7.30 pm *Alpha* at Marks Tey
- 10 June 11.00 am Open Gardens Day**
- 21 June 3.00 pm Aldham Afternoon Tea**
- 2 Sept 9.15 am All-Age Harvest Thanksgiving

## BIG SKIP

The Big Skip, officially called the Attended Freighter Service, will be in Aldham on 2 June and 28 July from 08.00 till 09.15 at Green Lane,

*Grahame Walkingshaw*

## WHO'S WHO

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Aldham Parish Church  
warmly invites you to

## Aldham Afternoon Tea

**On:** the third Thursday of every month,  
3 - 4.30pm

**At:** Aldham Church

**Starting on:** Thursday 21 June, with a



Do come and bring a friend

**Future Dates:** 19 July, 16 Aug, 20 Sept,  
18 Oct, 15 Nov 2018

No charge;  
donations towards costs gratefully received

## FLOWER FESTIVAL/HARVEST

### Advance Notice

As the Harvest Flower Festival is scheduled for 7 October, we are bringing forward the **collection of gifts for Open Door and the Soup Run** to the All-Age service on 2 September. The special speaker at the All-Age Worship on 2 September will be **Peter Dale, manager of Open Door.**

### JOHN CRANE ...

... recently celebrated his 95th birthday with a Grand Party at his daughter's home in Shoreham by the Sea. John was treasurer of Aldham Church in the 1980s. In one of his last annual reports, dated 16 February, 1990, he wrote:

*It is necessary for each of us, through prayer, to examine our personal finances to see if our regular giving can be increased to both funds and to thinking of ways of increasing our fund raising, particularly for the Fabric Fund.*

Plus ça change!

### DEDHAM ART SOCIETY

is delighted to be supporting **Aldham Open Gardens Day** with an Art Exhibition and Sale in Aldham Parish Church from 11.00 am - 5.00 pm on Sunday 10 June. On display will be artwork by local artists, including two Aldham residents. The exhibition promises to be full of vitality, colour and originality. For more information about Dedham Art Society, please visit: [www.dedhamartsociety.co.uk](http://www.dedhamartsociety.co.uk).

### VILLAGE HALL

The Cream Tea Event with Plant Stall on 13 May raised £820 for Village Hall funds.

### CHURCH ROTAS

*Cleaning:* Barbara and Keith Rush

*Flowers:*

June 3 Jennifer MacCallum

June 9 WEDDING and ...

June 10, 17 ... OPEN GARDENS

Angela d'Angibau

June 24, 1 July Janet French

*Churchyard:* Jamie Curtis &  
Mark Wingate

### MID-WEEK MONTHLY COMMUNION

The mid-week monthly Communion at Aldham continues on 12 June at **11.45 am** (2nd Tuesday).

### ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will be on Thursday, 21 June, at 7.45 pm in the village hall. Roger Hance will be giving a talk on Natural History. Visitors and guests welcome.

*Jean Jennings*

Deadline for the July/August  
Newsletter:

**22 JUNE**

To: Iain MacCallum or

## THIS MONTH'S WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

*You are warmly invited to all our services*



3 June	9.15 am	ALL-AGE SERVICE
10 June	5.30 pm	SONGS OF PRAISE
17 June	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
24 June	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
1 July	9.15 am	ALL-AGE SERVICE

**CRECHE** *The Tower Room is available every Sunday with sound relay of the service.*

*FAIRTRADE COFFEE and TEA are served after all 9.15 am services.*



## Worship at Marks Tey

<i>1st Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship
<i>2nd Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship
<i>3rd Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion
<i>4th Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship
<i>5th Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship

**And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.**

*Philipians 4:19*

## Please support your local Traders

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MOBILE DISCO	Jacks Tracks, 25 Norbury Close, Marks Tey	07751 867880
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OPTICIAN	The Eye Centre 15 Market Hill Coggeshall CO6 1TS	01376 561156
PHARMACY	86 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 212878
PLUMBER	Mark Nayler, 1c King George Rd, CO2 7PE	07763 468391
REMOVALS & STORAGE	K.Dobbs, Unit 1-2, Bellhouse Farm, Stanway	01206 212444
ROOFING SERVICES	Daniel Wicks, 4 Honywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032