

# PRESS RELEASE

**Tuesday 6th February 2018  
For immediate use**

## **All Saints' Parish Church, Babworth**

### **Snowdrops Weekend**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> (10am – 4pm) and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> (12noon – 4pm) February mark the 2018 Snowdrops weekend at All Saints' Parish Church in Babworth. A visit to the 'Church in the Woods' is an annual pilgrimage made by many people, from a wide range of locations in and around Bassetlaw, and beyond!

As well as taking a stroll around the churchyards, there are walks through the woods, providing a great breath of fresh air as spring starts the journey back to summer. Inside the church there will be a warm welcome and an even warmer hot drink and a piece of cake! Early birds will also be able to buy plants, and cards. There is a car park and toilet facilities.

At 2.00pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, local tour guide Maggy Watkins, will give a free talk on Richard Clifton, one of the most important members of the Separatist Movement. Babworth Church is an outstanding location to hold an event focused on the Separatist story as it is where Richard Clifton preached and where William Bradford and William Brewster travelled to hear him, risking fines or imprisonment for doing so. Part of the Separatist and Mayflower Pilgrims Exhibition will also be on display in the church throughout the weekend.

As well as its historic and architectural interest, there are also several 'Mousey Thompson' mice to find, keeping younger visitors entertained. Refreshments will be available.

#### **Note to Editors**

##### **Bassetlaw Christian Heritage**

Focuses on the people and their stories based on faith heritage, with their roots established in and around Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire, centred on Retford, with a radius of around 30 miles, including parts of Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire. Babworth is one of a group of Pilgrims Churches with connections to the Separatists and Mayflower Pilgrims, including Austerfield, Scrooby, Sturton-le-Steeple, Gainsborough (URC) and St Swithun's Retford.

Bassetlaw Christian Heritage is keen to work collaboratively with groups and individuals interested in the heritage of the area, and if anyone would like to help in any way, they can make contact at [contact@bassetlawchristianheritage.com](mailto:contact@bassetlawchristianheritage.com) and: [www.bassetlawchristianheritage.com](http://www.bassetlawchristianheritage.com)

Attached is a photograph of Babworth church with snowdrops.

Also attached is an image of a painting of snowdrops at Babworth by local artist Elaine Nash

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