

# PRESS RELEASE

Thursday 9th January 2020

For immediate use

All Saints' Parish Church, Babworth Road, Babworth, DN22 8HE

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> (10am – 4pm) and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> (12noon – 4pm) February 2020

## **Fresh air and heritage - it's time for the Babworth snowdrops weekend!**

The 2020 Snowdrops weekend at All Saints' Parish Church in Babworth, the 'Church in the Woodland', is an annual pilgrimage made by many people, from a wide range of locations in and around Bassetlaw, and beyond! It is less than half an hour to walk from the centre of Retford to Babworth Church – and even closer from the railway station - a great opportunity to fulfil a New Year's resolution. If you need to use a car, there is ample parking available at the church.

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 local produce and cards. There is disability access and toilet facilities inside the church.

At 11.00am on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, local tour guide Maggy Watkins, will give a talk on the Mayflower Pilgrims and other members of the Separatist Movement. This is the year of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pilgrims' arrival in America. This session will be an opportunity to find out everything you wanted to know about the Separatists but were afraid to ask!

Babworth Church is an outstanding location to visit (from May to September it is open every Saturday afternoon) as it is in many ways the 'crucible' of the Separatist movement where Richard Clifton preached, assisted by John Robinson, and where Mayflower Pilgrims William Bradford and William Brewster travelled to hear him, risking fines or imprisonment for doing so. Part of the Separatists 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**

Focused 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.

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 are photographs of Babworth church with snowdrops, and a photograph of Maggy Watkins

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