

## PRESS RELEASE

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Immediate Use

### Thanksgiving: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – Illuminate - “One small candle”

There is a new approach to the November Pilgrims Festival Illuminate events this year. In 2020, we are inviting people to light up their communities by displaying lights safely in their own windows on the evening of 26<sup>th</sup> November (Thanksgiving) and sharing them online with the hashtag #OneSmallCandle. Usually, the Thanksgiving period is marked by craft workshops and lantern parades across the region, however this year this has not been possible.

The ‘One Small Candle’ initiative has been inspired by a quote from William Bradford, a Mayflower Pilgrim from Austerfield, who was a long-term friend of Separatists, William Brewster from Scrooby, and Richard Clifton from Babworth, and John Robinson from Sturton-le-Steeple. He became the longest serving Governor of Plymouth Colony:

*‘As one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many.’*

Templates for creating lanterns at home have been circulated in the November editions of Retford, Worksop and Gainsborough Life magazines and also feature on a special page of the Pilgrim Roots website at [www.pilgrimroots.co.uk](http://www.pilgrimroots.co.uk)

Heritage Engagement Officer, Isabelle Richards, said: ‘I am delighted that we are working together to ensure the momentum of previous Illuminate events is not lost in this 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. The One Small Candle project is a great opportunity for people to share hope and solidarity safely, and personally give thanks for whatever reason, while we are not able to join together in the usual way.’

#### **To Take Part:**

Simply shine a light or place a (battery operated) candle in your window on the evening of 26<sup>th</sup> November. Or, if you are feeling creative, craft your own lantern safely using the templates in the Life Magazines or on the pilgrim roots website. Spread the light further by using #OneSmallCandle to share a photo of your window/lantern with us on social media @PilgrimRoots!



## Notes for Editors

The Illuminate “One Small Candle” activity in Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire has been organised by Bassetlaw District Council Pilgrims Gallery at Bassetlaw Museum, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and supported by Bassetlaw Christian Heritage. Pilgrim Roots is a regional partnership including Bassetlaw District Council, West Lindsey District Council, Bassetlaw Christian Heritage and other organisations in the Lincolnshire, Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire area.

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