

PRESS RELEASE

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Immediate use

Pilgrims Festival 2020 – Online Babworth Arts Exhibition

Between Saturday 21st & Saturday 28th November 2020

This year the Pilgrims Festival Babworth Art Exhibition has gone online. This exhibition has been an important part, for the past four years, of the Pilgrims Festival which has commemorated the Mayflower Pilgrim Families' journey to North America in 1620. This year marks the 400th anniversary and, not to be prevented by the Covid 19 pandemic, the exhibition can be viewed online at www.pilgrimroots.co.uk from Saturday 21st to Saturday 28th November 2020.

All work on display in the exhibition was inspired, in some way, by the Separatist and Mayflower Pilgrims story. There are some photographs of the previous years exhibitions for those who missed them – nostalgic for those who were there.

The Pilgrim Embroideries are included as is a link to a video of Jenny King, the lead embroiderer, explaining about the work. Thanks to everyone who contributed a stitch over the years and to those who bought cards or who donated to the framing. There will also be a video about Babworth church from "Where it all Began" and one by local author Adrian Gray on the Nottinghamshire Prophetess.

There are a range of paintings, music and other art forms many of which have not been displayed before – certainly not in this format - and some with information from the artists about their work.

Bassetlaw Christian Heritage (BCH) is delighted to have received support from Bassetlaw District Council which, in turn has been supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Especial thanks to the team at the Pilgrims Gallery at Bassetlaw Museum for their hard work and inspiration and to all of the local artists for their brilliant work.

To find out more about the story, please see www.bassetlawchristianheritage.com; www.pilgrimroots.co.uk; the Pilgrims Gallery in Bassetlaw Museum, Retford; the Pilgrims Museum at The Hub in Churchgate, Retford; and the Pilgrims Room at the United Reformed Church in Gainsborough (Government restrictions allowing – please check before travelling).

Information is also available at www.bassetlawchristianheritage.com.

Notes to editors

Bassetlaw Christian Heritage (BCH)

BCH is all about the people and their stories, based on faith heritage, in the region with a radius of around 30 miles around Retford, including Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire, and parts of Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire.

Website at: www.bassetlawchristianheritage.com.

Photographs of artworks at the event are included – further photographs of previous years' events are available.

BCH is grateful to all of the local artists and supporters who have helped make this exhibition a success over the years .

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Mayflower 400 Editors Notes:

1. Mayflower 400 is the four hundred year commemoration of the voyage of this historic ship, passengers and crew, to America in 1620.
2. Over 30 million people are able to trace their ancestry to the people on the ship. Mayflower 400 year is a four-nation commemoration, Netherlands, UK, USA and the Wampanoag nation that invites Mayflower descendants, local communities and visitors to explore, learn and be involved with the commemoration.
3. Prior to the Mayflower's departure from Plymouth, England, Mayflower history was written in many towns and cities - each of them detailed in the Mayflower trail. The trail includes Austerfield, Scrooby & Babworth, Gainsborough, Boston, Immingham, Worcestershire, Chorley, Dorking, Leiden in the Netherlands, Harwich, Rotherhithe, City of London, Southampton, Dartmouth, Plymouth England and Provincetown and Plymouth, USA. All of these locations play a part in the story of the Mayflower and the people involved.
4. Go to www.mayflower400uk.org for the latest information on the national campaign

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