

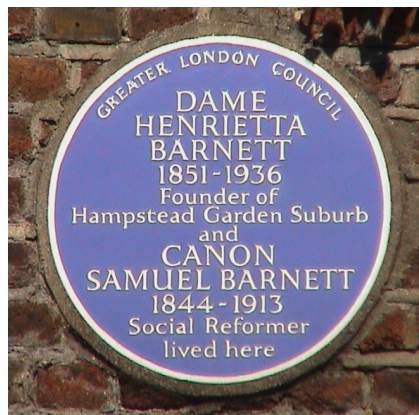
Samuel and Henrietta Barnett
June 1913
June 1936

In the south choir aisle of Westminster Abbey is a white and green marble tablet to the memory of Samuel Barnett, Canon of Westminster, and his wife Dame Henrietta Barnett. On the memorial Samuel is represented as the figure of a sower with the inscription "Fear not to sow because of the birds" above (referring to the parable of the sower in the Bible). The sculptor was George Frampton and the memorial was dedicated on 8 February 1916. Henrietta's inscription was added to the memorial after her death. The inscription reads:

In gratitude to God and in memory of Samuel Augustus Barnett Feb 8 1844 - June 17, 1913 Canon of Westminster Abbey 1906-1913 and Sub-Dean Designate, Founder and Warden of the first University Settlement Toynbee Hall Whitechapel 1884-1906 Canon of Bristol Cathedral 1892-1906 Vicar of St Jude's Whitechapel 1872-1893. And to the memory of his wife Dame Henrietta Barnett D.B.E. May 4 1851 - June 10 1936.

Believing that we are all members one of another he worked unceasingly to unite men in the service of God and by his counsel and example inspired many to seek for themselves and for the nation the things that are eternal. Friends who loved and revered him erected this tablet in thankful remembrance of the witness that he bore to God in the world, as with faith and courage he followed Christ.

Samuel was born in Bristol on 8th February 1844, a son of Francis Barnett and his wife Mary (Gilmore). He was educated at home and at Wadham College, Oxford. He taught for a while at Winchester College before travelling to America. In 1867 he was ordained and married Henrietta Rowland on 28th January 1873. She was a daughter of Alexander and Henrietta Rowland and was born in Clapham on 4th May 1851. She was made a Dame of the British Empire in 1924. Both worked tirelessly for the education and welfare of the poor in the deprived east end of London. Henrietta was the inspiration behind Hampstead Garden Suburb, a community where both rich and poor could live side by side. Herbert Asquith called her "the unofficial custodian of the children of the state". They had no children but adopted Dorothy Woods as their ward. Both Samuel and Henrietta are buried at St Helen's Church, Hangleton, near Hove in Sussex (Samuel requested that he should not be buried in the Abbey).



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The Vicar writes...

I write having recently returned from a break in Kent and then latterly staying in East London for two nights. On our transition journey we stopped at Ightham Mote near Sevenoaks, one of many astonishing properties owned by the National Trust. There was an exhibition of art in the 14th century manor house called 'The Lost Words' with original paintings and poems to keep children in touch with nature in all its glory. This project of over 50 paintings is a response to the belief that nature is in retreat from our children's stories and imaginations. A recent survey of British primary school children found 8 to 11 year olds were more able to identify Pokémon characters than species of common UK wildlife.

On leaving Ightham Mote, the rapid change from the lush green countryside to the vast concrete jungle of Greater London could not present a starker contrast. Gone were the bird song, green grass and forests, and we found ourselves surrounded by high-rise apartments in Canning Town. It made me think: how on earth did people living in this community cope during the lockdowns?

We stayed in East London because we were fortunate to be able to visit the Chelsea Flower Show, courtesy of a generous gift from our family. It was very busy there, but we did have an opportunity to view many gardens themed around conservation and to discuss environmental topics with exhibitors around such topics as to how we educate children to better understand the natural world, and also how we can promote the survival of bees which are in decline. One of the indoor garden

exhibits was called the 'Green Gap Garden', exhibited by a charity called 'Grow to know'. This garden was to raise awareness of the lack of green space available to the most deprived households in the UK. The charity was founded in the wake of the Grenfell fire tragedy and aims to empower young people through horticulture, and to reconnect the community with nature.

My feeling returning from this week away is that we must strive evermore to play our part in encouraging nature into our gardens, and even our churchyard and surroundings. This is especially so when we see so many more houses being built in every town including our own. One might say: why bother when our contribution is a mere grain of sand on a massive beach, but as the French philosopher, Voltaire stated, 'no snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible'. We would do well to remember from the book of Genesis the first creation story where all creation is deemed 'good'.

Later in Genesis, God established a covenant with Noah, his descendants, *and every living creature*. This covenant means that humanity does not have the right to treat the world as its own but rather that we are stewards. Humans are tenants of an earth which belongs to God (Leviticus 25.23). How can we as a Church, or if we have a garden, do our little bit not to be the snowflake to cause an avalanche or to help others to connect with nature?

Yours, in Christ
Paul



The Green Gap Garden highlighting the devastating inequality of space; this work focuses on the work yet to do.

Readings for Eucharistic Services

	Morning Services	Evening Service
Sunday 4 June Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 40.12-17,27-end 2 Corinthians 13.11-end Matthew 28. 16-end	Psalms 93; 150 Isaiah 6.1-8 John 16.5-15
7 June Wednesday	Psalms 25.1-8 1 Peter 1.18-25 Mark 12.18-27	
Thursday 8 June Corpus Christi	Genesis 14.18-20 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 6.51-58	<i>Evening service at Rainow</i>
Sunday 11 June Barnabas	Acts 11.19-end John 15.12-17	
14 June Wednesday	Psalms 78.1-4 2 Corinthians 3.4-11 Matthew 5.17-19	
Sunday 18 June Trinity 2	Genesis 18.1-15 Romans 5.1-8 Matthew 9.35-10.8	
21 June Wednesday	Psalms 112 2 Corinthians 9.6-11 Matthew 6.1-6,16-18	
Sunday 25 June Trinity 3	Genesis 21.8-21 Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39	
28 June Wednesday Irenaeus	Wisdom 7.7-10,15-16 (Apocrypha) 2 Peter 1.16-end Luke 11.33-36	

Occasional Offices

Funerals in May
Neal Anthony Forrister
Jack Taggart
Pamela Marjorie May
Mavis Anne Caldwell

