

St. Andrew's Church, Coniston, Prayer & Praise, 17 June 2020

Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 & 1936, Commemoration

Call to Prayer

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire
of your love.

Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created
and you shall renew the face of the earth.

When the Music fades

<https://youtu.be/D4RUjGsTfks>

James 2:14-25, Faith and Deeds

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless^[a]? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,"^[b] and he was called God's friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Graham Kendrick on the making of Beauty for Brokenness

<https://youtu.be/nuCNzWvmycE>

A Reading on Ruskin's Hinksey Road project.

Today's commemoration builds on Ruskin's legacy at the time he was living at Brantwood. **The next reading** describes the Hinksey Road project in Oxford and what it was like being a student of Ruskin's. It is written by Canon Rawnsley, who

went on to found the National Trust with Octavia Hill. Arnold Toynbee was another of Ruskin's students on the digging project. The Barnetts went on to rename their settlement project Toynbee Hall. Settlement Houses allowed people with and without means to live and learn alongside one another together.

<http://oxfordcockaigne.co.uk/ruskinroad/ruskinroad.htm>

Meditation

Stop and move to the window or outside and listen. What do you hear? Pray for the blessing of Christ upon all that you hear. What do you see? Pray for the blessing of Christ on all that you see. Spend as much time as you can. Just be with God. How can Samuel & Henrietta's work being Christ in the world influence us here in Coniston? What is the Holy Spirit telling you now? Pray for the vision of Christ.

**Spirit of God, speak to me in language my heart can embrace,
in language my mind can understand,
in the language of silence that sinks deep into my soul.
Spirit of God, speak to me words of transformation,
words of empowerment, words of grace.**

Prayer of St Francis

<https://youtu.be/agPnMxp50cc>

God of wind and dove and fire,
Speak freedom, peace and change

over any divisions between people
Speak refreshment, assurance and warmth

over lives afflicted by exhaustion and illness.
Speak integrity, humility and challenge

over lives broken by grief and loss.
Speak power, anointing and healing over each one of us,

that the anointing of The Spirit may be a new beginning,
and a catalyst for change. Amen.

Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A version of the Lord's Prayer *by James Cotter*

**Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer,
Love Maker
Source of all that is and shall be,
Father and mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven;**

**The Hallowing of your Name echo
through the universe!
The way of your Justice be followed by the
peoples of the world!
Your Heavenly will be done by all created
beings!
Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!**

**With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is
Love, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn Christ is the World
<https://youtu.be/QTiwZ3XNyEY>

Blessing

**Go forth into the world in peace; be of good
courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to
no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all
people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the
power of the Holy Spirit.**

From The 1928 Prayer Book (proposed)