Secret havens

The City is a hive of activity during the working week, but with more than 150 parks, squares and green spaces in the Square Mile, tranquillity is just a short walk away. Here are a few highlights

POSTMAN'S PARK

Location: Little Britain/King Edward Street

One of the largest parks in the City, Postman's Park sits next to the former site of the General Post Office. It's home to George Frederic Watts' fascinating Memorial to Heroic Self Sacrifice. Watts, a late Victorian sculptor and artist, created the shrine to commemorate selfless heroic acts of ordinary people. Made by William De Morgan and Royal Doulton, around 40 tablets tell the compelling and heartbreaking stories of those who sacrificed their lives for others, such as servant Alice Ayres who died rescuing three of her employer's children from a house fire and Frederick Croft, who was killed by a train while saving a suicidal woman.



Fen Court is near to the site of St Mary
Woolnoth Church, where the Reverend
John Newton (writer of freedom hymn
Amazing Grace) delivered powerful
anti-slavery sermons to – among others
– abolitionist William Wilberforce.
Worth a visit to see the dramatic
sculpture Guilt of Cain, which was
created to mark the bicentenary of
slavery's end and comprises
17 sugar canes rising from the ground
surrounding a slave auctioneer's pulpit.

