



# Saint Paul's Cathedral

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- In the West End of London one can see the famous St. Paul's Cathedral, the masterpiece of the well-known architect Christopher Wren. The old building of the Cathedral was sadly in need of repair and Christopher Wren was called on to carry out repairs and alterations, but he was prevented from doing this by the Great Plague and the Great Fire of London that destroyed the old cathedral. Nearly 8 years passed after the fire before the ruins of the old building were cleared away and the new work was begun. When Wren made the start, he picked out a stone from the heap of ruins and found on it a word in Latin which meant <I shall rise again.> so he made that the first stone of the new Cathedral. That was on June 21, 1675.
- It took him 35 years to build the Cathedral. All that time, while doing many other things besides, he laboured at his greatest work. He was very poorly paid. He did not always get his wages. But in spite of these difficulties all was splendidly finished.





- The Whispering Gallery which is over 100 feet above the floor of the Cathedral, is remarkable for its acoustics. A person standing at the entrance of the Gallery can hear clearly what is said on the opposite side, 107 feet away. Beneath the centre of the dome is the tomb of LORD Nelson killed at the battle of Trafalgar.
- Sir Christopher Wren, the great architect of his time, died in 1723, aged 91, and was buried in the building which his genius had created.





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RETURNED THANKS TO  
ALMIGHTY GOD FOR THE  
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OF HER ACCESSION  
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