

## Let Me Introduce You To... Sir Christopher Wren



Christopher Wren was a famous **architect**, who helped to design and rebuild 52 churches in London after the Great Fire of London in 1666. His masterpiece was St Paul's Cathedral.







## Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
frame structure	building the inside supports first of something and then adding an outside covering
reinforce	to make something stronger
stable	something that does not fall over easily
cladding	a material put on top of something else to protect it or make it look better
structure	something that has been made and put together and can stand on its own
function	the purpose of an object
architect	a person who designs buildings
material	the matter from which a thing is made

## Art movement information

Name	Sir Christopher Wren
Born / Died	1632-1723
Nationality	British
Art Movement	English Baroque Architecture



Dome	 A rounded structure forming the roof of a building, usually with a circular base.
Tower	 A tall, narrow building.
Arch	 A curved symmetrical structure.
Spire	 A spire is a pointed cone shape on the top of a building.

## Important works

		
St Paul's Cathedral, London	Pembroke College Chapel, Cambridge	Designs for St Paul's Cathedral

## What was the design of the new St Paul's Cathedral like?

- It was decided that the new cathedral would be in a modern style, instead of looking the same as before.
- Some of Christopher Wren's first designs were rejected because they were too different to the old design and to other cathedrals.
- The design that was agreed to, was different to the finished cathedral.
- During the building work, Christopher Wren added the design of a dome.



## What is the new St Paul's Cathedral like?



Architecture aims at Eternity.



-Christopher Wren

*If you want to see my monument,  
look around you!*

CHRISTOPHER WREN

## Key facts

- He was responsible for rebuilding 52 churches in the City of London after the Great Fire in 1666.
- He designed St Paul's Cathedral which is one of the most famous sights in London.
- It wasn't until he was 31 that he began architecture, by designing Pembroke College Chapel in Cambridge.
- Wren was 43 when the first stone was laid to build St Paul's Cathedral, he was 75 when the last stone was laid.
- St Paul's Cathedral:
  - It would be in a modern style, instead of looking the same as older buildings.
  - He often changed his designs during building work.
  - The design of the dome wasn't added until after the building had begun.