

What is a Wren300 Event Volunteer?

As part of the Wren300 Square Mile churches program, the Wrenathon vocal music marathon featuring hundreds of singers from over twelve community choirs across nine city churches.

With gospel, a cappella, pop, immersive choral theatre, global and folk song, classical choral music and featuring vocalists young and old, this vocal music marathon brings together singers of all styles to showcase the breadth of community singing today.

As we celebrate the joyful, healing and uplifting spirit of singing together in the City churches of Sir Christopher Wren, the musical programs also highlight pressing social issues including climate crisis in *Earth Makes No Sound* and acknowledge Wren's links to transatlantic slavery and colonialism in a special collaboration between NewYVC and Adisa.

All performances are 25 minutes long, allowing 20 minutes for audiences to journey on to their next church.

All performances and venues are relaxed environments. This means that we have a relaxed attitude to noise and movement throughout the *Wrenathon: A Vocal Marathon*, and people are free to come-and-go as they choose.

We are looking for a group of volunteers who can help out and make the day a success!

What's involved?

- Support the set-up of choir 'backstage' refreshments, and clear at the end of the event.
- Welcome audiences on arrival at church.
- Hand-out flyers to audiences and direct them to the full program online via QR code.
- Support audiences with wayfinding and routes between churches.
- Welcome choir members on arrival at church.
- Maintain sense of 'relaxed environment' in relation to noise movement of audiences during performances
- Other volunteer duties may be expanded as the program and plans develop.

What's in it for you?

- Meeting new people and working as part of a small and friendly team.
- Gain experience of assisting with events and learn how large events function behind the scenes.
- Being a part of the momentous national celebration of Sir Christopher Wren and Wren 300 project activities.

Experience and skills

No experience is necessary, however being friendly, approachable, and welcoming is a must. Being on your feet for a large portion of the day is essential.

Timing and Commitment

The Wrenathon will take place on Saturday 24th June. We ask volunteers to give a 6-hour commitment to the Wrenathon day and a 1.5-hour introductory session will take place prior to the event, this is scheduled for Thursday 22nd June.

Training and Expenses

A training session will be organised for all volunteers prior to the event. A full list of expenses will be shared when signing up.

Wren300 and the Square Mile Churches

Wren300 is a national tercentenary celebration of Sir Christopher Wren (1632-1723) - Mathematician, Astronomer and one of the country's most distinguished Architects, best known for the design of many London churches, including St Paul's Cathedral. He was a founder of the Royal Society, and his scientific work was highly regarded by Sir Isaac Newton. Organisations are coming together to celebrate his life and legacy including the London Diocesan Fund (LDF). With funding from National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Diocese of London is undertaking a series of special projects and cultural and conservation-based activities across 2023, including the Wrenathon: A Vocal Marathon.

Point of Contact: If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the **Project and Volunteer Officer, Laurie Dighton** on contact.wren300@london.anglican.org

This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract.