



**THE
CLIMATE CHOIR
MOVEMENT**

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Climate Choirs call for rewilding of Church land in performance at Norwich Cathedral

Members of the Climate Choir Movement perform protest song outside Norwich Cathedral, calling on Norwich's Bishop Graham Usher - the Church's 'Lead Green Bishop' - to support a proposition to rewild 30% of Church-owned land

Norwich:

Sunday 14th June, 4.30pm: Around 20 members of the Climate Choir Movement will perform a protest song outside Norwich Cathedral as the congregation and clergy emerge from evensong. The song, called 'Church of England, Rewild Your Land!', calls on members of the Church of England's General Synod to support a motion being debated at the Synod meeting in July for the protection of nature on 30% of the Church's 100,000 acre estate: 'in line with the scale and urgency of the climate and biodiversity crises'. [1]

This motion, introduced by Revd Canon Valerie Plumb, has already been signed by over 100 Church of England clergy. The action comes as campaigners urge Church leaders to take stronger action on climate and nature restoration. The Bishop of Norwich, Rt Rev Graham Usher, is seen as a vital person to influence in this debate. He is both a trustee of the Church Commissioners (the investment body in charge of the Church's estate) and Lead Bishop for the Environment for the Church of England. Campaigners say they hope he will now lend his support to the motion in light of the urgency of the climate and biodiversity crises.

The Climate Choir Movement and rewilding campaigners Wild Card argue that the Church of England has an opportunity to demonstrate meaningful environmental leadership through the management of Church Commissioners' landholdings. In the [Getting Back to the Garden](#) report commissioned by Wild Card, campaigners claim that protecting 30% of Church of England land for nature restoration could be cost-neutral and potentially profitable in some scenarios. The groups say this demonstrates that ambitious action for biodiversity and climate does not need to come at the expense of financial sustainability.

"Faith institutions have a unique moral authority in the climate crisis," said Kai Honey, Musical Director for the Climate Choir Movement. "We are asking Church leaders to match their climate commitments with practical action to restore nature and safeguard the future."

Wild Card Co-founder Hazel Draper added: "The Church of England is one of the country's major landowners and has the potential to become a national leader in nature recovery. This motion is an opportunity to show real ambition at a critical moment."

The action continues a growing series of creative public interventions organised by the Climate Choir Movement and Wild Card to raise awareness about climate breakdown, biodiversity loss, and the responsibility of major institutions to act.



The Climate Choir Movement and Wild Card in St Paul's Cathedral London March 2025

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NOTES TO EDITORS

[1]<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/governance/general-synod/special-agendas/private-members-motions#na>

- Members of the Climate Choir Movement will sing outside Norwich Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace from 4.15 to 5pm on Sunday 14th June.
- The Norwich-based Medieval Drone Choir will also perform.
- The action calls on Church General Synod members to support a motion on protecting nature on Church Commissioners' land.
- Wild Card is a grassroots nature campaign advocating for large-scale ecosystem restoration and wildlife protection across Britain.
- The Climate Choir Movement uses music and public performance to communicate climate and environmental issues through peaceful creative action.

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VISUALS

Images and videos will be available [here](#) from 5pm Sunday 14th June.

ABOUT THE CLIMATE CHOIR MOVEMENT

Founded in 2022, the growing Climate Choir Movement is comprised of 900 singers in 17 different choirs across the UK - Ballycastle, Bath, Bristol, Cambridge, Derbyshire, Exeter, Forest of Dean, Guildford, Hay-on-Wye, London, Oxford, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Sheffield, Southampton, Wyre Forest - and in Kentucky, Kenya and Zimbabwe. It uses musical performance to highlight the climate crisis. www.climatechoirmovement.org

ABOUT WILD CARD

Further details about the Rewild the Church campaign can be found [here](#).

Wild Card is a citizens' movement campaigning for the UK's biggest landowners to urgently rewild their lands in response to the climate and nature emergency. With over 250,000 people supporting their campaigns to date they have already claimed successes in persuading the royal estates and other landowners to begin ambitious nature restoration schemes. www.wildcard.land