

Archbishop Justin Welby has welcomed the news that Bishop Sarah Mullally will be the new Bishop of London.

The Archbishop said:

"Bishop Sarah brings to this remarkable ministry in this great city an extraordinary experience and profound gifts which are guided by her faith in Jesus Christ, who is the foundation of all that she is.

"In her calling as a Bishop she has demonstrated that she is a shepherd of God's people, a guardian of the Christian faith and someone with a passion for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others through her teaching and her actions.

"As a nurse, she specialised in cancer care, rising to become the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England (effectively the head nurse of the NHS in England), responsible for over 400,000 nurses. In this profession, as a priest in Southwark, Canon at Salisbury Cathedral and later bishop in Devon she has sought to serve others and to make Christ known in the world. These qualities are at the heart of the calling to be to be Bishop of London.

"As a Bishop in the wider Church of England, she has had a particular care for survivors of abuse. Under the overall leadership of the Bishop of Bath and Wells (the lead Bishop on Church of England safeguarding) she will continue to have an emphasis on this aspect of her ministry

"As one of the first women consecrated as a bishop in the Church of England, she has not only blazed a trail for others but lived out the principles of mutual flourishing and acceptance which I know will continue to bear fruit in London."

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