



Sarah Mullaly, First Female Archbishop of Canterbury (February 13, 2026)

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i What? A woman, Sarah Mullaly, who has been appointed head of the Church of England. It's a historic appointment.

Who? The members of the Church of England: there are more than 100 million of them.

Where? In England, where the Church of England plays a significant role in society.

When? Her appointment was officially announced on January 28th.

Why is it important? Because she is the first woman to hold this position. This shows that important roles in religions can evolve over time.

For this activity, your goal will be to learn a little more about Sarah Mullaly and the Church of England.

OBJECTIVES

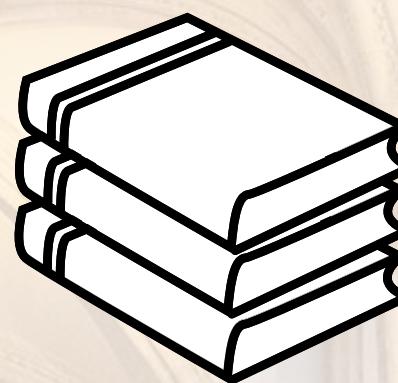
- Understand the three main branches of Christianity.
- Position the Anglican Church within Protestantism.
- Estimate numerical data related to Christianity.
- Discover the life story of Sarah Mullaly.
- Establish links between religious traditions and social evolution.

COMPETENCIES

- Search for and select relevant information.
- Read and interpret numerical and graphical data.
- Compare religious movements.
- Place events in chronological order.
- Establish connections between the past and the present.

GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students:
 - "What does the word Christianity mean?"
 - "Do you know any differences between Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox Christians?"
- Locate England on a map.
- Show a picture of Canterbury Cathedral.



SUBJECTS

- Social Studies / History**
 - Origins of Christianity
 - The Protestant Reformation
 - Evolution of Religious Institutions
- Mathematics**
 - Reading Graphs
 - Calculating Percentages
 - Estimating Numbers in Millions and Billions
- English**
 - Reading an Informative Text
 - Writing a Short Explanatory Text
 - Justifying Answers
- General Knowledge**
 - Religions Around the World
 - Role of Traditions and Institutions

DURATION

- About 60 minutes





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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Questions about religion. Observation of an infographic on the evolution of Christianity and writing of a short text explaining the infographic.

Q1 — Example text. Christianity began after the death of Jesus. In 1054, there was a split between Catholics and Orthodox. In 1517, Protestantism emerged with the Reformation. Today, there are three main branches: Catholicism, Orthodoxy, and Protestantism.

STEP 2 — Christianity: Some figures. Reading and interpretation of a table and pie charts. Calculation percentages from the data in the table.

Q2 — Chart C, since Catholicism represents more than half of all Christians.

Q3 — Approximately 2,700 million, or 2.7 billion.

Percentages of the total:

Catholicism: 52%

Protestantism: 37%

Orthodoxy: 11%

STEP 3 — Sarah Mullaly: Fact Sheet. Reading of a short biography and completion of the fact sheet.

What town is she from? Woking.

What year was she born? 1962.

At what age did she become a Christian? At 16.

Before her religious duties, what was her profession? She was a nurse.

What are her hobbies? Walking, cooking, and pottery.

What are the first names of her husband and children? Eamonn, Liam, and Grace.



WRAPPING UP

- Review:
 - The three branches of Christianity;
 - The role of the Archbishop of Canterbury;
 - The evolution of religious institutions over time.
- Final question:
 - "Why is it important for certain traditions to evolve with society?"



FURTHER EXPLORATION

 *The Reformation for Kids: A Captivating Guide to the Split of the Western Church into Protestantism and the Life of Martin Luther.* Captivating History Editor.

