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**In a statement the President and Vice-President, and Secretary of the Methodist Conference expressed their encouragement at her appointment and the assurance of their prayers.**

The full statement follows:

"We warmly welcome the news of Bishop Sarah Mullally's appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray God's blessing upon her for this profoundly important ministry. May God guide Archbishop Sarah in her leadership within our public life, within the Church of England and among the worldwide Anglican Communion. The Methodist Church and the Church of England are covenanted partners: in local communities across the country Methodists and Anglicans are growing together in responding to the gospel of God's love in Christ, enriching one another's discipleship, and sharing in worship and mission.

"As church leaders, we look forward to walking alongside Archbishop Mullally in that same spirit of partnership in the coming years. Our present age demands a confident and united witness by the Church, to the love and grace of God that can mend divisions and overcome the fears of our world. We are encouraged by Bishop Sarah's clear commitment to making the Church a safe space for all, where all are welcome and can thrive. We will keep Bishop Sarah and her family in our prayers as she takes up this significant and demanding global role. "

*The Revd Richard Andrew, President of the Methodist Conference*

*Mr Matt Forsyth, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference*

*The Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the Methodist Conference*



## Note to editors

On 1 November 2003, the Church of England and the Methodist Church entered *An Anglican-Methodist Covenant*, a series of mutual affirmations and commitments that binds the two Churches together in shared mission and in working towards the fuller unity of the Church.

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