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COVENTRY



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

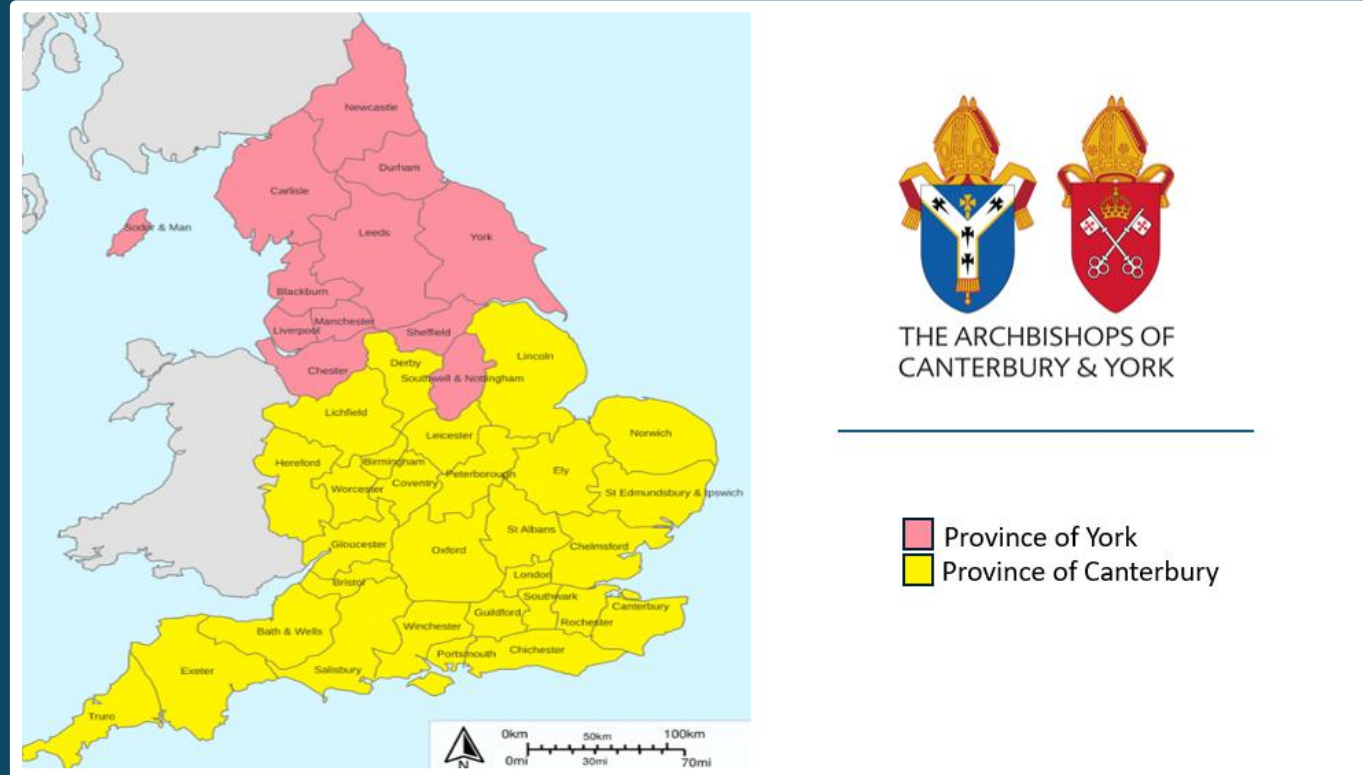
The Diocese of Coventry represents the Church of England in Coventry, Warwickshire and part of Solihull.

Head of the Church of England



King Charles III is the Titular Head and the Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

Provinces of the Church of England



There are 42 dioceses of the Church of England which cover England, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, a small part of Wales and the Diocese of Europe.

The Church of England dioceses are split into 2 provinces – Canterbury in the South and York in the North.

Within the provinces are areas which are known as Dioceses. There are 42 Dioceses, of which 30 are in the province of Canterbury and 12 are in the province of York.

The Diocese of Coventry is in the Province of Canterbury.

Archbishop of Canterbury



The Most Rev. and the Rt Hon. the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury
Dame Sarah Mullally DBE

The Archbishop of Canterbury is the senior Bishop and a principal leader of the Church of England. They are also the Ceremonial Head of the worldwide Anglican Communion and the Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury.

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, has been approved as the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

She will be the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury since Saint Augustine arrived in Kent from Rome in 597 AD and will be the first woman to hold the office.

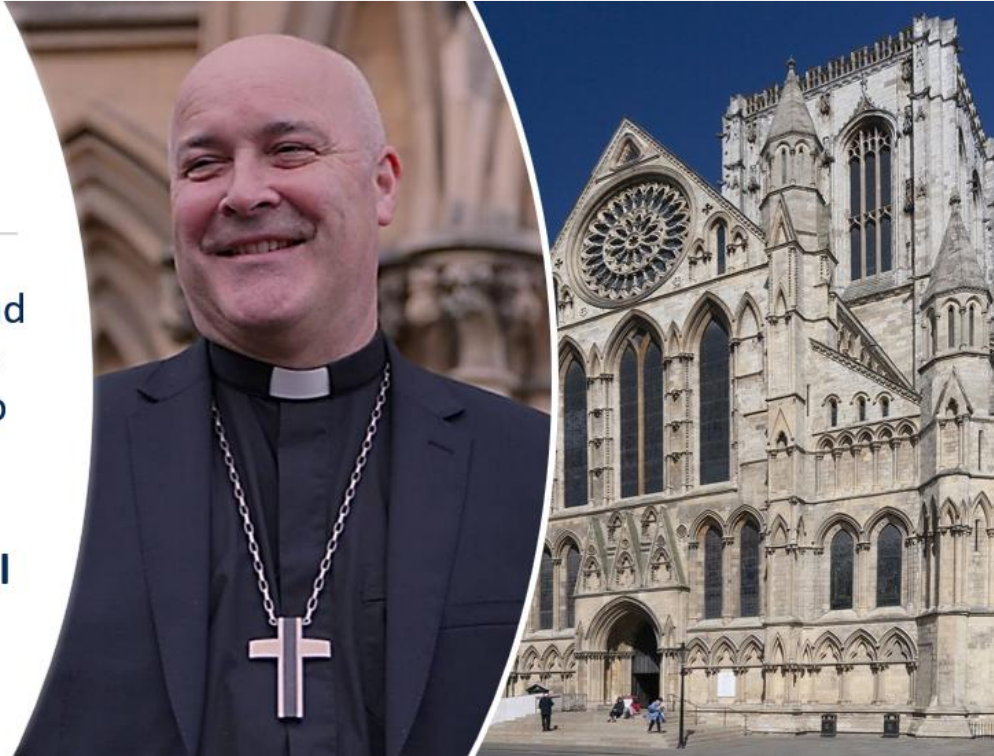
She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026.

Archbishop of York



The Most Rev. and
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Lord Archbishop
of York

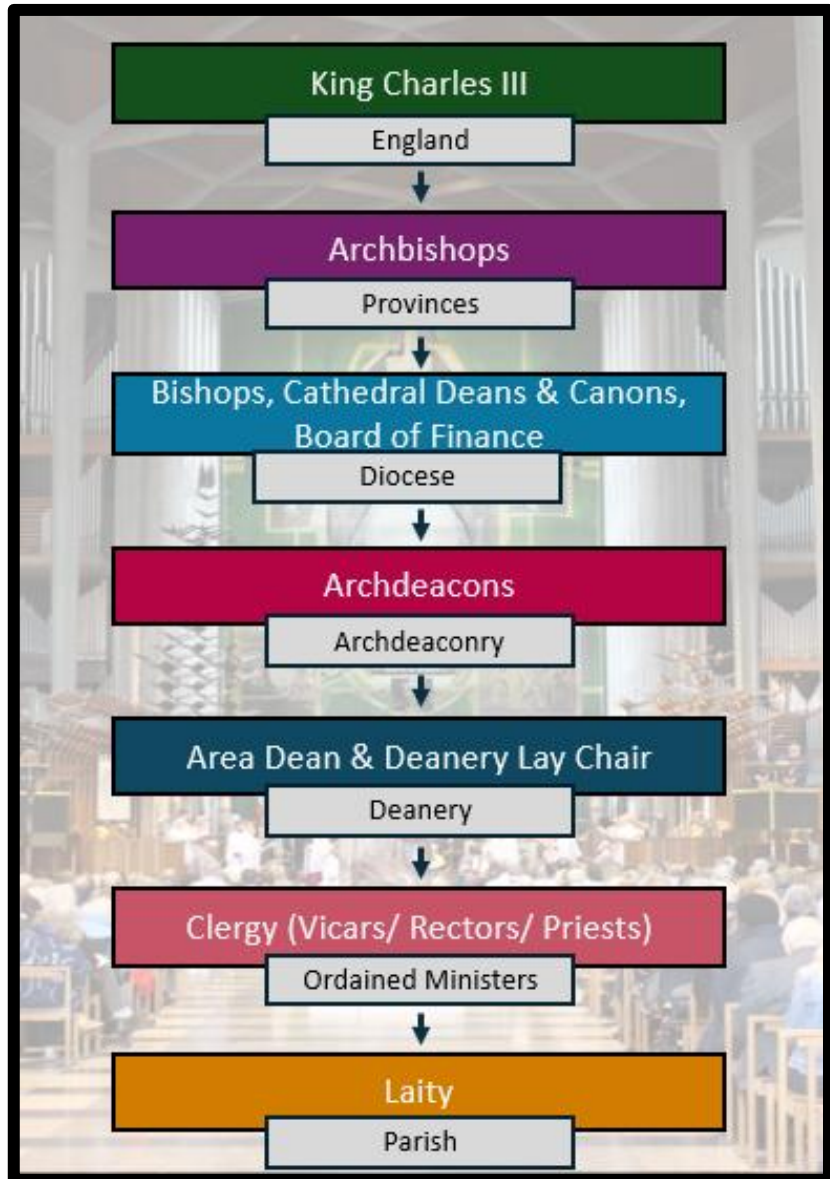
Stephen Cottrell



The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell is the 98th Archbishop of York, and the Bishop of the Diocese of York.

He holds a senior position within the Church of England, second only to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Structure of the Church of England



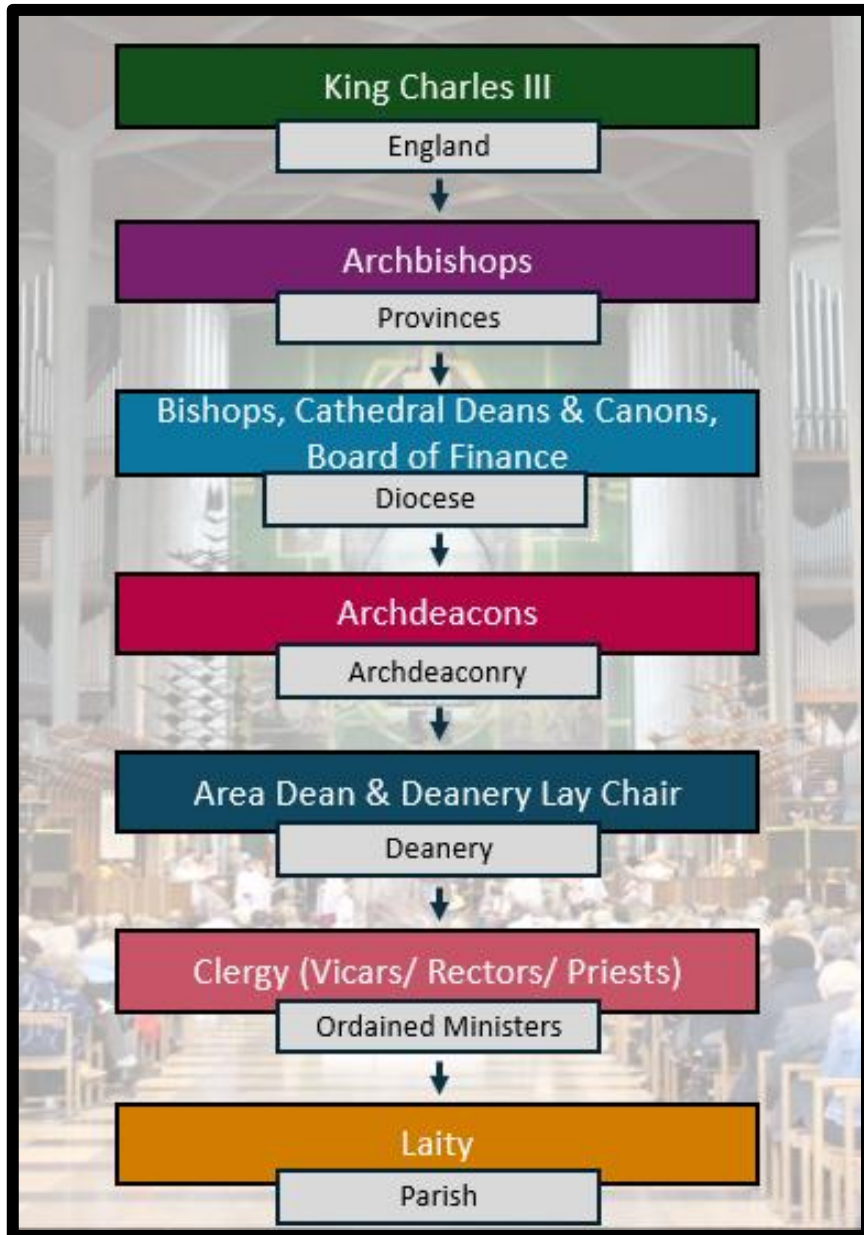
You will have seen in the previous pages, that King Charles III is the Head of the Church of England.

And that the Provinces of Canterbury & York are led by the Archbishops.

Each Diocese is overseen by a Bishop:

- The Cathedrals within each Diocese are led by a Dean, who is the senior member of clergy responsible for leading the cathedral community and overseeing its daily ministry and worship. As the head of the Cathedral chapter, the Dean is a senior priest in the Diocese, second only to the Diocesan Bishop.
- A Canon is a member of the Cathedral's governing body, known as the Chapter, which is responsible for running the Cathedral and the Diocese.
- Within each Diocese there is a “Board of Finance” which manages the financial affairs of that Diocese. Ours is called the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance.

Structure of the Church of England



Within each Diocese, are Archdeaconries, which are overseen by Archdeacons. An Archdeacon is a senior priest who supports the Bishop. Their role involves administrative duties, legal responsibilities, and providing pastoral care for clergy and churches within their Archdeaconry, and they also share in the senior leadership of the Diocese.

Within each Archdeaconry are Deaneries, which are made up of a group of local Parishes led by an Area Dean, who is a member of the clergy responsible for providing pastoral oversight and leadership in their Deanery.

Each Parish is led by an Ordained Minister, also known as Clergy, for example; Vicars, Rectors, Priests etc.

Each Parish has a Parochial Church Council which is overseen by Churchwardens, Secretaries and Treasurers, along with other local people of the Church, known as Laity. For example; Lay Readers, Synod representatives and many volunteers .