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NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY (With acknowledgement to the BBC)

The first female Archbishop of Canterbury said her teenage self "could never have imagined the future that lay ahead", during her installation as leader of the Church of England.

In her first sermon as archbishop, Dame Sarah Mullally said: "As I look back over my life - at the teenage Sarah, who put her faith in God and made a commitment to follow Jesus, I could never have imagined the future that lay ahead, and certainly not the ministry to which I am now called."

Addressing some 2,000 guests at Canterbury Cathedral, including the Prince and Princess of Wales, she also warned against overlooking victims harmed by "the failures of those in our own Christian churches and communities".

Also present were nurses and carers from Canterbury, to reflect Dame Sarah's long career as a nurse.

The service, historically known as an enthronement, marked the symbolic start of Dame Sarah's public ministry as the Archbishop of Canterbury.

All 105 previous Archbishops of Canterbury have been men, starting with St Augustine in 597 AD. Women were only allowed to become priests in the Church of England 32 years ago, in 1994.

Dame Sarah - who became a Christian at 16 - told the congregation that she resonated with the experience of Mary, the mother of God, who had to trust "in a future she couldn't yet see - a future she could never have imagined".

In a meeting earlier this month in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, conservative clergy gathered to select their own leader to follow instead of Dame Sarah, the Rwandan archbishop Laurent Mbanda.

Dame Sarah, 63, will also work with bishops in England whose beliefs mean they refuse to ordain women.

She had told the BBC ahead of the service that she recognised "the significance of being the first female archbishop, but I am also aware of the women that have supported me in my ministry".

The archbishop said the installation would give the sense of being "about celebrating women".

In her sermon, Dame Sarah - whose predecessor Justin Welby resigned in 2024 amid criticism of his handling of a serious abuse case - also acknowledged survivors of "the failures of those in our own Christian churches and communities".

She said: "In a world already torn by conflict, suffering, and division, we must also acknowledge the hurt that exists much closer to home.

"We must not overlook or minimise the pain experienced by those who have been harmed through the actions, inactions, or failures of those in our own Christian churches and communities."

There will be much scrutiny of the way she leads on safeguarding, especially given Welby's resignation.

Submitted by Alan Jackson.

Minutes of the last club meeting

Meeting date 16 April 2026

Compiled by Stacy Edwards

Attendance	12 members present Guests: Stuart and Lucia Scott – Cape Town Proms Orchestra, Charles Canning and Tarryn – Cape Town Highlanders, Sheldon and Tasmidah Goslett – Welsh Choir, Richard Mason – Cape Town Male Voice Choir, Peter Roux and Hester Heunis – Tygerberg City Choir, John and Arina Bester – Winelands Choir and Lia from Jenny Handley Promotions.
Fellowship	Bruce’s birthday today – happy birthday Bruce Lina and Brian Howard’s anniversary is on the 19 th Sharon’s birthday on the 22 nd
From the Acting President’s chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave, standing in for Justin, wished everyone a Wonderful Warm Wynberg Wotawy Welcome. • District Conference from 30 April to 2 May. Bookings close on the 21st so please register ASAP. There are some exciting events taking place so all are encouraged to attend. • Newlands Rotary sent an invitation to all to come and listen to their speaker, Hein Wagenaar – a blind explorer and adventurer. Please book on Newlands Rotary’s website.
Member’s moments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave and Sharon will be going to the Orange River with Kirsten and Jan from Norway. • Megan Barnard did really well to do the Two Oceans half marathon in 2h 10m. Sharon also did the Barnard clan proud by completing her race in 2h 20m. Well done to both. • Michele turned 70 on 13 April; they spent 4 days away and had a fantastic time hiking.
Slots	Graham – the bowls has been postponed to 31 May due to the weekend weather forecast. Stacy – Alan, Graham, Frank and Stacy attended the WPCC jackpot evening on the previous Friday. This is a way of raising money for both WPCC and our club. Our commitment to run one of these evenings would be approximately every 10 weeks. Graham will put the application in for us to run one of these evening.
Speakers	Mike introduced our speakers and informed the club that we made about R200 000, which will be used to support our community projects. Mike thanked the choirs and orchestras for their part in making the evening such a success. <i>Stuart</i> (Orchestra) said that the Proms is the highlight of their year – he says that new members always enjoy their experience. <i>Charles</i> (Cape Town Highlanders) reported that they have been doing the Proms for about 20 years. They thoroughly enjoyed playing “Remember the Titans” that they had to learn to play. The money paid to them by the Proms goes directly back into the band to replace drumsticks and reeds etc. Please follow them on social media to attend any of their events. <i>Sheldon</i> (Welsh choir) thanked the club for including them in the Proms. They have several new members who can’t wait to join the choir at the Proms, they have approximately 20 members. <i>Richard</i> (Cape Town Male Voice Choir) – the choir cherishes the relationship that they have with Rotary. Their new members are also very enthusiastic to attend the Proms. <i>Peter</i> (Tygerberg City Choir) – the choir always appreciates the opportunity to perform at the Proms. They have 20 members and are always looking for new members especially tenors and basses. <i>John</i> (Winelands Choir) – John has been taking part in Proms for many years. They have approximately 22 members. He thanked the club for the opportunity to take part in the Proms. <i>Lia</i> (Jenny Handley Promotions) – the 2026 Proms was her first Proms. She received so many emails from the public thanking us for this year’s Proms.
Swindle	The swindle was postponed....also due to the weather?
Presidential Quote	Paul Harris once said, “the foundation on which Rotary is built, is friendship; on no less firm a foundation could it have stood.”

Duty Roster

	23 April	30 April	7 May	14 May	21 May
	<i>Petrus Marais</i>	<i>No meeting</i>	<i>Social TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>	<i>Bruce Probyn</i>
Sergeant	Jackson		Todd	Murphy	Overbosch
Minutes	Thomas		Barnard K	Barnard D	Cleveland
Wynpress editorial	Klotz-Gleave		Lunt	Munday	Murphy
Grace	Thomas		Todd	Van Heyningen	Barnard D
Loyal toast	Cleveland		Dietrich	Edwards	Gowdy
International toast	Jackson		Barnard K	Bird	Cleveland

Dates to Diarise

23 April	Petrus Marais from the Alta du Toit Centre for intellectually disabled adults.
30 April – 2 May	District 9350 Conference, Durbanville.
14 May	TBC
21 May	Bruce Probyn from the Principals' Academy.

Post Proms meeting with the choirs, orchestra and pipers (with one-liners from Mike Schreiber)

Why did the choir bring a ladder? To reach the high notes.

Life without a choir would definitely B FLAT.

Choir practice really struck a chord with me.

Singing in harmony is a note-worthy experience.

Why was the choir always on time? They had perfect pitch.

The orchestra always has strings attached

The orchestra didn't panic—they stayed composed.

Life is better with a little treble

Never run with a bagpipe... you may get KILT!



Tailpiece

