

“The Loom and The Light”

The Story of the 1926 Blackburn Diocese Pageant

“A Thousand Years In Thy Sight”

Presented by The Friends of Blackburn Cathedral
A Special Centenary Year Lecture by Paul Mason.

1,000 Years of History. 12 Epic Scenes. One Extraordinary Centenary.

As part of the **Blackburn Cathedral Centenary (1926–2026)**, join Paul Mason for a fascinating illustrated exploration of this monumental event that marked our founding.

In 1926, after months of preparation, the town came to a standstill for **“The Loom and The Light,”** a spectacular pageant celebrating Blackburn becoming the heart of a new Diocese. This was no mere play—it was a magnificent historical epic, performed in **12 vivid scenes** recounting **1,000 years of Christianity in Blackburn and Lancashire**.

A Century of Reflection

- **The Grand Narrative:** Discover how the pageant wove together a millennium of faith, from the earliest missionaries to the industrial age.
 - **A Community United:** Revisit the scale of a production that saw hundreds of local people take to the stage.
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Event Details

- **Date:** Sunday 22nd February, 2026
 - **Time:** 12 pm
 - **Location:** The South Transept, Blackburn Cathedral
 - **Admission:** £8 including coffee or tea and cake.
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All proceeds support the work of The Friends of Blackburn Cathedral.

“Join us as we pull back the curtain on the 1926 spectacle that celebrated a millennium of Lancashire faith and heralded the birth of our Cathedral.”

Celebrate our 100th year by rediscovering the story of our beginning.