

# **"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.

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#### **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.

**All proceeds support the work of The Friends of Blackburn Cathedral.**

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*"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."*

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