

# WEEKLY SERMON

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## Confident proclamation from a firm foundation

The story of Blackburn Cathedral brings together almost 1500 years of Christian worship on its current site.

It's a story of faith lived out in the lives of Lancashire people who have chosen to put Jesus at the heart of their community. It's a story of change and ambition, of hard work and dedication, of trust and hope.

It's a story still evolving and transforming our community and the lives of the people we encounter. Through confident proclamation, abundant joy and costly love we are committed to building the Christian community at Blackburn Cathedral and engaging more effectively across our town, the county and the Diocese.

During the last five years, as you may be aware, the Cathedral has been at the centre of significant development and change to the Blackburn town centre landscape.

Our Cathedral Court has been a remarkable achievement, opening up new and varied opportunities for mission and ministry. We have much to be thankful for, but much still to do. The launch of our new Strategic Plan recently was another significant moment in the life of our Cathedral community.

We seek to build on our history as we keep on telling the story of Jesus and helping people to encounter God afresh through worship and service to the wider community in ways that are meaningful and have relevance in our world today.

As the Cathedral and the Diocese of Blackburn approach 100 years of faithful witness across Lancashire, that story continues.

Building on the firm foundation of Vision 2026, our purpose is clear: In telling the story of Jesus, we seek to help people encounter God through worship and service to the community.

It's an exciting moment for us and we are looking forward to what the future holds as the next phase of our story unfolds.

- Do take a look at the full [strategy document here](#).

**Peter Howell-Jones, Dean of Blackburn**

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