100 Years Of The Diocese Of Blackburn

1) Historically part of the diocese of York, and Chester in 1541
Then becoming part of the diocese of Manchester before much time had gone
The diocese of Blackburn was established on the 12th November 1926 yes
There-fore this year is celebrating its 100th anniversary or so I guess

2) It's currently run by the Bishop of Blackburn Philip North quite well
With him, and others, having plenty a Church story to tell
A total of 211 Parishes, and 280 Churches coming of assistance
Together with Bible readings covering oh quite a distance

3) Its Suffragans are Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster, and Joe Kennedy, Bishop of Burnley
Providing plenty a special service for you and me
With David Picken, Archdeacon of Lancaster, and Jane Atkinson, Archdeacon-designate of Blackburn
Both giving members of the public a lot to learn

4) There are also lots of different Rural Deaneries to be seen
Who in many Churches across Lancashire have been
Each for weddings and funerals bringing people together
Which will go on totally forever

5) The Diocese of Blackburn's 100th anniversary has this year had lots of celebration
Having parties taking place in local towns with no hesitation
A large amount of appreciation and value of it being had
Keeping lots of people away from turning just lonely and sad

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