



as announced.

Diocese of Blackburn

Edinburgh-born Joe is currently Vicar of Oxton St Saviour in the Diocese of Chester, a post he has held since 2011. He is married to Emily with two children.

Following the announcement Joe said, "Across Lancashire, and across the Diocese, there is such a rich variety of experience: urban and rural areas and their parishes, post-industrial towns and coastal regions, schools and chaplaincies, coupled with the diversity of traditions in the Church of England – different ways of worshipping, of serving communities, and of seeing things.

"My heart sings too as I anticipate the opportunity to begin to work with colleagues across the whole diocese as we continue to implement Vision 2026 together and look to the future – supporting healthy churches, transforming communities."

In his new role, Joe will have particular responsibility for the 'Being Witnesses' strand of the Vision 2026 work.

For more information see the full announcement on the [Diocese of Blackburn website](https://www.dioceseofblackburn.org.uk/press-releases/revd-dr-joseph-kennedy-named-next-bishop-burnley).

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