

City skies light up as cathedral turns 100

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THOUSANDS of people saw Liverpool Cathedral lit up with fireworks in an amazing climax to a weekend of centenary celebrations.

The extravaganza was held ahead of today's official centenary service.

Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, was leading the service with the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Reverend James Jones, at 4pm - exactly 100 years since King Edward VII laid the building's foundation stone.

More than 2,000 people will attend the event, including 400 descendants of those who helped design and build the cathedral on St James Mount.

Last night, the skies lit up as £30,000-worth of fireworks were set off from the cathedral tower, to who thronged the

Mother-of-two Sunlight, Wirral, breathtaking. I feel

Steve Beard, 29, spectacular."

Thousands also around the city, such

The display marked weekend's 'pilgrimage parade' costumed dancers Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday afternoon.



the appreciation of the spectators streets.

Barbara Gaw, 43, from Port said: "It was absolutely very proud to be here."

from Woolton, said: "That was truly

watched from other locations as Everton Brow.

a spectacular climax to the celebrations, which started with a of more than 200 carnival down Hope Street from the

The cathedral later played host to a celebration of performing arts.

The neo-Gothic cathedral is the fifth largest in the world.

The foundation stone was laid at 4pm on July 19, 1904, but the building was not completed until 74 years later. It was opened by the Queen on October 25, 1978.