

Liberals go the Extra Mile

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Rabbi Danny Rich, Chief Executive of Liberal Judaism, led a delegation of Liberal Judaism members and staff who joined the Cut the Carbon march organised by Christian Aid to call for cuts in carbon emissions.

Marchers from around the world walked 1,000 miles in nearly three months from Northern Ireland to London. Two marchers addressed the Council Meeting of Liberal Judaism last Sunday where they received a warm welcome.

Joining some 2,000 people the Liberal Judaism group marched the last mile from Tower Bridge to St Paul's Cathedral where the group was welcomed by the Dean and attended a service.

Rabbi Rich commented, "By walking the last mile, Liberal Judaism associated itself with the campaign for climate change. The manner in which the world currently uses energy impacts most seriously on the poorest and most vulnerable nations of the world. It is a matter of prophetic justice and in accord with humanity's task to responsibly steward the world (laid down in the Book of Genesis) that the fortunate among us participate in measures which will safeguard the natural environment. Liberal Judaism was delighted and privileged to promulgate this important message with Christian and Muslim brothers and sisters."

For further information, please contact Liberal Judaism's Social Action Officer by e-mail: socialaction@liberaljudaism.org

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Members of Liberal Judaism at the Cut the Carbon March

Notes:

Liberal Judaism - one of the three major strands of Judaism in the UK with over 30 congregations and 10,000 members across the country - seeks to make Jewish life relevant to the modern world.

The main difference between Liberal Judaism and traditional (Orthodox) Judaism is in their respective attitudes to the bible. While preserving the core beliefs and practices that underpin the religion, Liberal Judaism believes that ancient laws must be interpreted to ensure that ethical values and practices take account of what we know and the world as it is today. Ethical behaviour and social action take priority over ritual.

Liberal Judaism believes in the equality of each individual, regardless of race, gender or sexuality. We apply this belief in practice, with support for mixed-faith and same-sex relationships. Liberal Jewish men and women have equality of opportunity in all aspects of religious life, including practice and education.

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