



Buddhist Vihara
The temple in Balfour Road, Ilford, opened in 1998 after 20 families came together to raise the £40,000 deposit needed to secure the property.



Salvation Army
The Salvation Army had a hall in High Road by 1887 before it opened the current building in Clements Road, Ilford, about 1901. The Army was set up in 1865.



Central Library
Walkers stopped outside Redbridge Central Library, Clements Road, Ilford, for a talk from the Jewish community.



SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church
The church in High Road, Ilford has been serving the community since 1898. It was opened after a Roman Catholic mission was started by Rev A S Barnes - a convert who was chaplain of Ilford Hospital.



Hindu Temple
The VHP Hindu Centre in Cleveland Road, Ilford, bought the building - a former church - after money was raised by the community in 1984.



Ilford Islamic Centre & Mosque
The mosque started out with a couple of front rooms in Kingswood Road, Goodmayes, in 1968. The congregation eventually bought a premises in Albert Road in 1989 and it has remained there ever since.



Imam Ihsan and Rabbi Jeffrey Newman speaking at the Ilford Islamic Centre, Albert Road, Ilford



Children at the Ilford Islamic Centre, Albert Road, Ilford listen to singer Mizzi Kalinsky

Thinking

Tour highlights faiths' role for environment

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The borough's faiths groups came together as they visited places of worship in Ilford on Sunday.

The theme of this year's Redbridge Faith Forum (RFF) Multi-faith Walk event was "it's not too late" with walkers thinking about how communities could do more to make a positive differ-

ence for the environment.

The walk started at the Buddhist Vihara in Balfour Road, where youngsters planted a tree in the garden as Rev Pethigamuwe Hemaratana recited a mantra.

Next was the Salvation Army in Clements Road, where Lt John Clifton talked about the services it provided before walkers watched a bicycle

Karamsar Gurdwara

The original building in High Road, Ilford, was a Labour Party hall. But in 1990 it was turned into a gurdwara under the guidance of Sant Pardeep Singh. A newly designed building opened in 2005.



■ Rev Francis Ackroyd of Vine United Reformed Church, Ilford, Rabbi Jeffrey Newman, Rev Pethigamwe Hemaratana, and Imam Ihsan at the Ilford Islamic Centre, Albert Road, Ilford

green on faith walk

recycling presentation. At the VHP Hindu Centre in Cleveland Road, youngsters talked about caring for the earth, peace and how it was "integral" to Hindu teachings.

The next location was the Ilford Islamic Centre in Albert Road. Rabbi Jeffrey Newman talked to walkers about Judaism's approach to climate change before Imam Ihsan called for faith groups to unite in their desire to care for the environment.

SS Peter & Paul Church in High Road was the next stop on the walk where RFF chairwoman Jacquie Grievie welcomed Redbridge deputy Mayor Cllr Thavathuray Jayarajan.

The last stop was the Karamsar gurdwara in High Road, where walkers enjoyed langar - free food - and a presentation from the gurdwara's young people about recycling.

An RFF statement read: "The most inspiring experience has been the community spirit displayed between all faiths for each other - welcoming and inclusive regardless of faith."



■ Ali Ahmed singing at the Ilford Islamic Centre, Albert Road, Ilford

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