

CHAPEL AGM 2nd March 2025

This year it was very important to discuss and vote on our new Constitution during this Annual General Meeting so that we can move forward confidently on our application to the Charity Commission to make ourselves a Charitable Incorporated Organisation rather than being under the “umbrella” of the Essex Hall/General Assembly Charitable status. There is added urgency to complete this process as the General Assembly will itself be voting to change its own status this year to that of a CIO and is encouraging congregations to do so too. (GA’s documents for this year include this explanation, which equally applies to Warwick Unitarians: *The purpose of the incorporation is to enable the Assembly to operate within a distinct legal entity which limits the potential personal liability of the members of its Executive Committee (so that there is no disincentive for its members to act) and which will also simplify its administration in terms of its ability to hold assets, enter into contracts, employ staff etc.)*

We are very fortunate this year that we have David Healey to help navigate our way through the process as he has experience already of managing the move for other Charities. We are particularly grateful to him for providing us with copies for all and for explaining the complete and up to date Constitution for our AGM.

The Meeting unanimously agreed to adopt the constitution.

Copies will now be in the files upstairs and are available for members of the congregation to view on request

Also at the meeting we appointed our Trustees for the coming year, namely:

Malcolm Burns – Chairman, Cherry Dodd – Treasurer, Elaine Nomura – Secretary, Christine Thompson, David Healey and Mandy Littlejohn. This was seconded by Marilyn and carried unanimously. Rory Keegan will be co-opted if he is able to stay with us.