

As we come to the end of a hectic Cinnamon year, we want to pause and give thanks for all we have achieved in 2018. It's certainly been a hectic 12 months.

Thank you to all of you who have been championing the work of Cinnamon and particularly those of you who recently donated to our November match-funded appeal.

One key development of the last year was our move to welcome Amanda Bindon and Mike Royal as Co Chief-Executives for Cinnamon UK, releasing Matt Bird to focus on developing Cinnamon internationally.

Cinnamon UK and Cinnamon International have continued to develop at a rapid pace and Matt Bird and David Westlake will be stepping down from their roles on the Cinnamon UK Board of Trustees, so they can focus their attention whole heartedly on establishing Cinnamon International as a separate entity.

We believe these changes will release Matt and David to follow their calling and allow Cinnamon UK to move into a new era with a clear mandate to support the Church in the UK. This is a really exciting new chapter for Cinnamon and we will continue to pray for Matt, David and International.

As part of these developments, we are delighted to announce that Martin Warner will be stepping up into the role of Chair of the Trustees. Martin is the current Chairman of Michelmersh Brick Holdings Plc and a very experienced business leader who has been a committed member of Cinnamon's Board of Trustees since we were established. For the past few years Martin has helped to steer Cinnamon as the head of our Finance Committee.

As Martin steps up to chair the Board of Trustees, Darren Mitchell will be taking over responsibilities for leading our Finance Committee. Darren is currently the Deputy Chief Operating Officer at Hogan Lovells law firm and brings experience from his roles at IBM and PwC to this position too.

Both Martin and Darren are passionate about the work of Cinnamon and equipping local churches to serve their communities. We look forward to working even more closely with both of them as they settle into their new roles and help to drive Cinnamon forward.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas,

The Cinnamon Team