

Dear Circuit,

After much prayer and discernment, Horton Heath's Church Council have voted to 'cease to meet.' There is now a set process that must be followed for congregations who have voted to 'cease to meet.' The next step of this process is for the Church Council decision to be presented to the next Circuit Meeting, in the spring of 2022. An application will be submitted from the Circuit Meeting to the District Policy Committee for their approval and from there, the proposal will go to District Synod on April 2nd 2022. The worshipping church and its Church Council are therefore still members of the Methodist Connexion until the Synod decision is made.

With pastoral regard to their current situation, I have complied with Horton Heath Church Council's request to not uphold the winter preaching plan. Although, in accordance with the set process, a line for Horton Heath on the plan will remain there until Synod's final say. In the meantime, the worshipping community at Horton Heath will be supported by Local Arrangements.

May I summon you all to hold this important and significant situation for the Circuit and for Horton Heath members in your prayers. Every Blessing, Pauline