



# Peak Methodist Circuit Newsletter

June 2008

Dear Friends,

Greetings! If you are wondering what this is all about, here is the explanation:

Given the frequency with which I'm required to post and email information to the church stewards, I had asked Margaret, Keith and Rose, if it was possible to collect all the general information and send it out to all the stewards on a monthly basis. Besides the fact that this would enable me to share information in a more organized and an effective manner, it would also mean reduction in the postage & paper costs.

The purpose of the monthly newsletter is:

- a) to share the information, that individual church stewards will find relevant to their church office posts.
- b) to provide local churches in our circuit with notices and announcements to be made in the Sunday services.

Also, I'd be grateful if you would let me know whether you prefer to received these monthly newsletters by email or by post.

Hope you will find this idea helpful

Thanks,

Tina

Circuit Administration Assistant

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## Have you met Tina yet?

In the next few weeks Tina would like to visit all the churches in the Circuit, to meet some of you to find out what is happening in the churches and talk about your hopes for the future. There are a number for reasons for this.

1. If Tina is to help the ministers and individual churches with some of the administrative work then it is helpful for her to have some understanding of the churches.
2. Over the course of the year there is a considerable amount of information to be gathered e.g. October membership and attendance figures, office holders for the directory, property schedules etc. In the past the ministers have gathered and kept most of that information but it will be a considerable help to staff if Tina is able to hold all that information together.
3. This year in particular, profiles have to be drawn up for stationing and for that we need an overall picture of everything happening in the churches including weekday activities, ecumenical services and events etc. as well as Church's Mission Policy and vision for the future.
4. If churches do not already have a web site or a web page on the Circuit site, the information Tina gleans can be used for your page.

I am sure that you will welcome Tina when she comes and help her to gain an insight into your church so that she can help you and the ministers in the best possible way.

Margaret Roe

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**Rowsley Methodist Church:** invited you to join their new Monthly midweek service. They will be held on the last Wednesday in the month at 7.30 p.m. There will be an informal time of worship followed by refreshments.

Dates for services in planned so are:

June 25<sup>th</sup>

July 30<sup>th</sup>

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**Good news for Church Treasurers!** You may not have realised that hidden in the Chancellor's Budget Speech was a small paragraph not reported in many analyses of the Budget. He has deferred the reduction of tax reclaimable for **Gift Aid** for three years. That means that for the next three years 28% can be continued to be reclaimed which should please many treasurers

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**The Circuit banner** is now completed and looks very impressive. It was on show at the District Day at Cliff College on Saturday and we have every reason to be proud of it. It will be on display at Showbridge and Chatsworth and other Circuit events but we would also like to give churches the opportunity to display it locally. If you have any special events in the next few months - Well Blessings, Concerts, Flower Festivals and would like to have the banner on display, please let Tina know.

Margaret Roe

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