

**WELCOME TO KIRK OF KEITH: ST. RUFUS, BOTRIPHNE, AND GRANGE**

**TODAY, SUNDAY, 4 December**

Second Sunday in Advent

10.15 am – St. Rufus (Sunday Club finishes at 12 today)

11.45 am – Grange

7-10 pm – Youth Group Party

Rev Alastair Gray has been appointed as our Interim Moderator and he can be contacted on 886840 or on email at agray@ChurchofScotland.org.uk

Rev David Whyte has been appointed as our locum and he can be contacted on (01343) 870667 or email whytedj@btinternet.com

**PASTORAL VISITING**

As Locum Minister, I am happy to visit folk of the congregations who are ill in Hospital or at home. However, as I don't live in the parishes I do need to be kept informed as to those who are in need of a visit. So please let me know. There is a book at the door for recording details or you can phone (01343) 870667 David Whyte

***TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE - Is to be found on additional sheet.***

***THIS WEEK: -***

**THIS MONDAY (5 December)**

The Guild Christmas Meal is at 12.30 pm in The Royal Hotel.

**THIS THURSDAY (8 December)**

The "Fly and Friendship Club" Christmas meal is in the Golf Club at 2 pm.

**THIS THURSDAY (8 December)**

United Churches' Choir rehearsal in St Rufus Church at 7.30 pm for the Rotary Carol Service. All welcome.

**THIS SATURDAY (10 December)**

The lights of the Stars for Thought Christmas tree outside the North Church will be switched on at 4 pm.

***FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -***

**(a) SUNDAY, 11 December**

Third Sunday in Advent

10.15 am – St. Rufus (Sunday Club goes straight to the Hall)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

**(b)** The "Fly and Friendship Club" have their trip to Newmill Primary School on Thursday, 15 December.

**(c)** On Thursday, 15 December there is a United Churches' Choir rehearsal in St Rufus Church at 7.30 pm for the Rotary Carol Service. All welcome.

**(d) SUNDAY, 18 December**

Fourth Sunday in Advent

10.15 am – United Congregation Christmas Service at St Rufus with the Sunday Club Nativity followed by family lunch. £1 a head.

2.30 pm - Weston View Christmas Service with rota of Isobel Shanks, Ann Hutton, Mary Gray, Fiona Young, Douglas Milne, Eric McWilliam (or their deputies), faithful friends.

7 00 pm – Rotary Carol Service

**(e)** The last Bible Study session of the year is on Tuesday, 20 December. The meeting takes place in the Hall and starts with a cuppa and a blether at 7.30 pm with the discussion starting at 8 pm. The passages to be studied are Mark 14:61-62/Matthew 26:63-64/ Luke 22:68-70 (You will see the son of man) All are welcome to attend the sessions.

**(f)** On Thursday, 22 December the "Fly and Friendship Club" have their Christmas Party in the Scout Hall at 2 pm.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The newsletters and Christmas parcels are ready for uplifting by elders.

2) The Moray Crematorium Advent Service of Remembrance is on Tuesday, 6 December at 7 pm, doors open 6.30 pm. Light a candle to remember your loved one and write a message to place on the Memorial Christmas Tree. Donations will go to Alzheimer's Society.

3) The amount raised by the Youth Group from their sponsored Wake-a-Thon in aid of NESS is a tremendous £742. They would like to thank everyone who supported them.

4) Eileen Leighton has resigned from the post of Christian Aid convenor. Many thanks to her for all her hard work and commitment. Unfortunately, this now means that we are looking for a new convenor. If any member of the congregation is willing to take on this roll please contact Nicola Smith.

5) Fiona Young would like to thank everyone who has kindly donated towards her abseil in aid of a charity that has done a great deal for her son Thomas. Fly Cup Catering Ltd is based in Inverurie and trains adults with learning difficulties to work in the catering industry. The abseil was scheduled for this weekend but has had to be postponement due to the weather. It will take place soon.

6) Can members of the Picnic & Parties Committee please bring sandwiches and home bakes for the Christmas Service on 18 December.

7) An old bible belonging to a Minister of St Rufus dating from the 1800s has been given to us. James Thomson was minister at Keith from 1825 until his death in 1856. The bible is on display on the table at the front of the church for anyone who is interested in looking at it.

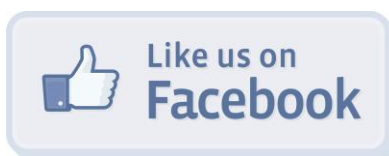
8) Barbara is forward planning to next year's Christmas Fayre! She is appealing to everyone to

save any gift bags they may receive and have no use for. They can be any size – small or large and can be for any occasion. Please hand them to Barbara or into Clark's Pharmacy.

9) Mrs Margaret Milne is retiring as cleaner of Grange Church on 31 December after many years. Thanks go to her for all her hard work. If anyone is interested in taking on this job, then please contact Fiona Simpson.

10) Could any elders who know of someone who should receive church flowers please put their details in the book in the counting room.

11) June Cairns co-ordinates the rota for **church transport**. Her contact number is 01542 882336.



Kirk webpage can be found at [www.strufus.org](http://www.strufus.org)

### **Community Food Moray/Moray Food Bank.**

Please help those in need of emergency food by donating long life foods from the range suggested. The items must be non-perishable (dried or tinned), in date, and not high in salt, sugar, or saturated fat.

The blue box inside the main door at St. Rufus has been supplied for donated items.”

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