

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

**TODAY, SUNDAY, 1 January**

10.15 am – United Congregation Service at St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**CHURCH ON FILM**

The nominating committee has turned to digital technology in its efforts to recruit a new parish minister. A 90 second ad has been produced which showcases a congregation hard at work and play - to demonstrate the busy life of our church. With filming having taken place at the Christmas Fayre, Taylor Court sheltered housing and a youth group meeting, you're sure to spot plenty of familiar faces. You'll find the clip at [www.strufus.org](http://www.strufus.org) and on our Facebook page - please like and share to spread the word that we'd love a new minister!

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

**THIS WEEK: -**

**THIS THURSDAY (5 January)**

The "Fly and Friendship Club" is on holiday.

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -**

**(a) SUNDAY, 8 January**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)  
Volunteers, please, to remain at the end of the service to take down and pack up the Christmas decorations.

11.45 am – Botriphnie

**(b)** The Guild have their members' night on Monday, 9 January at 7.30 pm. Members are reminded to bring with them, if possible, a poem, story, song, etc.

**(c)** "Fly and Friendship Club" – Thursday, 12 January - Scout Hall - 2 pm - 3.30 pm. Tea rota – Ella McKenzie, Rita Mearns and Barbara Moir.

**(d) SUNDAY, 15 January**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club resumes)

11.45 am – Grange

2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Sandra Gerrie, Elma and Stewart McKenzie, Wilma Robertson, Steven Shorten, Jozef Gerrie (or their deputies), faithful friends.

7.00 pm – Youth Group

**(e)** "Fly and Friendship Club" – Thursday, 19 January - Scout Hall - 2 pm - 3.30 pm. Tea rota – Sandra Webster, June Miller and Ann Hutton.

**(f) SUNDAY, 22 January**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The people who help with the teas on Sundays in church and at other events throughout the year deserve a mention and a big thank you for their continued hard work. It is very much appreciated by everyone.

2) 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.

3) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18 to 25 January 2017 and the theme is "Crossing Barriers" - more information can be found at [tbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2017](http://tbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2017).

4) On Tuesday, 31 January there is an Interfaith Moray group meeting in St. Sylvester's Church, Institution Rd, Elgin 7-9pm. All welcome.

5) 27 February - 11 March - Fairtrade Fortnight - Theme "It's time to put Fairtrade in your break"

6) World Mission Stamp Project  
During 2017, used stamps will be collected to raise funds for Church of South India's (CSI) eco-spirituality centre, Othara, near Kerala. Stamps can be dropped into the box at the door.

7) Refugee Catastrophe  
Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees is a joint faiths initiative, involving a number of Scottish Churches and the main representative Ecumenical, Jewish, Muslim and Interfaith groups. Their website [www.sfar.org.uk](http://www.sfar.org.uk) links to useful information about the UK immigration & asylum process, and information what specific local authorities are doing to assist refugees and how you can get involved. Also see Moray Supports Refugees [www.morayrefugees.org.uk](http://www.morayrefugees.org.uk) or find them on Facebook.

8) Fiona Young would like to thank everyone who

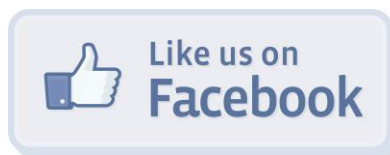
has kindly donated towards her abseil in aid of a charity that has done a great deal for her son Thomas. Fly Cup Catering Ltd is based in Inverurie and trains adults with learning difficulties to work in the catering industry. The abseil was scheduled for this weekend but has had to be postponed due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

9) 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.

10) 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.

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

12) 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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