

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 12 March

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

7.00 pm – Youth Group

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 13 March)

There will be a meeting of the Welcome Committee at 7 pm in the hall followed by a meeting of the Picnic and Parties Committee at 7.30 pm. A full attendance is requested.

THIS WEDNESDAY (15 March)

The United Churches' Choir will start rehearsals at 7.30 pm in St Rufus Church for the Good Friday Service. All welcome. Meetings will be weekly up until Easter week.

THIS THURSDAY (16 March)

The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets in the Scout Hall - 2 pm - 3.30 pm. Tea rota – Isobel Shanks, Andi Ross and Loisa Duguid

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 19 March

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

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

(b) The Guild AGM is on Monday, 20 March in the hall at 7.30 pm.

(c) The Bible Study Group meets on Tuesday, 21 March, in the hall at 7.30 for 8 pm. The passage to be studied is Mark 6:35-43 (Not dead but sleeping)

(d) The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets on Thursday, 23 March in the Scout Hall - 2 pm - 3.30 pm. Tea rota – Karen Simpson, Norma Gray and Margaret Kerr

(e) The Youth Group will be hosting a Family Quiz night on Friday, 24 March at 7 pm in the Golf Club. Teams of 4, with £10 entry per team and the winning team will receive £100. Raffles available as well. This is to raise funds for the youth group and we hope to see you all there. It is very important to support our youth so your support would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate a raffle prize then please get in touch with either Barbara or Mike. It's set to be a good night and fun for all ages.

(f) SUNDAY, 26 March

10.15 am – Family Service for Mother's Day in St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday but are encouraged to come to church with their family) Traidcraft will have a stall

11.45 am – Grange

7.00 pm – Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) Bible Study meetings take place in the Hall and start with a cuppa and a blether at 7.30 pm with the discussion starting at 8 pm. The dates are as follows (all on Tuesdays):

4/4/17 - Luke 5: 33-39 (The Old is Better)

18/4/17 - Matthew 19:12 (Eunuchs for the Kingdom's Sake)

2) PARISH NEWSLETTER

All copy for the April edition of the parish newsletter should be sent to editor Esther Green at thegreens4@btinternet.com no later than Friday, March 31.

3) Jennifer Mitchell, our Church Officer, is moving on and we wish her all the best for the future and thank her for all her hard work over the years. Unfortunately, this means that we are now looking for a new Church Officer and Hallkeeper. This could be one post or two. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who might be interested then please contact the Clerk to the Board, Fiona Simpson, for more details. Fiona's email is fiona_22@hotmail.co.uk

4) Heather Streeter and Isabel Russeell would like to thank everyone who supported the Traidcraft Stall at the Guild Coffee Morning. Traidcraft will have a stall at the Mother's Day Service and on Easter Sunday in St Rufus Church when the Fairtrade yummy chocolate will be back in stock!

5) The Guild's Spring Evening is on Monday, 3 April at 7.30 pm in the hall when The Huntly Quines will be providing the entertainment. This is an Open Evening and admission is £2.50. There will be refreshments and raffles.

6) We are still looking for someone to take on the role of Christian Aid Convenor. If anyone is interested please contact Nicola.

7) This year's Holy Week Services will take place in St Rufus Church starting on Monday, 10 April.

8) Agnes Riach has kindly offered to take charge of this year's Christian Aid Coffee Morning which

will take place on Saturday, 13 May. She will be looking for volunteers to help out in due course.

9) Fiona Young would like to thank all the members of the congregation who have 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 has had to be postponed due to the weather but a new date has now been fixed. Fiona will be abseiling off the old Peterhead Prison on Sunday, 23 April. Good luck Fiona!

10) 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.

11) Barbara Robertson would like to thank everyone who has contributed gift bags. She has enough now.

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

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



Kirk webpage can be found at 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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