

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

**TODAY, SUNDAY, 2 April**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

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 (3 April)**

The Guild's Spring Evening is 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.

**TUESDAY (4 April)**

The Bible Study Group meets in the hall at 7.30 for 8 pm. The passage to be studied is Luke 5: 33-39 (The Old is Better)

**THIS WEDNESDAY (5 April)**

The choir rehearsal is cancelled.

**THIS THURSDAY (6 April)**

The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets in the Scout Hall - 2 pm - 3.30 pm. Tea rota – Wilma McIntosh, Meggie Gardiner and Loveina Clark

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

**(a) SUNDAY, 9 April**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

11.45 am – Grange

**(b) HOLY WEEK SERVICES - 10-14 April**

All start at 7 pm in St Rufus Church

Monday – Rev Alastair Gray

Tuesday – Rev Michael Last

Wednesday – Father Max

Thursday – Rev David Whyte – Communion

Friday – All clergy

**(c)** The Welcome Committee is holding a Family Beetle Drive on Wednesday, 12 April at 7 pm in the hall. Admission £1 to include teas and homebakes. There will also be Raffles and a Chocolate Stall. Setting up from 4 pm.

**(d)** The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets on Thursday, 13 April in the Scout Hall - 2 pm - 3.30 pm. Tea rota – Ella McKenzie, Rita Mearns and Barbara Moir.

**(e) SUNDAY, 16 April**

10.15 am – United Service for Easter at St Rufus (No Sunday Club)

Please stay and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Donations to Christian Aid.

The Traidcraft Stall will be present

2.20 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Neil and Lorna Howie, Janice Innes, Eleanor Gordon, Lorna Allison, (or their deputies), faithful friends.

**(f)** The Bible Study Group meets in the hall on Tuesday, 18 April at 7.30 for 8 pm. The passage to be studied is Matthew 19:12 (Eunuchs for the Kingdom's Sake)

**(g) Wednesday, 19 April**

**Congregational Board** meets at 7.15 pm

**Kirk Session** meets at 8 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who helped support the Quiz Night Fundraiser, all who came along or donated, all those who worked hard to organise and run the evening as well as Phil and Diane Morrison who generously donated the prize money, and the winning team who donated a sizeable amount back to the Youth Group. The final total raised was £700. Thank you all again for your continuing support.

2) The decoration of St Rufus Church for the Easter Services will take place on Friday, 7 April at 7 pm. Anyone willing to help please meet in the church.

3) There are quiz sheets at the door in aid of Christian Aid. Suggested donation of £1.

4) The Guild's annual sponsored walk and silence is on Saturday, 20 May starting at 3 pm in the hall with everyone meeting afterwards at the Grampian Hotel at 5 pm for a meal. This event is aimed at raising money for the Guild projects – see the church web page for more details of these worthy causes. Guild members would be delighted if anyone would like to sponsor them.

5) 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](mailto:fiona_22@hotmail.co.uk)

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

7) 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.

8) 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!

### 9) 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.

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.



Check out the Kirk webpage which 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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