

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 2 July

We welcome Rev Alastair Gray and the congregations of the North Churches
10.15 am – Joint Churches Service at St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)
11.45 am – Grange

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

Mr Eckhardt Bosch has been appointed as Parish Assistant jointly with the North Church.

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 EVENING

The Community Bus will leave from the Royal Hotel at 6 pm for an evening Songs of Praise at Boharm Village Hall, Mulben, starting there at 630 pm

THIS TUESDAY (4 July)

The Bible Study Group meets in the hall at 7.30 for 8 pm. No Sign (Mark 8:12/Luke 12:10). All welcome.

THIS THURSDAY (6 July)

The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets in the Scout Hall - 2 pm - 3.30 pm. Tea rota – Karen Simpson, Norma Gray and Margaret Kerr.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 9 July

10.15 am – Joint Churches Service at St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday) followed by BBQ lunch social at St Rufus Manse 11 am – 3 pm. All welcome.
11.45 am – Botriphnie

(b) The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets on Thursday, 13 July in the Scout Hall - 2 pm - 3.30 pm. Tea rota – Trish Richards, Irene Boyd and Doreen Strathdee.

(c) SUNDAY, 16 July

10.15 am – Joint Churches Service at St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)
11.45 am – Grange
2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Heather Strathdee, Adam Murray, Beth Inglis, Anne Williamson, Linda Willox, Jackie McWilliam (or their deputies), faithful friends.

(d) The Bible Study Group meets in the hall on Tuesday, 18 July at 7.30 for 8 pm. Seeing Not Perceiving (Mark 4:11-12). All welcome.

(e) The "Fly and Friendship Club" is on holiday from Thursday, 20 July. Resumes Thursday, 17 August.

(f) SUNDAY, 23 July

11 am – Joint Churches Service at the North Church (Sunday Club on holiday)
No service at Botriphnie

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) PLEASE NOTE: During the school holidays we will again be sharing services with the North Church. On 2nd, 9th and 16th July the services will be at St Rufus and the Grange and Botriphnie services will be as normal. On 23rd and 30th July and 6th August they will be held in the North Church and there will be no services at Grange or Botriphnie. Congregations are encouraged to attend any of the services irrespective of the location.

2) The Bible Study classes have resumed. Classes are in St Rufus Hall 7.30 for 8pm. All welcome.
1/8/17 - You will not have gone through all the towns

in Israel (Matt 10:23)

15/8/17- Let the children first be fed (Mark 7:27)

29/8/17- Who is greater than John the Baptist? (Luke 7:28/Matt 11:11)

12/9/17- Violence and the Kingdom (Matt 11:12/Luke 16:16)

3) This year's Fun Week will run from Tuesday, 8 August to Friday, 11 August for children in Primary 1 to 7. More details later.

4) Summer Fun Holiday Club will run for primary school children on the 4 Wednesdays in July at a cost of £1 an event. The first one is on Wednesday, 5 July in the North Church Hall and registration forms are available at the door. Join the High Flyers, have fun and learn about aviation.

5) Message from Margaret Henderson

I would like to thank the congregations of St Rufus, Botriphnie and Grange for the lovely inscribed vase and flowers I received on Sunday. Thank you to Nicola for her kind words. Thanks also for the heartfelt letter I received from the church. Thank you, also, for all the kind messages on Facebook and personally. I can't believe how nice people have been. I will miss the children but I'm sure I'll still turn up on a Sunday. I've been blessed working with so many special people over the years who give up their time every Sunday. I will miss them but a great friendship will not fade and I'm sure they will continue to support Beth. The church is like a family and I'm honoured to be part of it.

Thank you once again, Margaret.

6) Internet Grooming, Online Safety and Sex Trafficking Training

Mike Newlands has organised for Quarriers to come and deliver training/a talk on Internet grooming, online safety and sex trafficking on Tuesday, 25 July, 10am till 4pm in St Rufus Hall. It will be a very informative session on how to spot the signs in the vulnerable, and also not vulnerable people, we work with who may find themselves in this situation. It aims to provide us with the information and confidence to look out for the signs, and also help those, who may have found themselves in a bad situation within online communities. It is of particular importance when one considers the rise in underage boys and girls, with the ages only getting younger, who wind up doing illegal things and have it used against them by people wishing to exploit them. If you could get back to him by the 21st July with the

numbers of people from your organisation who wish to attend, or if you simply want to attend yourself that would be great. He will provide teas and coffees but if you could bring your own lunch that would be great. Thank you.

7) Some of the Ian Whitley local landscape paintings will be on show during July and August in St Rufus Church, the North Kirk Shop and the Pop Up in Keith shop, prior to an auction sale in the North Church Hall 9-11 August.

8) The Joint Prayer Group will not meet during July and August.

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

Appeal for Donations - Moray Food Bank.

Please help those in need of emergency food by donating any long-life foods. The items must be non-perishable (dried or tinned), in date, and not high in salt, sugar, or saturated fat. Suggested items are long-life milk (UHT or powdered), soup, pasta sauces, cereals, tea, instant mashed potato, rice/pasta, tinned meat/fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits or snack bars. Toiletries are also welcome. The blue box inside the main door at St. Rufus has been supplied for donated items.

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