

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

TODAY, 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.

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 TUESDAY (18 July)

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

THIS THURSDAY (20 July)

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAYS, 23 July/30 July/6 August

11 am – Joint Churches Service at the North Church (Sunday Club on holiday)

No services at Botriphnie or Grange

(b) The Congregational Board meets on Wednesday, 26 July at 7 pm in the hall. Please attend if it is at all possible.

(c) The Bible Study Group meets in the hall on Tuesday, 1 August at 7.30 for 8 pm. The passage to be studied is Matt 10:23 - You will not have gone through all the towns in Israel

(d) This year's Fun Week runs from Tuesday, 8 August to Friday, 11 August for children in Primary 1 to 7.

(e) SUNFDAY, 13 August

10.15 am - United Family Service at St Rufus for the Fun Week Finale followed by teas and home bakes.

No service at Grange

(f) The Bible Study Group meets in the hall on Tuesday, 15 August at 7.30 for 8 pm. The passage to be studied is Mark 7:27 - Let the children first be fed

(g) There is a Guild Committee meeting on Wednesday, 16 August at 2 pm in the hall.

(h) The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets on Thursday, 17 August in the Scout Hall - 2 pm - 3.30 pm. Tea rota – Wilma McIntosh, Meggie Gardiner and Loveina Clark.

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 Group meets in St Rufus Hall 7.30 for 8pm. All welcome.

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) The Fun Week is in need of any and all cardboard boxes and tubes and shoe boxes that you can spare. This can be most things you would throw out in your recycling i.e. cereal boxes, egg cartons, kitchen roll tubes. If you have anything you can give then please contact Mike Newlands on 07880571578 or on Facebook to arrange pick up or drop off. Thank you.

4) Summer Fun Holiday Club is running for primary school children on the 4 Wednesdays in July at a cost of £1 an event. Join the High Flyers, have fun and learn about aviation.

5) 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 great. Thank you.

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

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

8) 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.

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

10) 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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