

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 8 October

10.15 am - United Congregations Service in St Rufus for Harvest Thanksgiving (Sunday Club on holiday).

Teas and homebakes after the service in aid of Christian Aid. Traidcraft stall. Retiring collection for Christian Aid.

No service at 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

Mr Eckhardt Bosch has been appointed as Parish Assistant jointly with the North Church. His role also includes pastoral care. He is happy to be contacted on 01542882799, 07871959996 or on email at ebosch@churchofscotland.org.uk

Christmas Fayre

Mary Stewart will be at the church door today taking names of people willing to provide soup, sweets, etc for the Christmas Fayre.

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

THIS WEEK: -

THIS TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY (10 or 11 October)

Hamper packing will take place in St Rufus church at 2 pm on either Tuesday, 10 or Wednesday 11, October. Confirmation of the day to follow.

THIS THURSDAY (12 October)

The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota - Mary Sinclair, Angela Robertson and Margaret Gray

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 15 October

10.15 am – St Rufus (No Sunday Club)

11.45 am -Botriphnie

2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Marion Robinson, Agnes and Billy Riach, Frances McKenzie, Edward Watt and Sandra Webster (or their deputies), faithful friends.

(b) The Guild meets on Monday, 16 October at 7.30 pm in the hall when the guest speaker will be Rev Anne Attenburrow.

(c) The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets on Thursday, 19 October in the Scout Hall – 2-3.30 pm. Tea rota – Agnes Paterson, Elsie Johnston and Sheila McIntosh.

(d) Changing World – Changing Church. A Moray Presbytery day conference on Saturday, 21 October 10 am – 3 pm in the Williamson Hall, Duff Avenue, Elgin. The speakers and facilitators are Steve Aisthorpe and Liz Crumlish.

(e) SUNDAY, 22 October

10.15 am – St Rufus (No Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

7 pm – Youth Group meets in St Rufus Hall.

(f) The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets on Thursday, 26 October in the Scout Hall – 2-3.30 pm. Tea rota – Isobel Shanks, Andi Ross and Loisa Duguid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The newsletter and communion cards are available for uplift by elders from the front of the church.

2) Whittley Art Sale - there will be a week's display in the Keith Pop-Up Shop in Mid Street, **2-6 October**. Then there will be an exhibition and silent auction sale of the works in the Kirk Shop from **Wednesday 11 - Friday 13 October**,

culminating in the conclusion of the silent auction in the North Church Hall at 7.30pm when cheese, wine and coffee will be served. Guest Speaker – Mr Trevor Whittley. 60% of the proceeds from the auction will go to the Tuesday Table work at the North Church to help re-equip the kitchen with a dishwasher and create much needed additional storage facilities. 40% of the proceeds will go to the Whittley family. There will be the opportunity to 'Buy it now' at a fixed price ahead of the auction sale.

3) Raffle Tickets for the Hamper Raffle are available at the door today. Please use the sheet to record your name and how many books taken. Money and stubs to be returned to Joan MacBeath.

4) We are looking for volunteers for the kitchen and also servers at the Christmas Fayre. If you are able to help please get in touch with Eleanor Gordon, Mary Stewart or Margaret Henderson.

5) Appeal for items for the Christmas Fayre – In particular we are looking for items for the £1 bags, items for a toiletries hamper and items for both a dog and cat hamper. Donations can be handed into Clarks Pharmacy for Barbara Robertson.

6) The Longmore Hall will be open on Thursday evening (26 October) from 7 pm and volunteers for lifting would be required then. The Hall is open on the Friday 10-12 and 7-9 pm for donations. No donations of clothing please. Anyone who has donations which require to be collected on Friday 27 October please contact Margaret Henderson on 887104

7) **Restore** – a weekly opportunity for folk to come to St Rufus Hall to share life's challenges and the Bible's insights into today's problems – led by Tanya Dunlop and Eckhardt Bosch. Every Friday 10.30 – 12.

8) The Welcome Committee is holding a Family Beetle Drive on Friday, 10 November starting at 7pm. Setting up at 3 pm. Raffles and £1 stall.

9) Forward planning to next year! The Welcome Committee will be hosting a Table Top Carbooter in the hall so you will get a chance to sell all your

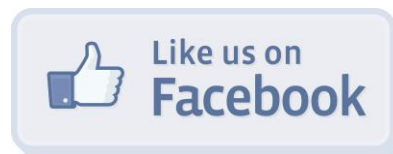
items which are no longer required. More details to follow.

10) The Joint Prayer Group meets every Tuesday 11-12 in the Garrow Chapel in the North Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

11) 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.

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.



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.

There is currently an urgent need for UHT milk, baked beans and fruit squash/fruit juice in cartons.

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 for both men and women are also welcome.

The blue box inside the main door at St. Rufus has been supplied for donated items.

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