

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 22 October

10.15 am – St Rufus (No Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

7 pm – Youth Group meets in St Rufus Hall.

Volunteers please to stay behind at the end of the service to take down the Harvest Thanksgiving decorations.

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

There are Traidcraft catalogues at the door today for anyone wishing to order. Please return to Heather Street or Isabel Russell by 1 November.

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

THIS WEEK: -

THIS TUESDAY (24 October)

The Bible Study Group meets at 7.45 pm for 8 pm start. The passage to be studied is Luke 12:50 – 'How am I constrained until it is accomplished'

THIS THURSDAY (26 October)

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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE is on Saturday, 28 October in the Longmore Halls starting at 10 am. Stalls include: Craft, New and Good as New, farm produce, cake and candy, bric-a-brac, books, toys, bottle stall, Christmas hamper raffle, ordinary raffle and many more. Admission to the coffee morning is £2 while the soup and sweet lunch is just £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children. There will be an auction at around 1.30 pm to sell off any leftover goods.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY 29 October

Celebration of Holy Communion conducted by Rev Rozelle Bosch in the morning and Rev Alastair Gray in the evening

10.15 am – St. Rufus (No Sunday Club).

11.45 am – Botriphnie

6.00 pm – St. Rufus

(b) The Guild Quiz is on Monday, 30 October at 7.30 pm with Charlie Simpson as Quizmaster. This is always a fun evening.

(c) Joint Churches' weekly choir rehearsals at St Rufus Church start on Wednesday, 1 November at 7.30 pm. These will be held over the seven weeks leading up to the Rotary Carol service on Sunday, 17 December at 6 pm. The rehearsals will normally be on Wednesday evenings, but some weeks will be on an alternative evening.

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

(e) The Youth Group's annual sponsored event will be a wake-a-thon on Saturday, 4 November and then coming down to the church on Sunday morning. They will be raising money for the Youth Group and are looking for as much support as possible. A sponsor sheet will be available at the door or donations can be given to any member or leader of the Youth Group. More details can be obtained from Mike Newlands or Barbara Robertson.

(f) SUNDAY, 5 November

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- 1) The newsletter and communion cards are available for uplift by elders from the front of the church.
- 2) The collections at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service in aid of Christian Aid totalled £177.44. Thanks to everyone for their generosity. Thank you, also, to everyone who donated to the Food Bank. It is very much appreciated.
- 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 Bible Study Group meets in the hall at 7.45 pm for a cuppa with the discussion starting at 8 pm. All are welcome. The next meetings are:
7/11/17 – Luke 10:17-20 – ‘The Fall of Satan’
21/11/17 – Matthew 11:27/Luke10:22 – ‘The Father and the Son’
5/12/17 – Matthew 16:18-19 – ‘You are Peter’
19/12/17 – Mark 9:1 – ‘The Kingdom Coming with Power’
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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.
- 9) **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.

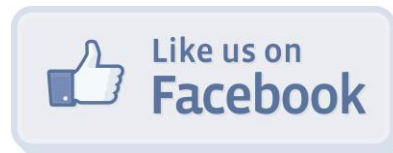
10) The Joint Prayer Group meets every Tuesday 11-12 in the Garrow Chapel in the North Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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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