

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 12 November – Remembrance Sunday

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club goes straight to the hall for their visit to the hospital)

11.45 am – Botriphnie (Starting at the War Memorial at 11.30 am)

Rev Alastair Gray is our Interim Moderator and he can be contacted on 886840 or on email at agray@ChurchofScotland.org.uk

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THIS WEEK: -

THIS MONDAY (13 November)

The Guild meets at 7.30 pm in the hall. The speaker will be Rev Shuna Dicks.

THIS WEDNESDAY (15 November)

Joint Churches' weekly choir rehearsals at St Rufus Church **at the earlier time this week of 6 pm.**

These will be held weekly leading up to the Rotary Carol service on Sunday, 17 December at 7 pm.

The rehearsals will normally be on Wednesday evenings, but some weeks will be on an alternative evening.

THIS WEDNESDAY (15 November)

Concert in Keith North Church by the Resurrection Choir from St Petersburg, Russia; first half Russian sacred music, second half Russian folk music. The concert starts at 7.30 pm and tickets are £8 and £4 from the Kirk Shop, or at the door on the night. Accommodation needs to be provided for nine members of the choir for the night of 15 November. If anyone can offer a room for the night, please contact Rev Alastair Gray, Interim Moderator.

THIS THURSDAY (16 November)

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 19 November

10.15 am – St Rufus – Guild Dedication (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

2.30 pm – Weston View Communion with rota of Sheila Fettes, George Anthony, Esther Green, Duncan and Caroline George (or their deputies) faithful friends.

7 pm – Youth Group.

(b) The Bible Study Group meets in the hall on Tuesday, 21 November at 7.45 pm for 8 pm start. The passage to be studied is Matthew 11:27/Luke10:22 – 'The Father and the Son'.

(c) The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets on Thursday, 23 November at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Ella McKenzie, Rita Mearns and Barbara Moir.

(d) This year's Christmas parcels will be wrapped in St Rufus Church on Friday, 24 November. If you can help please turn up at 2 pm.

(e) On Saturday, 25 November at 10 am there is a joint session meeting entitled Empowering Leadership at the North Church Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The provisional total for the Christmas Fayre is £8,326.94! Congratulations to everyone who helped to make the Fayre such a success. Preparations started months ago and culminated in a well organised day with everyone pulling together and working hard to achieve a fantastic result. Thanks to all who donated and in particular Barbara would like to say how grateful she is to everyone who gave towards the Youth Group

stalls. Thanks to the helpers on the day and to everyone who turned up to show their support and spend their money! Roll on next year!

2) Christmas Newsletter – Can all items for the Christmas newsletter be with editor, Esther Green, by Sunday, 19 November please? It is hoped that the newsletter, envelopes and parcels will be ready for uplift on Sunday, 26 November. Esther can be contacted on 880456 or by email at thegreens4@btinternet.com

3) The retiral collection at the communion services totalled £108.15. This money will go to Mary's Meals.

4) 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: 5/12/17 – Matthew 16:18-19 – 'You are Peter' 19/12/17 – Mark 9:1 – 'The Kingdom Coming with Power'

5) The Traidcraft Stall will be at the door of St Rufus church for last minutes Christmas gifts/cards on Sundays, 26 November and 3 December.

6) The Disaster Theatre Company will be performing Snow White & The Magnificent Seven in Cullen church hall on Friday, 1 December at 7.00 pm and Saturday, 2 December at 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm. Tickets are £7 or £3 for primary school children.

7) 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. This will be on the morning of Saturday, 3 March. Tables will be £5, admission £1 which includes refreshments.

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. **Please ensure when you cut the stamp off the envelope that you leave 1 cm (1/2 inch) of paper all around.**

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. She is looking for more volunteer drivers.** Her contact number is 01542 882336.



Check out the Kirk webpage which can be found at www.strufus.org

Moray Food Bank/Keith Foodstore

Our local Keith Foodstore organiser, Tanya Dunlop, will be moving from Keith in the next few months, and is looking for a team of volunteers in the local churches to hand over this work. If anyone is interested in being part of a team to help carry on what she has started, please see Alastair or Eckhardt for further details.

More volunteers would be a great help even if it were only for a few hours during the run up to Christmas. If you are interested or would like to know more about the Foodstore in Keith please contact Joan MacBeath.

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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