

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

TODAY, 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.

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

Mr Eckhardt Bosch is our 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

THIS WEEK: -

THIS TUESDAY (21 November)

The Bible Study Group meets in the hall at 7.45 pm for 8 pm start. The passage to be studied is Matthew 11:27/Luke10:22 – ‘The Father and the Son’.

THIS WEDNESDAY (22 November)

Joint Churches’ choir rehearsals at 6 pm at St Rufus Church.

THIS THURSDAY (23 November)

The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota - Ella McKenzie, Rita Mearns and Barbara Moir.

THIS FRIDAY (24 November)

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.

THIS SATURDAY (25 November)

Open joint meeting 10-11.30 am in the North Church Hall of both Keith and districts Kirk Sessions to explore the national Church of Scotland theme of ‘Empowering Local Leadership’ It is also the Church of Scotland National Day of Prayer. We will have discussion on how to enable our own church members to volunteer for leading worship in these times of a national shortage of full time ministers. Any of our congregations would also be welcome to come.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 26 November

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

Traidcraft stall will be at the door today for last minute shopping.

(b) The Guild meets on Monday, 27 November at 7.30 pm for a musical evening with Rory Smith. Guild members are kindly reminded to bring a raffle prize.

(c) The "Fly and Friendship Club" meets on Thursday, 30 November at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Sandra Webster, June Miller and Ann Hutton.

(d) On Thursday, 30 November, the ‘Resourcing the Rural Church’ Church of Scotland road show will be at Aberlour Church from 10.30am-3.30pm. A light lunch is provided. Those wishing to attend, please contact our Interim Moderator or Wayne Morris, wmorris@churchofscotland.org.uk .

(e) This year’s Christmas decorations will be put up in St Rufus Church on Friday, 1 December. If you can help please turn up at 7 pm.

(f) SUNDAY, 3 December

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

7 pm – Youth Group

Traidcraft stall will be at the door today for last minute shopping.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) **Christmas Newsletter** – Can all items for the Christmas newsletter be with editor, Esther Green, by today 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

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

3) The Family Beetle Drive was a very enjoyable fun evening and has raised £250.

4) Many thanks to all that supported the Fly and Friendship coffee morning. The sum of £1057.97 was raised.

5) 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’

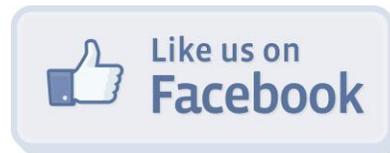
6) The Disaster Theatre Company will be performing Snow White & The Magnificent Seven in Cullen church hall on Friday, 1 December at 7.00 pm and Saturday, 2 December at 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm. Tickets are £7 or £3 for primary school children.

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 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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