

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

**TODAY, 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.

Rev Alastair Gray is our Interim Moderator and he can be contacted on 886840 or on email at [agray@ChurchofScotland.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:ebosch@churchofscotland.org.uk)

**THIS WEEK: -**

**THIS MONDAY (27 November)**

The Guild meets on at 7.30 pm for a musical evening with Rory Smith. Guild members are kindly reminded to bring a raffle prize.

**THIS WEDNESDAY (29 November)**

Joint Churches' choir rehearsals at 7.30 pm at St Rufus Church.

**THIS THURSDAY (30 November)**

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota - Sandra Webster, June Miller and Ann Hutton.

**THIS 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](mailto:wmorris@churchofscotland.org.uk).

**THIS FRIDAY (1 December)**

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.

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -**

**(a) SUNDAY, 3 December**

First Sunday in Advent

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.

**(b)** The Guild Christmas lunch is on Monday, 4 December at 12.30 for 1pm in the Royal Hotel.

**(c)** There is a Service of Remembrance at Moray Crematorium on Monday, 4 December at 7.30 pm.

**(d)** The Bible Study Group meets in the hall on Tuesday, 5 December at 7.45 pm for 8 pm start. The passage to be studied is Matthew 16:18-19 – "You are Peter"

**(e)** Keith Primary School Craft Fayre is on Wednesday, 6 December 9.30 – 11.30 am

**(f)** The Fly & Friendship Club's Christmas meal is on Thursday, 7 December at 2 pm at the Golf Club.

**(g)** On Saturday, 9 December at 4 pm outside Keith North Church there is the Stars of Thought in aid of the Sunshine Playgroup. There will be carols sung and hot chocolate provided.

**(h) SUNDAY, 10 December**

Second Sunday in Advent

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

**(i)** There will be a Service of Hope (and remembrance) in Keith North Church on Sunday, 10 December at 3 pm for people in and around Keith who were bereaved during 2017.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

1) The newsletters and Christmas parcels are ready for elders to uplift.

2) The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who supported them for their Wake-a-thon. They managed to raise a phenomenal £974! The

generosity of the congregation and the community is gratefully received and the effort the Youth Group put in to staying awake for so long should be applauded also. Thank you to you all!

**3) EDEN Bus - Outreach Ministry to Young People**  
Some of you may have seen the EDEN Bus at Refuel in Fochabers last summer. It is a Christian outreach initiative to young people which tours around the country, usually going back to each location for 10-12 weeks at a stretch. It is run by representatives of The Message Project with support from a team of local volunteers who are trained up to engage more effectively with young people in their area. Most initiatives end up with 10-20 youngsters signing up for a Youth Alpha course and thereafter forming a lasting youth group. The bus itself is fully equipped with all the latest 'techie' gadgets as well as a climbing wall in the stairwell of the bus.

The Forres Youth and Families Outreach Project is keen to invite the Bus to come up to Moray - it is available at the moment in May/June - but in order to make it more manageable would ideally like to share it with other locations when it is up here. This would not only defray the cost per se but also allow the bus to stay up here for a longer period without having to go backwards and forwards up and down the A9. More information about the EDEN Bus can be found at [www.message.org.uk/Edenbus](http://www.message.org.uk/Edenbus). If anyone is interested in exploring the options for joint outreach, please get in touch asap - [royand@btinternet.com](mailto:royand@btinternet.com).

**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 meeting is:  
19/12/17 – Mark 9:1 – ‘The Kingdom Coming with Power’

**5) 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.

**6) 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.

**7) 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.**

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

**9) 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](http://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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