

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 31 December

10.15 am – Joint Churches Service at St Rufus.
(Sunday Club on holiday)

We welcome members of Keith North Churches

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: -

THURSDAY (4 January)

Fly & Friendship Club on holiday.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 7 January

10.15 am – St Rufus
11.45 am – Botriphnie
7 pm – Youth Group

(b) The Guild have their members night on Monday, 8 January at 7.30 pm. Members are reminded to bring with them, if possible, a poem, story, song, etc.

(c) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 11 January at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Pat Winton, Eileen Leighton and Eleanor Leith

(d) The Christmas Decorations in St Rufus Church will be taken down and packed away on Friday, 12 January. If anyone is able to help, please turn up at the church at 7 pm. Strong people, able to climb, would be especially useful! Thanks.

(e) SUNDAY, 14 January

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club resumes)
11.45 am – Grange

(f) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 18 January at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Joan MacBeath, Anne Cameron and Allana

(g) SUNDAY, 21 January

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)
11.45 am – Botriphnie
2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Sandra and Jozef Gerrie, Elma and Stewart McKenzie, Wilma Roberston, Steven Shorten (or their deputies), faithful friends.
7 pm – Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) Thank you to everyone who helped and provided food at the Family Lunch. £140 was raised for the Picnic and Parties Committee. It was great to see so many people staying and enjoying the delicious food.

2) The sum of £130 was donated at the Watchnight Service for the Keith Storehouse Foodbank. It is greatly appreciated.

3) Barbara is, once again, forward planning to next year's Christmas Fayre! She is appealing to everyone to save any gift bags they may receive and have no use for. They can be any size – small or large and can be for any occasion. Please hand them to Barbara or into Clark's Pharmacy.

4) 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.

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

6) June Cairns co-ordinates the rota for **church transport. She is looking for more volunteer drivers.** Her contact number is 01542 882336.

Kirk North Churches Intimations

Thursday, 4 January - The Tuesday Table lunch in the North Church Hall will be on Thursday instead of Tuesday. Same time, 11.30-1.30 p.m. All welcome.

Sunday, 7 January - 9.30 pm at Boharm Village Hall and 11 am at Keith North. We will be pleased to have Erin Sutherland as our organist at Keith North that day.

Wednesday, 10 January - Coffee and Company resume their afternoon meetings after the Christmas and New Year holiday.

Saturday 20, January - Messy Church 11 am – 12.45 pm. – In 2018, Messy Church will be on the 3rd Saturdays of the month. The January theme is 'Jacob's ladder.'

Monday 22, January - The Guild will meet in the afternoons, 2 pm in January- March. The first meeting of the New Year will be on Monday, 22 January for a Tesco visit.

Daily Bible readings (expanding the theme of Sunday's readings:

January: the second week after Christmas, and the day of Epiphany

1st 1 Kings 8:22-40

2nd 1 Kings 8:41-61

3rd Ephesians 1:1-23

4th Ephesians 2:1-22

5th Ephesians 3:1-21

6th Matthew 2:1-12 (Day of Epiphany, Christmas in Eastern Europe)



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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.

Please help those in need of emergency food by donating any long-life foods.

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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