

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 7 January

10.15 am – St Rufus

11.45 am – Botriphnie

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

Could members of the congregation please complete the evaluation sheet as part of Megan's training for the Lay Readership. It can be returned to her or left with the duty elders, either with or without names as you wish.

THIS WEEK: -

MONDAY (8 January)

The Guild have their members night at 7.30 pm. Members are reminded to bring with them, if possible, a poem, story, song, etc.

THURSDAY (11 January)

Fly & Friendship Club meets at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Pat Winton, Eileen Leighton and Eleanor Leith

FRIDAY (12 January)

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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 14 January

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club resumes)

11.45 am – Grange

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

(c) 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

(d) On Monday, 22 January the Guild meets at 7.30 pm in the hall to celebrate Scots Night.

(e) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 25 January at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Rachael Davidson, Isobel Gillies and Colin Winton

(f) SUNDAY, 28 January

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

(g) Wednesday, 7 February

Congregational Board meets at 7 pm

Kirk Session meets at 8 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) To all users of St Rufus Hall.

As you are aware we have had problems with heating the hall of late. It turns out the system we have is very dated and inefficient. A new system will be installed hopefully in February. This could lead to some upheaval/ and possible cancellations of bookings while this is carried out. We hope to give you some notice of when this will be. Please bear with us as we try to give you a more acceptable heating system for your group. Thank you.

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

3) The amount raised from the retiring collection at the Grange Christingle service was £202.38. The money has gone to the Grange Flower Fund.

4) 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 Saturday, 3 March 9 am -12. Tables will cost £5 and if anyone would like to book a table please phone Margaret Henderson on 01542 8887104 or email mhenderson3@hotmail.co.uk before Wednesday, 21 February. Admission will be £1 which includes refreshments.

5) 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.

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

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



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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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