

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 4 February

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

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

Eckhardt has a weekly vestry hour on Wednesdays 6-7 p m in St Rufus manse when he will be available for any pastoral assistance. Please feel free to come to the manse where he has prepared a separate accessible room especially for meetings.

THIS WEEK: -

THIS MONDAY (5 February)

The Guild meets at 7.30 pm in the hall when Jackie Kersley will be giving a talk on Linus Quilts for Girls. Members are kindly reminded to bring a raffle prize.

THIS TUESDAY (6 February)

Moray Presbytery are holding an open meeting at St Andrew-Lhanbryde Hall at 7 pm at which all will be welcome. Topic for discussion will be “The Ministries of the whole people of God”

THIS TUESDAY (6 February)

The Bible Study group meets at 7.45 pm in the Hall. The topic to be studied is “For or Against”. Texts are Matthew 12:30/ Luke 9:50/ Like 11:23/ Mark 9:40

THIS WEDNESDAY (7 February)

Congregational Board meets at 7 pm

Kirk Session meets at 8 pm

THIS THURSDAY (8 February)

Fly & Friendship Club meets at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Agnes Paterson and Sheila McIntosh

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 11 February

Retired Presbyterial Deacon Margaret King will conduct the services

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

(b) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 15 February at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Isobel Shanks, Andi Ross and Loisa Duguid.

(c) The Guild Coffee Morning is on Saturday, 17 February 10-12 in the hall. Usual stalls. £2

(d) SUNDAY, 18 February

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Steve and Joan MacBeath, Isabel Russell, Heather Streeter, Colin and Pat Winton (or their deputies), faithful friends

7 pm – Youth Group

(e) The Guild meets at 7.30 pm on Monday, 19 February when the speaker will be Jacqueline Kemp talking about Christians in Borneo.

(f) The Bible Study group meets on Tuesday, 20 February at 7.45 pm in the Hall. The topic to be studied is “Hell”

(g) There will be a meeting of the Welcome Committee on Wednesday, 21 February at 7.30 pm in the hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) Christian Aid. Count your Blessings 2018, starts on Wednesday, 15 February and runs until Sunday, 1 April. Forms are available at the church door. There are also forms for children. £20 could provide animal feed to protect the livestock of a family. £40 could provide money for 2 families so they can buy the food they so desperately need. Please consider taking a form.

2) Rev Michael Last, Holy Trinity, extends an open invitation to anyone to attend a service on Ash

Wednesday, 14 February at Gordon Chapel, Fochabers at 2.30 pm or Christ Church, Huntly at 7.30 pm. The Holy Week services this year will be in Holy Trinity from 26 March.

3) Rev Michael Last is organising a 10 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May 2019. Anyone interested is welcome to attend a meeting in Holy Trinity on Thursday, 8 February at 7.30 pm.

4) The annual Men's Breakfast is on Saturday, 17 February 8.30–10 am in Elgin Free Church, South Street, Elgin. The speaker will be Nick Hanover, Padre at RAF Lossiemouth. To book a place please contact Colin Morison on 01343 542196 or Neil Sutherland on 01343 549357. The cost is £5.

5) Dr Paul Whittaker OBE introduces Singing in British Sign Language – a 2-day event in Lossiemouth. Friday, 2 March 17.15-18.45 pm at St James Church Hall, Prospect Terrace and on Saturday, 3 March at 16.30-18.00 pm at Sfeair Kickboxing, Baker Street. Advance Purchase is £15 for both days or £10 at the door (numbers permitting). For more details or to book a place please email heather@moraybslservices.co.uk or phone 07867531862.

6) The Welcome Committee is hosting a Table Top Carbooter in the hall. This will be on Saturday, 3 March 9 am -12. The hall will be open on the Friday evening 7-8 pm for the people to set up their tables. 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.

7) The weekly joint churches' prayer group meets on Tuesdays 11.15-11.45 am in the North Church Garrow Chapel, prior to the Tuesday Table lunch.

8) We are looking for a volunteer to do the flower arrangements at Grange Church. There is a flower fund, vases and oasis so no cost involved. If you can help, please contact Douglas Milne for more information. 01542 870247

9) 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.

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

11) 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.

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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