

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

**TODAY, SUNDAY, 11 February**

We welcome Retired Presbyterian Deacon Margaret King who will conduct the services today

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am Grange

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)

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 (12 February)**

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee in the Hall at 7 pm.

**THIS MONDAY (12 February)**

Members of the Youth Group will be on KCR's Community Corner to speak about the Year of Young People 2018. The show starts at 7.45 pm. Listen in to learn more.

**THIS THURSDAY (15 February)**

Fly & Friendship Club meets at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Isobel Shanks, Andi Ross and Loisa Duguid.

**THIS SATURDAY (17 February)**

Please support the Guild Coffee Morning 10-12 in the hall. Usual stalls. £2. Setting up is on Friday 6.30-7.30 pm

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -**

**(a) 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 Streater, Colin and Pat Winton (or their deputies), faithful friends

7 pm – Youth Group

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

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

**(d)** Joint churches choir practice at the North Church on Wednesday, 21 February at 6 pm. This is to prepare for the Good Friday service on 30 March.

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

**(f)** The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 22 February at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Karen Simpson, Norma Gray and Margaret Kerr.

**(g) SUNDAY, 25 February**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

**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) Pass the Planet Photography Competition As part of the Year of Young people 2018 Eco-congregation Scotland is running a photography competition for anyone over the age of 12. They will award prizes to the best photo in each of 10 categories. Closing Date is 31 March. More information can be found at [www.ecocongregationscotland/get-involved/competition](http://www.ecocongregationscotland/get-involved/competition)

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 Sfear 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@moraybyslservices.co.uk](mailto:heather@moraybyslservices.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](mailto:mhenderson3@hotmail.co.uk) before Wednesday, 21 February. Admission will be £1 which includes refreshments.

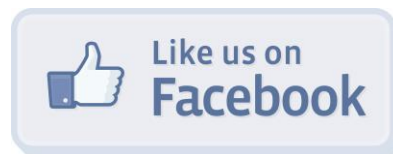
7) The weekly joint churches' prayer group meets on Tuesdays 11.15-11.45 am in the North Church Garrow Chapel, prior to the Tuesday Table lunch.

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](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.

### **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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