

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 25 February

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

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 WEDNESDAY (28 February)

Joint churches choir practice at the North Church at 6 pm. This is to prepare for the Good Friday service on 30 March.

THIS THURSDAY (1 March)

Fly & Friendship Club meets at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Trish Richards, Irene Boyd and Doreen Strathdee.

THIS FRIDAY (2 March)

The World Day of Prayer Service is in St Rufus Church at 7 pm. The service has been written by Christian women of Suriname on the theme of “All God’s creation is very good”. It will be an ecumenical service with participation by members of all the Keith churches and our Youth Group. All welcome.

THIS SATURDAY (3 March)

Table Top Carbooter in the hall 9 am -12. The hall will be open on the Friday 3-4 pm and 7-8 pm for the people to set up their tables. Admission is £1 which

includes teas/coffees and homebakes. Please come along and pick up a bargain.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 4 March

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

7 pm – Youth Group

(b) The Guild meets on Monday, 5 March at 7.30 pm in the hall when Dr John Harrington will be the guest speaker.

(c) The Bible Study Group meets on Tuesday, 6 March at 7.45 pm in the hall. The topic is “Purgatory”.

(d) The Annual Stated Meeting is in the Hall on Wednesday, 7 March at 7.30 pm. We need to appoint members to the Congregational board. If anyone would like to serve the church in that way, please contact Fiona Simpson, Clerk to the Board. This meeting is open to every member of the congregation. Please come along.

(e) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 8 March at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Wilma McIntosh, Meggie Gardiner and Loveina Clarke.

(f) SUNDAY, 11 March

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

(g) The Guild has arranged for the Kinloss Military Wives choir to perform in St Rufus Church on Monday, 9 April at 7.30 pm. This will be open to everyone at a cost of £5 which will include light refreshments.

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) The Guild coffee morning has raised £890. Thanks to everyone who donated, helped and came along to support the Guild.

3) The Holy Week services this year will be in Holy Trinity from 26 March.

4) The Kirk Session will be taking the services at St Rufus and Botriphnie on Sunday, 15 April. The services will take the form of a Songs of Praise. If you have a favourite hymn and would like to have it featured in the Songs of Praise, please contact Nicola Smith.

5) 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

6) The Moray Group of Eco Congregation Scotland is hosting a meeting on Saturday, 17 March 2-4pm in Williamson Hall, Duff Avenue, Elgin. David Bethune will give a presentation on the Scottish Churches Awards scheme. Refreshments provided. All welcome.

7) 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@moraybslservices.co.uk or phone 07867531862.

8) 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.

9) 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

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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