

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 4 March

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 March)

The Guild meets at 7.30 pm in the hall when Dr John Harrington will be the guest speaker.

THIS TUESDAY (6 March)

The Bible Study Group meets at 7.45 pm in the hall. The topic is “Purgatory”.

THIS WEDNESDAY (7 March)

Joint churches choir practice at 6.30 pm in the North Church.

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The Annual Stated Meeting is in the Hall 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.

THIS THURSDAY (8 March)

Fly & Friendship Club meets at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Wilma McIntosh, Meggie Gardiner and Loveina Clarke.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 11 March

Services conducted by Margaret King (Retired Presbytery Deacon)

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

7 pm – Youth Group

(b) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 15 March at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Ella McKenzie, Rita Mearns and Barbara Moir.

(c) SUNDAY, 18 March

Services conducted by Rev Alastair Gray (Interim Moderator)

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Isobel Shanks, Ann Hutton, Nan Watson, John Clarke, William Dingwall, Ian Barbour (or their deputies), faithful friends.

7 pm – Youth Group

(d) The Guild AGM is in the hall on Monday, 19 March at 7.30 pm.

(e) The Bible Study Group meets on Tuesday, 20 March at 7.45 pm in the hall. The topic is “Heaven”.

(f) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 22 March at 2pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Sandra Webster, June Miller and Ann Hutton.

(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) PARISH NEWSLETTER

All copy for the April edition of the parish newsletter should be sent to editor Esther Green at thegreens4@btinternet.com no later than Friday, March 31.

3) On Sunday, 18 March, at the Grant Hall, Rothies, The North Church Tuesday Table will do an application presentation for the 'Money for Moray' grant fund. Decisions will be made by audience voting. Any support from Keith folk would be much appreciated. Voters must hear all the presentations between 1.30 pm and 3 pm.

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

5) Members of 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.

6) 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

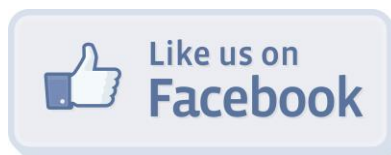
7) The Moray Group of Eco Congregation Scotland is hosting a meeting on Saturday, 17 March 2-4pm in Williamson Hall, Duff Avenue,

Elgin. David Bethune will give a presentation on the Scottish Churches Awards scheme. Refreshments provided. All welcome.

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

10) 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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