

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 18 March

We welcome Rev Alastair Gray (Interim Moderator)

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

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

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 (19 March)

The Guild AGM is at 7.30 pm in the hall.

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Meeting to discuss the future of the Longmore Hall at 7 pm in the Longmore Hall.

THIS TUESDAY (20 March)

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

THIS WEDNESDAY (21 March)

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

THIS THURSDAY (22 March)

Fly & Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Sandra Webster, June Miller and Ann Hutton.

THIS FRIDAY (23 March)

The World day of Prayer Service is at 7 pm in St Rufus Church.

THIS SATURDAY (24 March)

The Carboot/Tabletop Sale has been rescheduled. Setting up by the Welcome Committee 10-11 am Setting up by stallholders 11-12 Open 12-3 pm. £1 admission to include teas and homebakes. There will also be a raffle.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 25 March (Palm Sunday)

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

7 pm – Youth Group

(b) The Holy Week Services are in Holy Trinity Church and are at 7 pm – 26-30 March

Monday – Rev Alastair Gray

Tuesday – Eckhardt Bosch

Wednesday – Father Max and Huntly St Margaret’s Church choir (sung vespers)

Maundy Thursday Communion – Rev Michael Last

Good Friday – All clergy and joint churches choir Teas after the services on Monday – Wednesday

(c) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on

Thursday, 29 March at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Agnes Riach, Cath Fell and Vera McLarren.

(d) SUNDAY, 1 April (Easter Sunday)

10.15 am – United Service for Easter at St Rufus (No Sunday Club)

Please stay and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Donations to Christian Aid. Traidcraft Stall.

7 pm – Youth Group

(e) The Bible Study Group meets on Tuesday, 3 April at 7.45 pm in the hall. The topic is “The Elder Brother”.

(f) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 5 April at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Mary Simpson, Margaret Rutherford and Doreen Menzies.

(g) SUNDAY, 8 April

10.15 am – St Rufus (No Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

7 pm – Youth Group

(h) 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. Please hand money to Ann Hutton or Steve MacBeath.

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) The Group are holding a Talent Show in St Rufus Hall on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th April at 7 pm. £5 a ticket. There will only be 80 tickets available each night so be sure to buy yours first! Tickets will be available soon.

4) Today at the Grant Hall, Rothes, 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.

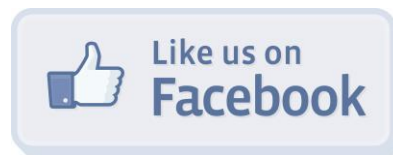
5) We have received a letter from Keith Storehouse Foodbank thanking us for our continuing support and for the cash donations from the Christmas Eve service. Cash is used to buy fresh produce and items in short supply for emergency food parcels.

6) Members of the Kirk Session will be taking the services at St Rufus and Bottriphnie 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.

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

9) 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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