

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 6 May

We welcome Rev David Whyte who will lead our worship toady

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Celebration of Holy Communion at Grange

Retiral collection in aid of Christian Aid

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 TUESDAY (8 May)

The Bible Study group meets at 7.45 pm in the Hall. The passage to be studied is Luke 15:25-28 “The Elder Brother”

THIS THURSDAY (3 May)

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 13 May

Services led by Retired Presbyterian Deacon Margaret King

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

7.00 pm – Youth Group

(b) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 17 May at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Isobel Shanks, Andi Ross and Loisa Duguid

(c) The Christian Aid Coffee Morning is on Saturday, 19 May 10 - 12 am. The hall will be open on the Friday 6.30 – 7.30 pm for setting up and for donations. This is Ann Hutton’s first year in charge and she would appreciate any help anyone is able to give.

(d) The Guild’s annual sponsored walk and silence is on Saturday, 19 May starting at 3.30 pm in the hall with everyone meeting afterwards at the Grampian Hotel at 5 pm for a meal. This event is aimed at raising money for the Guild projects – see the church web page for more details of these worthy causes. Guild members would be delighted if anyone would like to sponsor them.

(e) SUNDAY, 20 May

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Kevin and Heather Strathdee, Billy Stewart, Sheena Edwards and Bill Hardie (or their deputies), faithful friends.

(f) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 24 May at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Karen Simpson, Norma Gray and Margaret Kerr

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) Well done to the Youth Group for putting on a fantastic show. They really do have many and varied talents! The fantastic sum of £1000 was raised. Thanks to everyone who helped to achieve this.

2) The next few dates for the Bible Study Classes are as follows

22nd May - Why do you call me good? (Mark 10:18/Luke 18:19)

5th June - Sell what you have (Mark 10:21)

The group meets in the hall at 7.45 pm. Anyone interested is welcome to go along.

3) The Guild has made their annual donation to the church; this year of £1200. Over the past 25 years they have donated over £20,000 to our church in addition to donations to church groups and Guild projects. Their continued support is very much appreciated.

4) 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. in April.

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

6) June Cairns co-ordinates the rota for **church transport. She is looking for more volunteer drivers.** Her contact number is 01542 882336.

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, Eckhardt or Joan MacBeath for further details.

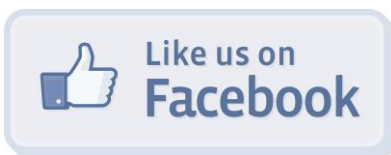
Please help those in need of emergency food by donating any long-life foods.

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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Check out the Kirk webpage which can be found at www.strufus.org