

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 17 June

We welcome Retired Presbytery Deacon Margaret King who will lead our worship today

10.15 am – St Rufus with ordination of new elders (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Norma Gray, Marion Robinson, June Cairns, Malcolm Morrison, Peter McWilliam (or their deputies), faithful friends.

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 will be in the Kirk Shop every Thursday afternoon 1-5 pm when he will be available for any pastoral assistance.

THIS WEEK: -

TODAY (17 June)

The Sunday Club is hosting a Father's Day tea today 11 am -12 noon and everyone is welcome. There will be a display of posters showing what they have been learning about this session. There will be raffles and a £1 stall. The Sunday Club would love to see you there so do try to pop along.

THIS THURSDAY (21 June)

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 24 June

10.15 am – United Service at St Rufus for the Sunday Club prizegiving followed by family lunch provided by the Welcome Committee at a cost of £1 a head.

(b) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 28 June at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Agnes Riach, Cath Fell and Vera McLaren.

(c) The Picnic to Hopeman is on Saturday, 30 June. The bus leaves the church at 11 am. Tickets are free for Sunday Club and under 5s. Adults are £5 and non Sunday Club children are £3. Tickets are on sale at the Father's Day tea or from Margaret or Beth.

(d) SUNDAYS, 1 and 8 July

11 am – Joint Churches Service at the North Church (Sunday Club on holiday)

No services at Grange or Botriphnie

(e) SUNDAYS, 15 July

11 am – Joint Churches Service at the North Church (Sunday Club on holiday)

No service at Grange

2.30 pm - Weston View Service with rota of Heather Strathdee, Adam Murray, Beth Inglis, Anne Williamson, Linda Willox and Jackie McWilliam (or their deputies), faithful friends.

(f) SUNDAY, 22 July

10.15 am – United Churches Service at St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The first of, hopefully, many blogs is now available to view on the Kirk webpage. Please take a minute to view it on www.strufus.org We are looking for more bloggers - for any member to write about any aspect of church life. It could be a personal opinion on how music enriches worship, how verdant our churches look in the summer months or as a way to encouraging people to join any of our groups by showcasing their merits. Content can be sent to Esther Green thegreens4@btinternet.com or people can get in touch if they have an idea they would like to discuss.

2) Message from Megan Cambridge

To the Kirk session and the congregation of St Rufus, Botriphnie and Grange. I want to say a big thank you for your welcome, patience and support during my placement. As I had no idea what to do to show my appreciation, I hope you will accept my donation to the work of the Leprosy Mission as a mark of my gratitude. Megan.

3) PLEASE NOTE: During the school holidays we will again be sharing services with the North Church. On 1st, 8th and 15th July the services will be at the North Church and there will be no services at Grange or Botriphnie. On 22nd and 29th July and 5th August they will be held in St Rufus Church and there will be

services as usual at Grange and Botriphnie. Congregations are encouraged to attend any of the services irrespective of the location.

4) The amount raised from the teas at the Doric Service is £116.50. This money has gone to the TMSA.

5) This year's Fun Week will be Razzamataz Robots and will run from the 7th-10th August 2018. Donations of juice, biscuits, craft materials etc would be very welcome. For any more information contact Mike Newlands. Registration forms will be out soon.

6) Eckhardt's Holiday Fun Club 2018 is on the theme of Flight and Birds.

The dates are as follow:

4 July (10:00 - 13:00): Treasure Hunt

12 July (10:00 - 13:00): Walk up the Balloch

18 July (10:00 - 13:00): Creative Day (Messy Church Style)

25 July (10:00 - 13:00): Speyside Falconry (Meet real owls)

Place: North Kirk Church Office, 192 Mid Street, Keith

7) The North Church has organised a Treasure Trail round Keith in aid of Christian Aid. This will take place on Saturday 7 July and we are all invited to participate.

8) The Cologne Philharmonic Orchestra will perform in St Rufus Church on Sunday, 22 July at 7.30 pm. More details later.

9) 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.

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.

12) REFUEL 18

This Christian family festival will run for a second year in Gordon Castle Grounds from 23 - 28 July.

We have an exciting opportunity to work alongside other Christians in the Moray Churches Marquee within all the lively action of the festival.

There will be stalls showcasing some of the activities in our local churches and the wider church

(Eco-congregation and Crossreach). There will be tables to sit and relax and have a blether. There will be

some prayer stations for reflection and some craft activities. The main aim is to be welcoming and to this end, we need 3 friendly faces a day from 11.30 until 3.30 to greet people as they come to the Marquee.

For more details about the Festival, please refer to the website refuelscotland.org.uk

Volunteers can email aattenburrow@aol.com

13) You are invited to an event at Cullen Hall Church on Monday 25 June 2018 from 7 - 8.30pm. The event will be hosted by the Church of Scotland to listen to one another about what is most valued in this community; to talk about what changes may lie ahead in our relationship with Europe and to shape a vision for the future here. After the event your ideas will be shared with policy makers including the Scottish Government. This event will be one of a series of 3 events in different parts of Scotland.

14) On Saturday, 23 June there will be a Morning conference on "Managing Change in the Church: What's Happening?" 9 for 9.30am - 12.30pm at Williamson Hall, Elgin. Come and hear from Richard Lloyd, a business consultant and Kirk elder, specialising in change & leadership. Suggested £5 donation. Contact Rev Jenny Adams, tel. 01343 830276, email jadams@churchofscotland.org.uk for more information and to book.



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

Moray Food Bank/Keith Foodstore

If anyone is interested in being part of the team to help carry out the work of the Foodbank, please see Alastair, Eckhardt or Joan MacBeath for further details. The work mostly entails putting together a food bag and delivering it to a drop off point (usually the Resource Centre) for collection by the recipient.

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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