

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

**TODAY, SUNDAY, 5 August**

10.15 am – Joint churches service at St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

11.45 am - Botriphnie

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: -**

**THIS MONDAY (6 August)**

There will be a Fun Week preparation meeting at 12.30 pm in the hall. Lunch will be provided.

**THIS TUESDAY – FRIDAY**

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

**THIS WEDNESDAY (8 August)**

Guild Committee meeting at 2 pm in the hall.

**THIS THURSDAY (9 August)**

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Pat Winton, Eileen Leighton and Eleanor Leith.

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -**

**(a) SUNDAY, 12 August**

10.15 am – United Service at St Rufus for the Fun Week Finale conducted by Interim Moderator, Rev Alastair Gray, and Youth Worker, Michael Newlands with input from the Fun Week children and helpers followed by teas and homebakes (Sunday Club on holiday)

No service at Grange

**(b)** The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 16 August at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Joan MacBeath, Anne Cameron and Allana Wynne

**(c) SUNDAY, 19 August**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club resumes)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Doreen Strathdee, Janice Innes, Brian Green, Susan Hutcheon, Diane Morrison, Frances Davies (or their deputies), faithful friends.

**(d)** The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 16 August at 2 pm in the Scout Hall.

**(e) SUNDAY, 26 August**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

**ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

**1)** Three blogs are now available to view on the Kirk webpage. Please take a minute to view it on [www.strufus.org](http://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](mailto:thegreens4@btinternet.com) or people can get in touch if they have an idea they would like to discuss.

2) Portknockie Church are holding a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival 9-12 August. All are welcome to go along and view the creative displays and timeline showing how the church has served the community since 1868. Refreshments served.

Thursday, 9 August 10 am – 4 pm

Friday, 10 August 10 am - 4 pm and 6 pm -8 pm

Saturday, 11 August 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday, 12 August 2 pm – 4 pm

Anniversary Songs of Praise on Saturday, 11 August at 7 pm

Service at the Flagstaff on Sunday, 12 August 11.15 am (weather permitting)

3) Touchdown Memorial Home for Horses at Mulben is holding an Open Day on Monday, 27 August 2-5 pm. Crafts, teas and home made cakes, ponies to pat and pony painting! The summer raffle will be drawn in the afternoon. Tickets on sale on the day or from Frances Davies. Entry is FREE!

#### 4) For the attention of members of the Kirk Session and Congregational Board

There will be a Stewardship Conference on Saturday, 10 November in St Rufus Church.

It is hoped that as many people as possible can attend thus, hopefully, avoiding the need for a big stewardship campaign. More details will be available nearer the time, but in the meantime please try to keep the date free.

5) 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.

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

7) 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](http://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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