

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 19 August

Services will be conducted by Rev Deon Oelofse from St Giles and St Columba's South Church in Elgin. This concludes the Five Yearly review of Presbytery to our congregation.

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.

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 THURSDAY (23 August)

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Rachael Davidson, Isobel Gillies and Colin Winton.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 26 August

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

(b) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 30 August at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Mary Sinclair, Peggy Sievwright and Elsie Cruickshank.

(c) SUNDAY, 2 September

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(d) The Guild resumes on Monday, 3 September at 7.30 pm in the hall. This is an Open Meeting and all are welcome to attend. Entertainment will be provided by John Rose. If you want to know more about the Guild or just want an evening of entertainment, please feel free to come along and remember it is open to both men and women.

(e) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 6 September at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Agnes Paterson, Sheila McIntosh and June Miller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) Three blogs are 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) The Picnic and Parties Committee is holding a coffee morning on Saturday, 15 September 10-12 in the hall. £2. Usual stalls.

3) Message from Michael Newlands
Well folks, now that the dust has settled and we're all back to normality, I just want to say how amazing the Fun Week was. It was great to see so many new faces, and also some familiar faces. I'd just like to take the opportunity to thank all the

people that made it possible. Firstly, all the children for coming along and the folks that took them along. The Youth Group for all of their help; they truly were fantastic. To the adult helpers who gave up their time to be with the kids, and to ladies in the kitchen who did a great job keeping us all fed and watered throughout the week. Also thanks for the teas on Sunday in the church too! To Sharon for doing the games, the singing and the dancing. To Chae for doing the BBQ for us, and the Rotary for supplying the BBQ. To St Thomas' for the use of their hall. To everyone who gave donations, without donations we couldn't do the Fun Week. A massive thank you to everyone who acted this week. And finally to everyone who came along to the church on Sunday. It was a brilliant service where the children got to show off the songs and dances they learnt, as well as their crafts and their robots! And it was also nice to see so many young folk in the church, and to hear so much laughter. The collection from the teas also raised an amazing £84.75, which will go back into Fun Week funds.

Thank you again to everyone who has been involved this year. Let's see what next year brings!

4) Bellie and Speymouth Church are looking to better support and equip their various groups and ministries by bringing in a paid administrator. They are looking for someone who is skilled in this area of work, hardworking, and able to bring forward the vision statement of the church: "Reaching Out, Welcoming In." Anyone interested can contact the session clerk at jmconnachie78@gmail.com
Closing date is Sunday, 19 August.

5) 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!

6) 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.

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

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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