

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 26 August

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

Rev Alastair Gray is our Interim Moderator and he can be contacted on 886840 or on email at agray@ChurchofScotland.org.uk

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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 (30 August)

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Mary Sinclair, Peggy Sievwright and Elsie Cruickshank.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 2 September

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

7 pm – Youth Group

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) SUNDAY, 9 September

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

(e) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 13 September at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Isobel Shanks, Andi Ross and Loisa Duguid.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) It is now that time of year when we make an appeal for donations for the **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**. Items can be left at the door of the church at the right hand side as you enter, handed to Nicola Smith or dropped off at Peterkins in Mid Street before 30 September. Please ensure that the use by date is at least 31 October. Thank you.

2) There is now a fourth blog available to view on the Kirk webpage. This one is from Michael Newlands about the Fun Week. Please take a minute to view it on www.strufus.org

3) PARISH NEWSLETTER

Material for the October newsletter should be with editor Esther Green no later than Monday, 1 October. Contact Esther on 880456 or email thegreens4@btinternet.com

4) St James Church, Prospect Terrace, Lossiemouth will be hosting a "Songs of Praise" afternoon on Sunday 26th August at 2.30 pm. The praise will be led by St James Church Praise Group and musicians. Following this, there will be a strawberry tea served in the hall. All welcome.

5) 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!

6) There will be a Service of Evensong in Holy Trinity Church, Keith on Sunday, 28 October at 5 pm when Megan Cambridge will be licenced as Lay Reader by The Most Reverend Mark Strange. All are warmly invited to attend. There will be refreshments served after the Evensong.

7) 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!

8) 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.

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.



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. At the moment there is a particular need for sauces for pasta, uht milk and cartons of fruit juice.

The blue box inside the main door at St. Rufus has been supplied for donated items.

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