

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 23 September

Services conducted by Rev Alastair Gray

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

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 EVENING

The Badenoch Choir are performing a concert in Aberlour Parish Church. 6.30 - 8 pm Refreshments will be served after the performance. All welcome to come along and enjoy the music. Entry by donation for Aberlour Parish Church funds.

THIS WEDNESDAY (26 September)

Norma will be decorating the church for the Harvest Thanksgiving service at 7 pm. If anyone is able to help please phone her on 882019 or see her today.

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There will be a meeting of the Welcome Committee at 7.30 pm in the hall to discuss the Beetle Drive scheduled for Wednesday, 10 October.

THIS THURSDAY (27 September)

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Wilma McIntosh, Meggie Gardiner and Loveina Clarke.

THIS FRIDAY (28 September)

Norma Gray is holding her annual Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support in the Scout hall, Fife-Keith 10 am -12 noon.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 30 September

Harvest Thanksgiving

Service conducted by Rozelle Bosch

10.15 am – United service at St Rufus (Sunday Club) followed by teas and homebakes. Please stay and enjoy the fellowship.

Retiring collection for Christian Aid.

7 pm – Youth Group

(b) The Guild meets on Monday, 1 October at 7.30 pm in the hall when John Aitkin will be giving a talk about Cullen Auld Kirk.

(c) The provisional date for making up the hampers in the church is Wednesday, 3 October at 2 pm. The date will be confirmed on Sunday, 30 September.

(d) The Guild Opening Devotional Service is at Rathven Church on Wednesday, 3 October at 7.30 pm. The bus leaves the hall at 6.45 pm.

(e) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 4 October at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Trish Richards, Irene Boyd and Doreen Strathdee.

(f) CHRISTMAS FAYRE

There will be a meeting on Thursday, 4 October at 7.30 pm in the small hall to discuss this year's Christmas Fayre. Please try to attend if you can help. This year the Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday, 27 October.

(g) SUNDAY, 7 October

Services conducted by Rev Bill Ross

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

11.45 am – Grange

(h) 200th anniversary of the opening of St Rufus Church

On Monday, 8 October at 7 pm in the St Rufus Hall there will be a meeting for anyone interested in arranging a celebration event on 14 March 2019. Please come with your ideas on how to mark this important occasion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) There is still time to donate items 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) Raffle books are now available for the hampers and can be picked up from Joan MacBeath or at the door. Just write your name and how many books you have taken on the form.

3) 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

4) 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 jessco96@icloud.com

5) There will be a Session led Songs of Praise on Sunday, 14 October. If you have a favourite hymn you would like to be sung please complete a slip and hand it to Nicola Smith.

6) Last week's coffee morning held by the Picnic and Parties committee raised the amazing sum of £1007.50 after expenses. Margaret and Beth would like to thank everyone who helped to make this possible.

7) 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. If you wish to attend please add your name to the list at the door.

8) On Saturday, 29 September at 7 pm, in Buckie Methodist Church, North Pringle Street, there will be a Festival of Male Voice Praise. The Guest speaker will be Tim Barker.

9) On Wednesday, 7 November at 1.45 pm the joint churches' choir will lead some community singing of First World War songs at a commemorative social event in Keith Grammar School. If anyone would like to be part of our joint churches choir on that occasion,

please come to a one-off rehearsal on Wednesday, 31 October at 6 pm in the North Church.

10) For the attention of members of the Kirk Session and Congregational Board

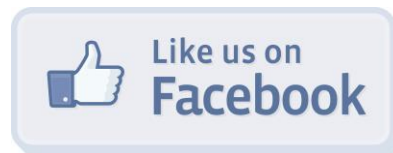
There will be a Stewardship Conference on Saturday, 10 November in St Rufus Church. 10am–2pm. Lunch will be provided.

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.

11) 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.

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

13) 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 beans, stock cubes, sauces for pasta, uht milk and custard.

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

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