

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

**TODAY, 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

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 (1 October)

The Guild meets at 7.30 pm in the hall when John
Aitken will be giving a talk about Cullen Auld Kirk.

THIS WEDNESDAY (3 October)

The packing of the hampers will take place in St
Rufus church at 2 pm. If you can help, please come
along.

THIS WEDNESDAY (3 October)

The Guild Opening Devotional Service is at Rathven
Church at 7.30 pm. The bus leaves the hall at 6.45
pm.

THIS THURSDAY (4 October)

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the
Scout Hall. Tea rota – Trish Richards, Irene Boyd
and Doreen Strathdee.

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

There will be a meeting 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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 7 October

Services conducted by Rev Bill Ross
10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)
11.45 am – Grange

**(b) 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.

(c) The Welcome Committee is holding a Beetle
Drive on Wednesday, 10 October at 7 pm in the hall.
Entry £1

(d) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday,
11 October at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Ella
Mckenzie, Rita Mearns and Barbara Moir

(e) SUNDAY, 14 October

Session led service
10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)
11.45 am – Botriphnie

(f) The Guild meets on Monday, 15 October at
7.30 pm in the hall when there will be a talk by the
Men's Shed.

(g) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday,
18 October at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota –
Adeline Anderson, Ann Cameron and Ann Hutton

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) 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. Sold books and money can be
handed to Joan MacBeath.

2) Thank you to Norma and her helpers for decorating the church for today's service.

3) The tea ladies would like to thank Joyce Patterson for the tea cosies she knitted for the jugs.

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) The 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) Moray Presbytery meets on Tuesday, 2 October at 7 pm in Lhanbryde and Urquhart Church hall for a conference session. It is an open meeting, and everyone is invited. The topic of discussion is 'God's Mission in Moray, and our part in it'.

8) The Presbytery website has been reorganised and is now accessible on hand held mobile devices as well as pcs and laptops. Guides to congregations, the Presbytery Yearbook, the prayer diary, the events diary, worship resources, previews of meetings and minutes of previous meetings are all only a click away. See everything at www.moraypresbytery.org.uk

9) 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.

10) 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.

11) 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.

12) 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.

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

14) 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, sauces for pasta, uht milk and shampoo.

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

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