

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 7 October

We welcome Rev Bill Ross who will be conducting the services today

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Mary Stewart will be at the door after the service today taking names of people willing to provide soup, sweets, milk, etc for the Christmas Fayre.

THIS WEEK: -

THIS MONDAY (8 October)

200th anniversary of the opening of St Rufus Church

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

THIS WEDNESDAY (10 October)

The Welcome Committee is holding a Family Beetle Drive at 7 pm in the hall. Entry £1. All welcome.

THIS THURSDAY (11 October)

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Ella Mckenzie, Rita Mearns and Barbara Moir

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 14 October

Session led service

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(b) 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.

(c) 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

(d) SUNDAY, 21 October

Services conducted by Margaret King, Retired Presbytery Deacon

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Marion Robinson, Agnes and Billy Riach, Frances McKenzie, Philip Davidson, Sandra Webster, (or their deputies) faithful friends.

(e) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 25 October at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Agnes Riach, Cath Fell and Vera McLarren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The newsletter and communion cards are available for uplift by elders from the front of the church.

2) Raffle books are now available for the hampers (there are 25 this year) 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. Unsold books, stubs and money can be handed to Joan MacBeath.

3) The teas and retiral collection at the Harvest Thanksgiving service raised a total of £144.55 for Christian Aid. There have also, lately, been donations of £35.

4) Unfortunately, Traidcraft is ceasing trading at the end of the year so the Traidcraft stall, run by Heather Streeter and Isabel Russell, will be your last opportunity to purchase Traidcraft items at the Christmas Fayre. They have plenty of Christmas cards and Festive items for sale but they will not be taking any orders this year.

5) Appeal for items for the Christmas Fayre – In particular we are looking for items for the £1 bags (both adults and children), and items for both a dog and cat hamper. Donations can be handed into Clarks Pharmacy for Barbara Robertson by 20 October.

6) The Longmore Hall will be open on Thursday evening (25 October) from 7.30 pm and volunteers for lifting would be required then. The Hall is open on the Friday 10-12 and 7-9 pm for donations. No donations of clothing please. Anyone who has donations which require to be collected on Friday, 26 October please contact Margaret Henderson on 887104

7) 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

8) 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.

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.

11) The weekly joint churches' prayer group will not meet this Tuesday.

12) Due to the resurfacing of the floor at the North Church Hall there will be no Tuesday Table on 23 October.

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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