

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

**TODAY, SUNDAY, 6 October**

10.30 am - Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Grange Church (Sunday Club)

Retiring collection for Christian Aid

7 pm – Youth Group

**The newsletters and communion cards are ready for elders to uplift.**

Rev Sonia Palmer (Ordained Local Minister) has been appointed as our Interim Moderator. She can be contacted on 07748700929 or by email [sonia.palmer@yahoo.com](mailto:sonia.palmer@yahoo.com)

Mr Eckhardt Bosch is available for pastoral care. He is happy to be contacted on 01542 882799, 07597020707 or on email at [ebosch@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:ebosch@churchofscotland.org.uk)  
He will also be conducting services and funerals.

**PLEASE NOTE**

**In order to prevent damage to the newly laid slabs at St Rufus there is now a policy of Reverse Parking Only in the Church Grounds**

**THIS WEEK: -**

**THIS MONDAY (7 October)**

There will be a meeting at 7 pm in the hall for everyone who is interested in helping at the Christmas Fayre which this year will be on Saturday, 26 October. New helpers would be very welcome.

**THIS WEDNESDAY (9 October)**

The making up of the hampers will take place in St Rufus church. Anyone willing to help should meet at 2 pm. Thank you.

**THIS THURSDAY (10 October)**

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

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -**

**(a) SUNDAY, 13 October**

10.15 am – St Rufus (No Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

**(b)** The Guild meets on Monday, 14 October at 7.30 pm in the hall when Ed Bollam, Head Gardener at Gordon Castle, will be the guest speaker.

**(c)** The Welcome Committee is holding a Family Beetle Drive on Wednesday, 16 October at 7 pm in the hall. Entry £1 to include teas and homebakes. Raffles and Chocolate Stall. Setting up will take place 3-4 pm. This is always a fun event so please come along.

**(d)** The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 17 October at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Mary Sinclair, Peggy Sievwright and Elsie Cruickshank

**(e) SUNDAY, 20 October**

10.15 am – St Rufus (No Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

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

**(f)** The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 24 October at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Agnes Paterson, Sheila McIntosh and Elma McKenzie

## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The last day for handing in donations for the **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS** is Tuesday as the hampers will be made up on Wednesday. Items can be dropped off at Peterkins in Mid Street or at the hospital. Donations can also be handed to Sandra Gerrie or Joan MacBeath. Please ensure that the use by date is at least 31 October. Thank you.

2) Raffle tickets for the Christmas Hampers are now available. If you are able to sell any, please contact Joan MacBeath.

3) GIFT AID – If you are a tax payer and donate to the church but haven't completed a gift aid form please consider doing so. It doesn't cost you anything, but the church can claim from the government 25p in every £1 you donate. However, if your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax please remember to advise us so that we no longer claim for you. More information can be obtained from Charlie Cameron or Steve MacBeath.

4) 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.

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

6) June Cairns co-ordinates the rota for church transport. **She is looking for more volunteer drivers.** Her contact number is 01542 882336.



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### **Moray Food Plus+**

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.

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

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### **Prayer from the Prayer Group**

Lord,  
be with all who struggle  
with the disorientation of their life.  
And may we each learn the importance of  
talking to as well as listening to ourselves.  
Amen