

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 18 November

10.15 am – St Rufus with Guild Dedication (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

2.30 pm – Weston View with rota of Sheila Fettes, George Anthony, Duncan and Caroline George, Esther Green (or their deputies), faithful friends.

Please stay behind, if you are able, to help take down the decorations.

Rev Sonia Palmer (Ordained Local Minister) has been appointed as our Interim Moderator. She can be contacted on 07748700929 or by email Sonia.palmer@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 WEDNESDAY (21 November)

The wrapping of the Christmas presents will take place in St Rufus Church at 2 pm. If you are able to help please go along.

THIS WEDNESDAY (21 November)

Weekly rehearsal of the United Churches Choir at 6 pm in St Rufus Church.

THIS THURSDAY (22 November)

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY 25 November

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

7 pm – Youth Group

(b) The Guild meets on Monday, 26 November at 7.30 pm when the ladies from Harmony/Simply Therapies will be the guest speakers. Can Guild members please remember to bring a raffle prize.

(c) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 29 November at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Mary Sinclair, Peggy Sievwright and Elsie Cruickshank.

(d) The decoration of St Rufus Church for Christmas will take place on Friday, 30 November at 7 pm. Although Norma has a loyal band of helpers more people would be appreciated especially those who can climb!

(e) SUNDAY 2 December

**Service led by the Stewardship Committee
First Sunday in Advent**

10.15 am – United Service at St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Advent Retiring collection (see details below)

7 pm – Youth Group Party

(f) The Guild Christmas meal is on Monday, 3 December in the Royal Hotel.

(g) The Bicentennial Committee meeting is on Monday, 3 December at 7.30 pm in the hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) Congregations are being asked if they would hold an Advent Retiring Offering on Sunday, 2 December so that the approximately 76 care-experienced young adults who have all either

lived in foster or residential placements during their childhood and are currently supported by the Placement Services Team, can receive a gift at Christmas. It is felt that this would be appropriate in the Year of Young People.

2) The amount raised from the retiral collection at communion is now £194.73. This will go to the Sunshine Playgroup.

3) NEWSLETTER

Material for the Christmas newsletter should be with editor Esther Green no later than 5 pm on Friday, 23 November by email at jessco96@icloud.com

4) Planning for the Bicentennial celebrations is well underway. One of the things we will be doing is creating an exhibition of paintings, photographs, newspaper cuttings, or any type of memorabilia relating to St Rufus Church. We don't require them now but you could start looking and have them ready for next year.

5) There will be a Traidcraft stall at St Rufus Church on Sunday, 2 December for your last minute Christmas purchases. Traidcraft has been given a reprieve for a year so try to support them while you can.

6) Two members of the Youth Group gave a very articulate and informative talk to Board and Session members on Wednesday night about Transgender Inclusion. Thanks go to them for sharing their knowledge on this topic.

7) Keith quine Wendy Carr is releasing her first Christmas album 'Believe' with her quartet, Ida, London's leading classical-crossover girlgroup, and she needs your help to get the album into the Official Classical Charts this Christmas! Wendy has performed not only all around the local area, but is now a professional singer and actress living in London and performing all over the world. The group raised all the funds for the album through a Kickstarter campaign and now they're aiming to take the classical charts by storm! The album includes classics like Happy Xmas (War is Over), Silent Night, Carol of the Bells (from Home Alone) and When a Child is Born. It will be

available on iTunes this December but you can pre-order your copy NOW at www.idagirls.com!

8) 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.

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

10) 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.

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

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