

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

TODAY, 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

There is a Traidcraft stall today for your last minute Christmas purchases. Traidcraft has been given a reprieve for a year so try to support them while you can.

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 MONDAY (3 December)

The Guild Christmas meal is at 12.30 pm for 1 pm in the Royal Hotel.

THIS MONDAY (3 December)

The Bicentennial Committee meeting is at 7.30 pm in the hall.

THIS WEDNESDAY (5 December)

The Moray East Guilds Together Carol Service is at Cullen Hall Church. The bus leaves the hall at 1.15 pm.

THIS WEDNESDAY (5 December)

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

THIS THURSDAY (6 December)

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Agnes Paterson, Sheila McIntosh and June Miller.

THIS THURSDAY (6 December)

The Kirk Session meets at 6.30 pm in St Rufus Church.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY 9 December

Services conducted by Retired Presbytery Deacon Margaret King

Second Sunday in Advent

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

7 pm – Youth Group

(b) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on

Thursday, 13 December for their Christmas meal.

(c) SUNDAY 16 December

Services conducted by Lay Reader Megan Cambridge

Third Sunday in Advent

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

2.30 pm – Weston View with rota of Isobel

Shanks, Ann Hutton, Mary Gray, Fiona Young, Douglas Milne, Eric McWilliam (or their deputies), faithful friends.

7 pm – Rotary Carol Service

(d) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on

Thursday, 20 December for their Christmas party.

(e) SUNDAY 23 December

Service conducted by Eckhardt Bosch

Fourth Sunday in Advent

10.15 am – United Service at St Rufus with the Sunday Club Nativity.

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 newsletters and Christmas parcels are ready for elders to uplift.

3) 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. Caroline George is coordinating this and you can phone her after 12 noon any day on 88888476 or email caroline545george@btinternet.com

4) 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!

5) 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.

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

7) 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 no longer operates in Keith and all donations will go to Elgin for distribution. 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.

Suggested items are long-life milk (UHT or powdered), soup, pasta sauces, cereals, tea, instant mashed potato, rice/pasta, tinned meat/fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits or snack bars. Toiletries for both men and women are also welcome.

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

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