

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 16 December

Third Sunday in Advent

Services conducted by Lay Reader Megan Cambridge

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

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 THURSDAY (20 December)

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the Scout Hall for their Christmas party.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY 23 December

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Service conducted by Eckhardt Bosch

10.15 am – United Service at St Rufus with the Sunday Club Nativity followed by the Family Lunch at a cost of £1 a head provided by the Picnic and Parties Committee.

(b) MONDAY 24 December

6 pm – Christingle Service at Botriphnie conducted by Rev Anne Attenburrow

11.30 pm – Watchnight Service at St Rufus

conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer

Retiring collections for the Archie Foundation.

(c) TUESDAY 25 December

10.30 am – Joint Churches Christmas Day Service in the North Church.

(d) The Fly and Friendship Club is on holiday on Thursday, 27 December.

(e) SUNDAY 30 December

Service conducted by Rozelle Bosch

10.15 am – Joint Churches Service in St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The retiring collection after the Stewardship Service raised £135 towards presents for young adults coming out of care or residential homes who would otherwise not receive a gift. The Youth Group had their own collection and also, bought gifts for Christmas presents.

2) The newsletters and Christmas parcels are ready for elders to uplift.

3) Nominating committee

The nominating committee will meet on Thursday, 10 January at 7.30 pm in St Rufus Hall. Rev Sonia Palmer will be in attendance and a good turnout is requested.

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. Please look them out and let Caroline George, who is coordinating this, know. You can phone her after 12 noon any day on 88888476 or email caroline545george@btinternet.com

5) 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!

6) 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.

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

8) 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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