

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 27 January
Services led by the congregation
10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)
11.45 am – Grange
7 pm – Youth Group

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

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

St Rufus 200 Celebrations

Sunday, March 10 at 10.15 am - Songs of Praise with Keith & District Silver Band

Monday, March 11 at 7 pm - Youth-led worship

Tuesday, March 12 at 7 pm - Organ recital with Iain Carr

Thursday, March 14 at 7 pm - Thanksgiving with special guests

Friday, March 15 - Service for local schools

Saturday, March 16 - 10am -noon - Coffee morning in St Rufus Hall

Sunday, March 17 at 10.15 am - Morning worship with Strathisla Pipe Band

St Rufus Church will be open from 10am-4pm Monday-Thursday when an exhibition of memorabilia will be on show. Light refreshments will be available. For more, visit www.strufus.org

THIS WEEK: -

THIS THURSDAY (31 January)
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, 3 February
Services conducted by Eckhardt Bosch
10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)
11.45 am – Botriphnie

(b) The Guild meets on Monday, 4 February at 7.30 pm in the hall when Ron Smith will be the guest speaker.

(c) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 7 February at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Adeline Anderson, Ann Cameron and Ann Hutton.

(d) SUNDAY, 10 February
Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer
10.15 am – St Rufus (No Sunday Club)
11.45 am – Grange
7 pm – Youth Group

(e) The St Rufus 200 committee meets on Monday, 11 February at 7.30 pm in the hall.

(f) Wednesday, 13 February
Congregational Board meets at 7 pm
Kirk Session meets at 7.45 pm

(g) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 14 February at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Agnes Riach, Cath Fell and Vera McLarren.

(h) The Guild Coffee Morning is on Saturday, 16 February 10-12 in the hall. Usual stalls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) SPECIAL SERVICES

Healing Service – This service can no longer take place at St Rufus Church but there is one being held at St Culumbas, Elgin on Sunday, 10 February 6-7pm.

Bereavement Service - Sunday, 3 March
This service cannot at the moment be confirmed.

2) 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 on 888476 or email caroline545george@btinternet.com

3) The Youth Group is hosting a Family Ceilidh on Friday, 22 February in the Legion at 7:30 pm. The Strathspey Fiddlers will be playing and there will also be a raffle, refreshments and a few party games. Tickets cost £5, donations greatly appreciated. All are welcome! Tickets available from Clark's Pharmacy or members of the Youth Group.

4) Our Youth Group has been nominated in the National Youth Awards and not only that, they've made it to the finals! Watch this space to find out how they get on. Congratulations to them all.

5) Who let the Dads out? is a new group for dads, father figures and their children. The first meeting is on Saturday, 2 February 10-12 in Bellie Church Hall, Fochabers. Refreshments provided.

6) Does anyone know the whereabouts of a rocking horse which was stored upstairs in St Rufus Church?

7) Barbara is, once again, forward planning to next year's Christmas Fayre! She is appealing to everyone to save any gift bags they may receive and have no use for. They can be any size – small or large and can be for any occasion. Please hand them to Barbara or into Clark's Pharmacy.

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

Our new parish profile is now available to view

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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