

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 10 March

St Rufus 200 Songs of Praise conducted by Lay Reader Megan Cambridge with Keith & District Silver Band

10.15 am – United at St Rufus (Sunday Club)

7 pm – Youth Group

Teas and homebakes to follow the service. Please stay and look at the exhibition.

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, 07597020707 or on email ebosch@churchofscotland.org.uk

St Rufus 200 Celebrations

St Rufus Church will be open from 10am-4pm Monday-Friday when an exhibition of memorabilia will be on show. Souvenirs will be available to purchase. Please feel free to drop in. Light refreshments will be available. For more, visit www.strufus.org

THIS WEEK: -

THIS MONDAY (11 March)

St Rufus 200 Youth-led Service is at 7 pm followed by teas and homebakes.

THIS TUESDAY (12 March)

St Rufus 200 Organ Recital with Iain Carr with a varied programme of Bach, Widor, Scottish and Rock is at 7 pm. £5 to include teas and homebakes

THIS THURSDAY (14 March)

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

THIS THURSDAY (14 March)

St Rufus 200 Thanksgiving Service is at 7 pm and is led by Rev Stuart Duff with special guests.

THIS FRIDAY (15 March)

St Rufus 200 Service for local schools is at 10 am.

THIS SATURDAY (16 March)

St Rufus 200 Coffee morning in St Rufus Hall 10-12. (Setting up on Friday 6.30-7.30 pm and for dropping off donations) Cake and Candy, Bottle stall, raffles, etc.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 17 March

St Rufus 200 Service conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer with Strathisla Pipe Band

10.15 am – United at St Rufus (Sunday Club)

2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Isobel Shanks, Ann Hutton, Nan Watson, John Clarke, William Dingwall, Ian Barbour (or their deputies), faithful friends.

(b) The Guild AGM is on Monday, 18 March at 7.30 pm.

(c) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 21 March at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Mary Sinclair, Peggy Sievwright and Elsie Cruickshank.

(d) SUNDAY, 24 March

Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer (OLM)

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

7 pm – Youth Group

(e) There is a meeting of the Finance Committee on Monday, 25 March at 7 pm in the hall.

(f) There is a meeting of the Nominating Committee on Tuesday, 26 March at 7.45 pm in the hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The Community Bus will be available for anyone without transport wanting to attend the Thanksgiving Service on the evening of Thursday, 14 March. If you wish to be picked up, please contact Duncan on 888476.

2) Souvenirs for the St Rufus 200 are now available to buy.

3) Our Youth Group has been nominated in the National Youth Awards and not only that, they've made it to the finals! We wish them well.

4) PARISH NEWSLETTER

All copy for the April edition of the newsletter should be with Esther Green by Sunday, 31 March email Esther.g@btinternet.com or call 01542 880456.

5) The Youth Group's fundraising ceilidh was a phenomenal success and a fantastic night. With the Strathspey Fiddlers playing, we had a night of dancing and great fun. Thank you to everyone who came and to everyone who donated. The Youth Group managed to raise £1150 so well done to them and thank you to all.

6) The Keith & District Men's Shed Concert is on Sunday, 24 March at 2-4pm in the Longmore Community Hall. Tickets £5 (Children £1) available from I G Thomson (Butcher), The Deli, Paterson's, Clark's Pharmacy and Tesco. Refreshments at half time.

7) Countrymen UK is a group which works through a network of Care Farms engaging with men who have previously had an affinity with the outdoor environment through their work, leisure activities or just a love of the countryside, but who are now facing the challenges of isolation because of deteriorating health or social conditions. Touchdown Memorial Home for Horses is now part of this group and starting on Saturday, 30 March will be open on Saturdays 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm and Mondays 7.30 pm - 9 pm. Carers and supporters welcome. £5 per person. Refreshments available. Ample parking and fully accessible.

8) Being Together and Learning Together: Dementia-Friendly Developments in our Communities is a workshop being run on Friday, 22 March 10-4 in St Columba's Church Stirling. For more information contact B McDowell on 07704601983 or at bmcowell@churchofscotland.org.uk

9) 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.

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

11) 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.

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

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